

Minutes for Meeting of Thursday, October 11, 2018

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Roll Call

<u>Present</u> – Commission Chair Deborah Cochran, Commission Vice Chair Sid Voorakkara, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Alex Kreit, and Dave Potter

Absent – Commissioner Fred Kosmo

<u>Staff</u> – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of August 9, 2018

Motion: Approve Minutes Moved/Seconded: Potter/Baber

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Former Commissioner, Joe Leventhal, said that it was a privilege working with the Commissioners and staff during his time as a Commissioner.

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Baber wished Mr. Leventhal the best in his future endeavors. Commission Chair Cochran and Vice Chair Voorakkara said that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Leventhal.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst thanked Mr. Leventhal for his contributions to the Commission. She also informed the Commission that the Mayor's Director of Boards and Commissions will be issuing a call for nominations to replace Mr. Leventhal on October 22, 2018 with a deadline of November 2, 2018. They hope to have his seat filled by the end of the year.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

General Counsel Christina Cameron also thanked Mr. Leventhal for serving on the Commission.

Items 8

and 9: Presentation of Final Audit Reports Regarding:

Neighborhoods, Not Stadiums. A Political Action Committee in support of Ray Ellis for Council 2016 Sponsored by and with major funding from the Lincoln Club of San Diego County; and

Urban Neighbors United supporting Ricardo Flores for City Council 2016 sponsored by and with Major Funding from the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee

Motion: Accept Audit Reports
Moved/Seconded: Voorakkara/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Item 10: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Cochran adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:05 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 6:40 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of October 11, 2018

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of October 11, 2018:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (9 potential matters – 1 matter withdrawn)

Case No. 2018-32 - Content of Quarterly Report: Lobbying Firm

Motion: Authorize Investigation

Moved/Seconded: Cochran/Potter

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Case Nos. 2018-34 through 2018-36 – Content of Quarterly Report: Organization Lobbyists and Lobbying Firms

Motion: Authorize Investigation

Moved/Seconded: Potter/Cochran

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Case No. 2018-37 - Content of Quarterly Report: Lobbying Firm

Motion: Authorize Investigation

Moved/Seconded: Potter/Kreit

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo Recused: Cochran

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

Motion: Authorize Investigation

Moved/Seconded: Cochran/Potter

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Case No. 2018-39 – Disclosure of Behested Payment

Motion: Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Voorakkara
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Case No. 2018-40 – Accepting Contributions from Organizations

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Baber/Kreit

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo Recused: Voorakkara

Case No. 2018-41 - Misuse of City Position or Resources

Motion: Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Voorakkara/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (5 potential matters)

Case No. 2018-06 - Filing Deadline for Quarterly Disclosure Report

Motion: Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded: Cochran/Potter

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Case No. 2018-11 - Content of Campaign Statements

Motion: Approve Stipulation

Moved/Seconded: Baber/Kreit

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Case No. 2018-22 - Failure to Timely File Campaign Statements

Motion: Approve Stipulation Moved/Seconded: Cochran/Potter

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Case No. 2018-26 - Paid for by - Billboards and Large Ads

Motion: Dismiss

Moved/Seconded: Baber/Voorakkara Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Case No. 2018-28 – Failure to Timely File Campaign Statements

Motion: Dismiss

Moved/Seconded: Baber/Cochran

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Item-3: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

No reportable action.

Item-4: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Motion: Authorize filing of appropriate legal action

Moved/Seconded: Potter/Baber

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Kosmo

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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Sid Voorakkara, Vice Chair Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator

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