MINUTES

ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
December 20, 2007
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Gerald Mangrum, Mayoral
Richard D. Pineda, District #1
Raymundo Rodriguez, District #2
Yusuf Farran, District #3
Andre Ewing, District #4
Rodney Haldon Hansen, District #5
Jesus Padilla, District #6
Alexander Neill, District #7
Isela Pena, District #8

OTHERS PRESENT
Elaine S. Hengen, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Sandra Dunsavage, Secretary
Carl Starr

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2007.

Dr. Pineda moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2007. Mr. Ewing seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITIZEN COMPLAINT PERTAINING TO CITY REPRESENTATIVE RACHEL QUINTANA.

Chair Mangrum read into the record a letter from Luis Aguilar, who is Ms. Quintana's lawyer. Copy of letter is included as an attachment to the minutes. After reading the letter Chair Mangrum explained to the commission that he had received a phone call from the City Attorney's Office saying that Luis Aguilar, Attorney for Ms. Quintana, had been asking to speak with him. The call from the City Attorney's office was to request permission to release the contact phone number to Mr. Aguilar. Chair Mangrum further explained that he felt it was inappropriate to speak to the Attorney the day before the Ethics Review Hearing; and, therefore, declined to release his contact information.

Ms. Hengen commented in response to some of the factual information in the letter. She explained that the City Attorney's Office received two complaints regarding

Representative Rachel Quintana. She explained that the commission has been provided with a copy of the complaint from Victor Eugene Gonzalez, however, this complaint was not referred to the commission. Mr. Gonzalez himself hand dated the complaint Oct. 12th. The complaint, however, was notarized on the 12th of November. The commission has also been provided with a copy of the complaint from Mr. Carl Starr. Mr. Starr's complaint is hand dated 11/9/07 and date stamp received by the City Clerk's Office on Nov. 7, 2007. The incident in question is alleged to have occurred on October 25th.

Ms. Hengen further explained that she received a voice mail message from Luis Aguilar on December 19, 2007. She attempted to return the telephone call several times and explained to members of the commission that after 20 rings or so, she received a recorded instruction to dial the extension. Mr. Aguilar had not provided an extension number. She explained further that she instructed her secretary to provide her email address to Mr. Aguilar in the event that if he called again while she was out. No additional communication was received from Mr. Aguilar, until the letter came in this afternoon.

Chair Mangrum suggested that this item be postponed until Ms. Quintana and Mr. Aguilar can be present to respond to inquiries. Chair Mangrum made a motion to adjourn discussion of Item III until the next meeting upon coordinating with Mr. Aguilar and Ms. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Ewing. All in favor and motion passed unanimously.

IV. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING.

Chair Mangrum made a recommendation to schedule a meeting in March to work on the election of new officers.

Ms. Hengen stated to members of the commission that she would prepare a letter advising Mr. Aguilar of the Commission's actions tonight.

Mr. Farran recommended to the commission that a meeting be scheduled for a date after January 3rd. Mr. Farran pointed out that Mr. Aguilar's letter informs the commission that he is available after January 3rd. Mr. Farran advised the commission that he would like to schedule the meeting for Monday, Jan. 7th, based on Mr. Aguilar's letter.

Mr. Padilla made the motion to schedule a meeting on January 7, 2008 for purpose of discussion and action regarding citizen complaint pertaining to City Representative Rachel Quintana. Seconded by Mr. Farran. All in favor and motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Chair Mangrum adjourned meeting at 5:20 p.m.