



City of San Marcos

Meeting Minutes

Ethics Review Commission

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall Conference Room

I. Call To Order

With a quorum present, the special meeting of the Ethics Review Commission was called to order by Chair Taylor at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in the City Hall Conference Room, 630 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

II. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Lollar, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Walden

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Lollar, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Walden

2. Discuss results from March 6, 2019 meeting held with City Manager and city staff re: ethics training and community outreach program.

This item was discussed and no action taken.

3. Discussion and take action, as appropriate, on the subject of outreach education and public engagement of the Ethics Review Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Rice, to have Commissioner Garcia email the COSM's Communications Team to request an update to ERC's web page features, to include:

- adding a quick link from City's main web page (under How Do I...);
- adding an introductory video about the ERC;
- adding an instructional video on how to complete an Ethics Complaint Form and include a sample form; and
- to fix the search engine to include searches relative to the word "ethics"

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Lollar, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri
Against: 0
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Walden

4. Review and strengthen Sections 2.422, 2.423, 2.424, and additional sections under Code of Ethics including but not limited to lobbying.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to agendaize this item to a future regular meeting of the ERC. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Lollar, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri
Against: 0
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Walden

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to approve the amendments made during tonight's meeting to ERC's Rules of Procedures for Hearings (see attachment). The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Lollar, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri
Against: 0
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Walden

5. Discuss and take action, including, but not limited to, making recommendations to the City Council and/or City Manager regarding training for city council members, board and commission members, and city staff about the City of San Marcos Ethics Ordinance and State of Texas ethics laws.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to have a Resolution be crafted to send to City Council recommending an amendment to the Ethics Ordinance, to require City employees to attend and produce documents at hearings of the ERC when requested by the Commission to do so. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Lollar, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri
Against: 0
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Walden

6. Discussion and Recommendations for Future Agenda Items.

Add agenda items #4 and #5 listed above to May 14, 2019 regular meeting.

III. Adjournment

The Special Meeting of the Ethics Review Commission meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Michael Cosentino, Staff Liaison



Arthur Taylor, Chair