



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
JANUARY 27, 2015
6:00 PM
City Hall, Room 1029
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The Commission may discuss and take action on the following agenda items:

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. The Commission will go into executive session to discuss legal issues related to an amended complaint filed on December 22, 2014, by Jermaine A. Hopkins against Hubert “Art” Acevedo alleging violation of City Code, Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

2. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. The Commission will convene a final hearing under Section 2-7-45 of the City Code to consider an amended complaint filed on December 22, 2014, by Jermaine A. Hopkins against Hubert “Art” Acevedo alleging violation of City Code, Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).
- b. Commission resolution thanking the League of Women Voters of the Austin Area and City staff for assistance coordinating the 2014 City Council candidate forums (McCormick).
- c. Public comment, discussion, and possible action regarding the Commission’s annual review of the dollar limits established in Chapter 2-2 of City Code (Campaign Finance), the remainder of Chapter 2-2 of City Code (Campaign Finance), and Article III, Section 8 of the City Charter (Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures) (Einhorn, Speight, and Kiolbassa).
- d. Commission 2014 annual internal review report (Kaplan).

3. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. Update regarding City Council 2014 candidate forums and planning for 2016 candidate forums from Commission working group and staff (McCormick and Staff).

- b. Expansion of charge of existing Commission working group tasked with reviewing and proposing revisions to Chapter 2-2 of City Code (Campaign Finance) to also include reviewing and proposing changes to Article III, Section 8 of the City Charter (Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures) (Einhorn, Speight, Kiolbassa, and Staff).
- c. Report from Commission working group tasked with reviewing and proposing revisions to Chapter 2-2 of City Code (Campaign Finance) (Einhorn, Speight, and Kiolbassa).
- d. The powers, duties, and functions of the Commission and the City Auditor, including City Council Resolution No. 20141016-033, report from Commission working group, and possible recommendation to City Council regarding proposed Chapter 2-3 (City Auditor) and Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) City Code amendments (Kaplan, Einhorn, Sassin, and Staff).
- e. Report from Commission working group tasked with reviewing and proposing revisions to Chapter 2-7 of City Code (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) (Kaplan, Einhorn, and Sassin).
- f. Report from Commission working group tasked with reviewing and proposing revisions to Chapter 4-8 of City Code (Regulation of Lobbyists) (McCormick, Hardman-Dingle, and Kiolbassa).

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL (3 minutes to speak)

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The Ethics Review Commission may announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel on matters specifically listed on this agenda (Private Consultation with Attorney-Section 551.071). The commission may not conduct a closed meeting without the prior approval of the city attorney.

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