
Minutes of the Meeting on December 15, 2021

OPENING ITEMS

Davis shared instructions for listening to and providing public comment during the meeting.

1. Call to Order.

Davis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present: President Shedrick Davis
Vice President Jeffery Daar
Commissioner Laura Genao
Commissioner Manjusha Kulkarni
Commissioner Melinda Murray

2. Multiple agenda item comment.

Eric Preven provided general public comment and comment on Items 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12. Michelle Gallagher provided comment on Items 8, 9, and 11. Rob Quan provided comment on Items 8, 9, and 11. Jeanie York provided comment on Items 8, 9, and 11. A stakeholder provided general public comment.

3. Approval of minutes for the meeting on October 20, 2021.

Genao moved to approve the minutes, and Kulkarni seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0.

4. Approval of minutes for the meeting on November 18, 2021.

Kulkarni moved to approve the minutes, and Genao seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0, with Murray abstaining.

5. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

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

ACTION ITEMS

6. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2021-09, *In the Matter of Athena Novak and AHN & Associate, LLC* (alleged failures to register and report lobbying activities).

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties totaling \$7,500.

Action: Murray moved to approve the stipulation, and Kulkarni seconded. The stipulation was approved 5-0.

7. Professional services agreement with LASR, LLC dba First Records Retrieval.

Staff recommended approving a First Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement (No. C-136323-RA2), with a one-year term and payments by the City not to exceed \$20,000.

Action: Murray moved to adopt a resolution approving the agreement and authorizing the executive director to execute it, and Daar seconded. The resolution was adopted 5-0.

8. 2022 regular meeting schedule.

Staff recommended approving a regular meeting schedule for 2022 in compliance with the Brown Act and presented two potential schedules.

Action: Genao moved to adopt the meeting schedule that maintains current protocols and to revisit the meeting start time at the next meeting, and Kulkarni seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Creation of ad hoc subcommittee to explore and make recommendations on possible reforms of the Ethics Commission, including but not limited to possible Charter amendments.

Daar recommended creating an ad hoc subcommittee to consider potential Ethics Commission reforms.

Action: Murray moved to create an ad hoc subcommittee of Daar and Genao, and Kulkarni seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Findings to continue teleconference meetings pursuant to AB 361.

Staff recommended determinations in compliance with AB 361 to continue teleconference meetings.

Action: Daar moved to approve the recommended determinations, and Genao seconded. The determinations were adopted 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Update from ad hoc subcommittee on the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance review.

Daar reported on the status of and the next steps in the review of the lobbying laws.

12. Election update (regular 2022 City and LAUSD elections).

Staff summarized information reported to date for the 2022 elections.

13. Lobbying summary (3rd quarter 2021).

Staff summarized information reported by lobbying entities and major filers for the third quarter of 2021.

14. Recusal summary (3rd quarter 2021).

Staff summarized recusal reports filed by commissioners in the third quarter of 2021.

15. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

Staff summarized pre-confirmation statements of economic interests submitted since the last meeting.

16. Policy and legislation update.

Staff provided an update on policy and legislative developments since the last meeting.

17. Executive director's report.

The Executive Director noted staffing changes, highlighted new educational materials, and thanked the commissioners and staff for a productive year.

CLOSING ITEMS

13. Commissioner announcements and requests to schedule items on future agendas.

No announcements or requests were made.

14. Adjournment.

Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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