

## MINUTES

### **ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING July 7, 2005 5<sup>th</sup>FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - 5:00 P.M.**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nicole Piñon, District #1  
Alvin Harris, District #2  
Manuel Moreno, District #3  
David Palmer, District #5  
Jerry Jarvis, District #8

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Emily Garcia-Heaton – District #4  
Rebecca Salcido, District #7

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Elaine S. Hengen, Assistant City Attorney  
Monica Acuña, Secretary

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Seeing a quorum, Chair David Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

#### **II. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Jerry Jarvis moved to elect David Palmer as Chair. Motion made, seconded and passed. Chair Palmer moved to nominate Jerry Jarvis as Vice Chair and asked if there were other nominations. Nicole Piñon nominated Manuel Moreno but he declined at this time. Alvin Harris moved to close nomination by acclamation. Chair Palmer seconded and motion passed.

#### **III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2, 2005 MINUTES**

Ms. Hengen stated that there needed to be a correction made from 2004 to 2005. Ms. Piñon moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and motion passed.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ON THE PREPARATION OF THE 2004 ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MADE ON JUNE 21, 2005.**

Chair Palmer advised that he, along with Rebecca Salcido, went to the council meeting to discuss report. No comments or questions from council members regarding the annual report.

#### **V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRESENTATION MADE TO CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 21, 2005 ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PROPOSALS TO IMPOSE LIMITATIONS ON**

**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN CITY ELECTIONS AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S COMMENTS REGARDING CONTINUED WORK ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS, TO INCLUDE REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS, AND TO SEND THE ISSUE TO A LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

Chair Palmer was also present for this item on the City Council agenda and stated that Representative Steve Ortega had a question regarding registering individual lobbyists. Chair Palmer asked Ms. Hengen about the progress of the ordinance. Ms. Hengen stated that City Council wanted to send the matter to a legislative review committee. However, the Council is still in the process of redoing the structure of the Legislative Review Committees and they will need to finish that first. The Ethics Commission falls under the "Rules" LRC.

Ms. Hengen stated that she used the provisions from the same ordinances that were previously used to discuss campaign finance issues on lobbying to prepare an initial draft. Copies of these were handed out to the members present. Ms. Hengen further stated that Representative Ortega asked about the issue of making loans to candidates and that she would need to consult state law re: the issue of making loans or direct contributions to candidates.

Motion made and seconded to include in the Campaign Contributions Ordinance that all paid lobbyists including any boards, committees, commissions, be required to register with City and report semi-annually. The Commission also proposed to have a joint meeting of the Ethics Commission with the LRC meeting. Dr. Moreno asked whether employers of lobbyists would be required to register as well. Ms. Hengen will research that and prepare a draft ordinance of items discussed today for the next meeting.

**VI. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for August 18, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Chair Palmer adjourned meeting at 5:55 p.m.