City of San Marcos

Meeting Minutes
Ethics Review Commission

Thursday, January 31, 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 5:34 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019 in the City Hall Conference Room, 630 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

II. Roll Call

Present:  5 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Narvaiz, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri

Absent:  2 - Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Rockeymoore*
*Rockeymoore appointed to City Council

III. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period

There were no speakers.

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 13, 2018.

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

For:  5 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Narvaiz, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri

Against:  0

Absent:  1 - Commissioner Baker

2. Discussion and consideration of lobbying regulations based on City Council direction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Turri, that once ERC has a full commission in place a special workshop meeting be scheduled to revise the lobbying proposal. The motion carried by the following vote:

For:  5 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Narvaiz, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri

Against:  0
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Baker

3. Review and strengthen Sections 2.422, 2.423, 2.424, and additional sections under Code of Ethics.
   This item was discussed and no action taken.

4. Discuss and take action on possibility of the Ethics Review Commission obtaining individuality and independence on investigative powers and related issues.
   A motion was made by Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Turri, to agendize discussion on increasing ERC’s authority for investigatory powers and operations, and lobbying proposal to a special ERC meeting workshop on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 (usual time and location). The motion carried by the following vote:

   For: 5 - Chair Taylor, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Narvaiz, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Turri
   Against: 0
   Absent: 1 - Commissioner Baker

5. Discuss and take action, including, but not limited to, recommendations to the City Council and/or City Manager regarding City of San Marcos Ethics Ordinance and State of Texas ethics laws training for city council members, board and commission members, and city staff.
   This item was discussed and no action taken.

6. Discuss candidate packet/fair campaigning and candidate forum by the Ethics Review Commission.
   This item was discussed and no action taken.

VI. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.
   None were present for questions and answers from press and public.

VII. Adjournment
   The Special Meeting of the Ethics Review Commission meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Arthur Taylor, Chair