
Minutes of the Meeting on October 22, 2019

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order.

Murray called the Ethics Commission meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: President Melinda Murray
Vice President Andrea Sheridan Ordin
Commissioner Araceli Campos
Commissioner Shedrick Davis

Absent: None

2. Approval of minutes for the meeting on August 20, 2019.

Ordin moved to approve the minutes, and Campos seconded. The minutes were approved 4-0.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

3. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

No neighborhood council resolutions or community impact statements were submitted or discussed.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed stipulations in Case No. 2019-10, *In the Matter of Pacific Crest Consultants*; Case No. 2019-24, *In the Matter of Chris Parker*; and Case No. 2019-25, *In the Matter of John Parker* (alleged failure to register as a lobbying entity and file lobbying disclosure reports).

Staff recommended approving three stipulated orders imposing administrative penalties totaling \$65,000 (\$22,500 for Pacific Crest, \$22,500 for Chris Parker, and \$20,000 for John Parker).

Public comment was received from Bradley Hertz.

Action: Ordin moved to approve all three stipulations, and Davis seconded. The stipulations were approved 4-0.

5. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2016-16, *In the Matter of 1181 N. Hillcrest Road, LLC* (alleged money laundering and excess contributions).

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$71,000.

Public comment was received from Rob Quan.

Action: Campos moved to approve the stipulation, and Davis seconded. The stipulation was approved 4-0.

6. Review of recusals by Mel Levine, President of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

Staff provided an analysis of the financial interests that led to a Charter § 707 recusal review for President Levine and recommended finding that the conflict is not significant at this time.

No public comment was received.

Action: Ordin moved to adopt a resolution finding that a significant conflict does not exist at this time, and Davis seconded. The resolution was adopted 4-0.

7. Proposed updates to Ethics Commission's conflict of interests code.

Staff presented an amended version of the Ethics Commission's conflict of interests code, to add a newly added position and to incorporate the protocol of referring to positions by their Citywide job classifications.

Public comment was received from Rob Quan.

Action: Davis moved to approve the updated conflict of interests code, and Campos seconded. The code was approved 4-0.

8. Professional services agreement for interpretation and translation services.

Staff recommended approving a professional services agreement with TLC Interpreting & Translation Services, LLC, with payments by the City not to exceed \$20,000 and an expiration date of July 14, 2020.

No public comment was received.

Action: Ordin moved to adopt a resolution approving the agreement and authorizing the executive director to execute it, and Davis seconded. The updates were adopted 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Review of recusals by Sean Burton, President of the Board of Airport Commissioners.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

10. Election Update (special 2019 City and LAUSD elections and regular 2020 City and LAUSD elections).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

11. Lobbying Summary (2nd quarter 2019).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

12. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

13. Policy and legislation update.

[Item 14 was taken out of order, prior to Item 13.]

Staff provided an update on the status of existing legislative and policy projects and responded to questions from the commissioners.

No public comment was received.

14. Executive director's report.

[Item 14 was taken out of order, prior to Item 13.]

The executive director provided an update on administrative developments.

No public comment was received.

CLOSING ITEMS

15. General public comment.

General public comment was received from Rob Quan.

16. Announcements and requests to schedule items on future agendas.

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

17. Adjournment.

Ordin moved to adjourn the meeting, and Campos seconded. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 4-0 at 10:44 a.m.

A complete recording of this meeting, excluding closed sessions, is on file as a public record and may be accessed at ethics.lacity.org.