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The Ethics and Compliance Board held a Meeting for the City of Richmond, Texas on April 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Jimmy Robertson thanked everyone for being present and then 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 – Chairman
Dana C. Atkinson
Oralia Lopez
Sylvia L. Smith
Nina M. Schaefer
Wolfram Von-Maszewski - Alternate
Frank Garza – Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza, P.C. – Not Present
Terri Vela – City Manager
Gary Smith – City Attorney

Agenda item A2, Review and consider taking action to approve the minutes of the meetings held on February 21, 2019 and March 21, 2019.

- 02.21.19 Minutes Suggested adding (1) to Section 2.91 (a)
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Board member Atkinson made the motion to approve the minutes for February 21, 2019 and March 21, 2019 as amended. Board member Schaefer seconded the motion and the vote was approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda item A3, Discuss Ethics Ordinance and consider possible amendment recommendations to the City Commission. City Attorney Gary Smith provided the Board with the recommended changes to Ordinance No. 2019-02 and the Board reviewed and discussed each suggestion at length. The Board discussed and made suggested changes that were significant to the following sections:

- Sec. 2-91. Standards of conduct for officers and employees.
- Sec. 2-92. Other ethical standards.
- Sec. 2-93. Additional standards of conduct for city commission.
- Sec. 2-130. Prohibited participation.

- Sec. 2-161. Filing of complaint; contents.
- Sec. 2-162. Processing of complaint.
- Sec. 2-164. Same- Procedure.
- Sec. 2-166. Informal Hearing – Procedure.

There were other suggestions made to other sections that were minor and were for clarification purposes. The document will be gender neutral. Upon further review, the Ordinance will be brought back for further review.

Agenda item A4, Review and consider taking action to approve ethics complaint form. City Attorney Gary Smith stated he created it as a form where all the complainant would need to do is fill in the blanks. Chairman Robertson stated he was not familiar with the form so it was difficult to make comments or recommendations. Attorney Smith stated the items were included to make the form more clear. Following a brief discussion, the agenda item was closed. No action was taken.

Agenda item A5, Set Future Meeting date (s). The next Ethic and Compliance Board meeting was set for May 16th at 6:00 p.m. which is a Thursday.

Agenda item A6, Discuss Future agenda items. The Board will continue to review the Ethics Ordinance No. 2019-02 and make suggestions for changes as well as review the proposed changes. The Board will review the 4th complaint and Chapter No. 573.


Agenda item A7, Adjournment. Board member Nina Schafer made the motion to adjourn and Board member Sylvia Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jimmy D. Robertson, Chairman

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary