

**MINUTES**

**ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING  
December 7, 2006  
8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - 5:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gerald Mangrum, Mayoral  
Summer Luciano, District #2  
Yusuf Farran, District #3  
Andre Ewing, District #4  
David Palmer, District #5  
Jerry Jarvis, District #8

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Richard D. Pineda, District #1  
Jesus Padilla, District #6  
George Reynoso, District #7

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Elaine S. Hengen, Senior Assistant City Attorney  
Sandra Dunsavage, Secretary  
Representative Alejandro Lozano  
Nancy Skokan  
Thomas Skokan

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Seeing a quorum, Chair Gerald Mangrum called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 20, 2006 AND OCTOBER 12, 2006.**

Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2006. Mr. Ewing seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of October 12, 2006. Mr. Ewing seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITIZEN COMPLAINT  
PERTAINING TO CITY REPRESENTATIVE J. ALEXANDRO LOZANO.**

Chair Mangrum explained that the commission would hear from the complainant and followed by Representative Lozano. Mr. Mangrum asked Ms. Hengen to speak on the rules as to hearing evidence or not hearing evidence as is pertains to this complaint.

Ms. Hengen stated to the members that her role tonight is to assist in going through the process required by the ordinance to assist the members in understanding the process and analyzing the complaint under the ordinance provisions. Ms. Hengen explained it is not her function to represent Ms. Skokan or Representative Lozano. She further explained

that the commission will look at the complaint as presented and make an initial review of that complaint. The Ordinance sets forth a very specific step-by-step process for under which every complaint that is filed is reviewed. The first step was for the City Attorney's Office to be able to review the complaint to determine whether the matter is within the purview of the Ethics Ordinance, and upon that basis, the complaint was referred to the Commission for its consideration.

Chair Mangrum invited Ms. Nancy Skokan to present her complaint. Ms. Skokan discussed her complaint in detail and stated that there were three parts to the complaint as follows:

1. For a City Representative to contact an individual on a personal matter, using his job title as City Representative;
2. For a City Representative to use his job title to gain privileges or intimidate an individual;
3. For a City Representative to contact a citizen asking them not to do what their legal right is.

Ms. Skokan played a recorded message for the commission. The recorded message was from Representative Lozano.

After hearing comments given by Ms. Skokan, Chair Mangrum invited Representative Lozano to give his comments.

Representative Lozano gave a handout to each of the commissioners. The handout consisted of a log that is kept when calls are received from constituents. Representative Lozano first apologized to Ms. Skokan for offending her. Representative Lozano explained to the commission that as City Representative he takes his position seriously and he calls everyone his constituents.

After hearing Representative Lozano's comments, Chair Mangrum moved to dismiss the complaint as no just cause to proceed further was found. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON WRITTEN REPORT RELATING TO COMPLAINTS DISMISSED PERTAINING TO CITY REPRESENTATIVE BETO O'ROURKE.**

Ms. Hengen explained to the members that the Ethics Ordinance requires that a written report be completed by the Ethics Review Commission on every complaint that is considered and filed with the City Clerks Office. The Commission reviewed the written report as prepared by Ms. Hengen. Chair Mangrum moved to approve the written report as written. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. However, Mr. Farran excused himself briefly from the meeting and was not present to vote.

## **V. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING.**

Chair Mangrum made a recommendation that a member from the Ethics Review Commission should be considered as being appointed to serve on the Charter Review Committee. He asked that the City Manager's Office be advised of this recommendation.

Ms. Hengen stated that she would submit the recommendation to the City Manager's Office. Ms. Hengen further explained to the members that she would communicate with Chair Mangrum for the purpose of scheduling the next meeting.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Chair Mangrum adjourned meeting at 5:52 p.m.