

MINUTES

ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 26, 2009 5TH FLOOR AMERICAS CONFERENCE ROOM - 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerald Mangrum, Mayoral
Raymond Rodriguez, District #2
Andre Ewing, District #4
Rodney Hansen, District #5
Alexander Neill, District #7 (Arrived at 5:17 pm)
Gracia Sandoval, District #8

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard D. Pineda, District #1
Yusuf Farran, District #3
Paul Harrington, District #6

OTHERS PRESENT

Elaine S. Hengen, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Sandra Dunsavage, Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

Seeing a quorum, Chair Mangrum called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 29, 2009.

Ms. Sandoval moved to approve the minutes of July 29, 2009. Mr. Rodriguez seconded motion, all in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MAKING REVISIONS TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROVISIONS IN THE ETHICS ORDINANCE.

Chair Mangrum explained as discussed in the previous meeting that Dr. Pineda offered to prepare research pertaining to the public finance of elections. However, since Dr. Pineda will not be present, most of the discussion on public finance will be held at the next meeting. Chair Mangrum moved forward with a recommendation for an ordinance amendment regarding the timeframes of fundraisers for six months before and six months after an election for incumbents and candidates.

Chair Mangrum made the motion to recommend an amendment to the Ethics Ordinance to include the six month timeframe for fundraisers of six months before and six months after an election. Mr. Ewing seconded motion, all in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REPORT CONCERNING THE CITY COUNCIL'S DIRECTIVE TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION TO MAKE THE ETHICS ORDINANCE APPLICABLE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

Ms. Hengen explained that at the City Council meeting of August 4, 2009, the City Council unanimously approved a motion directing staff to prepare and present to Council an ordinance making the Public Service Board members subject to the City's Ethics Ordinance. The City retained Legal Counsel familiar with the functions of the Public Service Board in order to assist in preparing the language used in an ordinance making the Public Service Board members subject to the Ethics Ordinance.

Chair Mangrum made the motion with full recommendation from the Commission for approval of the ordinance and to congratulate Council in taking the initiative to pass this ordinance. Ms. Sandoval seconded motion, all in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

V. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING(S).

Chair Mangrum suggested that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 5:00 pm.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Mr. Ewing and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. All in favor and motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.