Ethics Commission

Minutes for Meeting of
Minutes for Meeting of **Thursday, April 11, 2019**

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Deborah Cochran, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Fred Kosmo, Alex Kreit, and Dave Potter

Absent – Commission Vice Chair Sid Voorakkara

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Education Program Manager Stephen Ross, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of March 14, 2019

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Kosmo
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Voorakkara

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

None

Item 6:   Executive Director Comment

None

Item 7:   General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8:   Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Rafael Castellanos for City Attorney 2016 Committee

Motion: Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded: Baber/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Voorakkara

Item 9:   Proposed Amendments to Municipal Lobbying Ordinance

Commission Chair Cochran thanked the Commission staff for drafting a concise and thorough strike-out ordinance for the Commission to review.

Ms. Fulhorst provided an overview of the draft amendments associated with the disclosure of activity expenses by registered lobbyists. She explained that the City Council Rules Committee will consider the proposed amendments; if approved, they will be submitted to the full City Council, concurrent with a review by the City Attorney's Office. In addition, the City Clerk will need to obtain funding for the necessary updates to the City's electronic filing system and then implement these updates. Given these considerations as well as the preference for consistent formatting of quarterly disclosure report forms throughout the 2019 calendar year, staff plans to have the new rules in place when lobbying entities file their 2020 first quarter disclosure reports.

Commissioner Kosmo expressed his appreciation for Commissioner Kreit's suggestion to include additional dollar ranges for activity expenses.

Motion: Approve Proposed Amendments
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Kosmo
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Voorakkara

Item 10: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Cochran adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:10 p.m. She stated the Commission would reconvene into

open session following the conclusion of closed session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Chair Cochran called the meeting back into open session at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of April 11, 2019

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of April 11, 2019:

Item-1: **Conference with Legal Counsel** (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2019-09 – Gifts from Lobbyists

Motion:	Dismiss
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Cochran
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Voorakkara

Item-2: **Conference with Legal Counsel** (4 potential matters)

Case No. 2018-38 – Paid for by - Mass Campaign Literature

Motion:	Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Kreit
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Voorakkara

Case No. 2019-01 – Disclosure of Economic Interests

Motion:	Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded:	Cochran/Potter
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Voorakkara

Case No. 2019-07 – Reporting Campaign Contributions: Lobbying Firm

Motion:	Dismiss
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Cochran
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Voorakkara

Case No. 2019-08 – Reporting Campaign Contributions: Lobbying Firm

Motion: Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded: Kosmo/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Voorakkara

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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Sid Voorakkara, Vice Chair for   Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
Deborah Cochran, Chair   Ethics Commission

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