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The Ethics and Compliance Board held a Workshop for the City of Richmond, Texas on February 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Barry Beard proceeded to call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Jimmy D. Robertson
Dana C. Atkinson
Oralia Lopez
Sylvia L. Smith
Gene Tomas
Nina M. Schaefer – Alternate
Frank Garza – Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza, P.C.
Terri Vela – City Manager
Gary Smith – City Attorney
Barry Beard – Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Pro-Tem Beard reviewed the amendments to the Ethics Ordinance and the reasoning behind the amendments. Outside legal counsel will be guiding them through the process and the City would also welcome any recommendations the Board would have for additional amendments. In forming the Board, the City reached out to citizens from different areas to diversify the selection. The goal is accountability and transparency for everyone. The outside attorney is Mr. Frank Garza who was the City's Charter Attorney. The Charter was passed in 2013 where the City changed from a General Law City to a Home Rule City. City Manager Terri Vela reviewed with the Board the need to discuss their meeting times and days that are convenient for them. However, outside counsel is available on Thursdays. There was a short recess as they awaited the arrival of outside counsel.

Agenda item A2, Presentation of Ethics Ordinance. Attorney Frank Garza addressed the Board giving them a brief synopsis of his background, having dealt with ethics for over 30 years for the Cities of Dallas and San Antonio. He also teaches a class at Saint Mary's University in San Antonio. Reviewed the Ordinance No. 2019-02 and the sections as to definitions, standards of conduct and discrimination.

It was determined at this time that Board member Mr. Gene Tomas currently serves on the Mud 140 Board therefore per Sec. 2-120 he is ineligible. The Mayor Pro-Tem will appoint a new member at the next meeting.

Agenda item A3, Nominate Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ethics and Compliance Board. Attorney Garza reviewed the duties of the Chair and Vice Chair. Board Member Jimmy Robertson nominated Alternate Nina Schaefer. The motion was withdrawn due to Ms. Schaefer being an alternate. Alternate Schaefer nominated Jimmy Robertson as the Chairman of the Board with Board Member Sylvia Smith seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve. Board Member Sylvia Smith nominated Dana Atkinson for Vice Chairman and he declined the nomination. Board Member Dana Atkinson nominated Sylvia Smith for Vice Chairman with Alternate Nina Schaefer seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

- Jimmy Robertson – Chairman
- Sylvia Smith – Vice Chairman

Agenda item A4, Discuss Allegations of Ethics Violations against Mayor Moore. City Manager Terri Vela reviewed the contents of the Board packet, stating the letter of allegations against the Mayor and that this meeting was a discussion only or preliminary review. Attorney Garza reviewed the allegations dated January 22, 2019 by item and evaluated them as to jurisdiction and sections of the Code so that the Board would have a better understanding.

The motion was made by Board Member Dana Atkinson to proceed under our jurisdiction for Section 2.91 (1) A and Section 2.91 (5) and seconded by Oralia Lopez. The vote was unanimous.

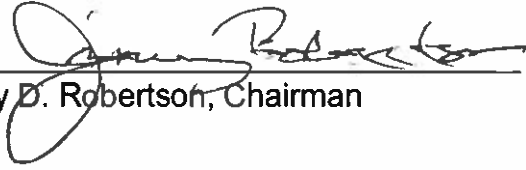
The motion was made by Alternate Schaefer that the Board has no jurisdiction for Section 2.66 and seconded by Dana Atkinson. The vote was unanimous.

The motion was made by Sylvia Smith that the Board solicit more information regarding Section 2.92 due to insufficient facts. The motion was seconded by Alternate Schaefer and the vote was unanimous to approve.

The next meeting date was set for March 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to fall within the 21 day period.

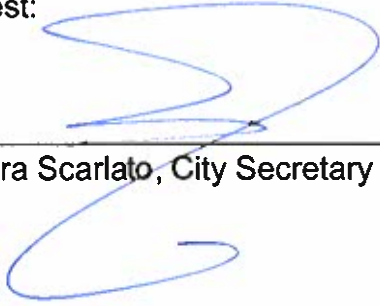
Agenda item A5, The motion to adjourn was made by Alternate Schaefer and seconded by Dana Atkinson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jimmy D. Robertson, Chairman

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary