

Minutes for Meeting of Thursday, January 12, 2017

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Roll Call

<u>**Present</u></u> – Commission Chair Clyde Fuller, Commission Vice Chair Deborah Cochran and Commissioners Alex Kreit, Dave Potter, Sid Voorakkara, and Greg Zinser</u>**

Absent – Commissioner Bill Baber

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

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of December 8, 2016

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Cochran
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Baber

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Voorakkara inquired about the statistics found in the 2016 Annual Report. He asked Executive Director Fulhorst if the number of people seeking advice from Commission staff was comparable to prior years and she confirmed that it has been fairly consistent for the past few years. As far as the number of investigations and stipulations, Ms. Fulhorst explained that the number of investigations has gradually decreased over the past five or six years, which she believes is a result of the Commission's educational efforts and effective enforcement actions. She added that the staff has prepared a chart reflecting the number of investigations and enforcement actions since the Commission's inception which will be updated with 2016 statistics and circulated to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Voorakkara also asked if 2018 candidates were taking advantage of the new pre-election fundraising time period that commenced on January 1, 2017. Ms. Fulhorst replied that she was not aware of any fundraising by 2018 candidates yet, although she has received a few inquiries from people indicating that they are preparing to run for office.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst reported that the City Clerk's office recently updated the electronic filing system for Statements of Economic Interests to enable the public to view all filings dating back to 2008. She also briefed the Commission on the preparation of the City budget for Fiscal Year 2018. She noted that the current projections by the Mayor's staff involve a deficit of approximately \$36 million, and that all general fund departments have been asked to identify reductions equal to 3.5% of the current year's budget. She related that department directors will be meeting with the City's Financial Management staff regarding the proposed reductions, and she outlined the rationale she will submit for maintaining the Commission's current budget levels.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m. He 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 Fuller called the meeting back into open session at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of January 12, 2017

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of January 12, 2017:

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

Case No. 2016-41 – Disclosure of Major Funders

No Reportable Action

Adjournment

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

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Clyde Fuller, Chair Ethics Commission Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator Ethics Commission

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