



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
DECEMBER 18, 2014
6:00 PM
City Hall, Room 1001, City Council Chambers
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 a complaint filed on December 5, 2014, by Montserrat Garibay against Laura Pressley alleging violations of Chapter 255 of the Texas Election Code (Regulating Political Advertising and Campaign Communications) (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
- b. The Commission will go into executive session to discuss legal issues related to a complaint filed on December 8, 2014, by Dee A. Robinson against Laura Pressley alleging violation of City Code, Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
- c. The Commission will go into executive session to discuss legal issues related to a complaint filed on December 12, 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 preliminary hearing under Section 2-7-44 of the City Code to consider a complaint filed on December 5, 2014, by Montserrat Garibay against Laura Pressley alleging violations of Chapter 255 of the Texas Election Code (Regulating Political Advertising and Campaign Communications).
- b. The Commission will convene a preliminary hearing under Section 2-7-44 of the City Code to consider a complaint filed on December 8, 2014, by Dee A. Robinson against Laura Pressley alleging violation of City Code, Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance).

- c. The Commission will convene a preliminary hearing under Section 2-7-44 of the City Code to consider a complaint filed on December 12, 2014, by Jermaine A. Hopkins against Hubert “Art” Acevedo alleging violation of City Code, Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).
- d. Creation of working group to propose amendments to City Code, Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance).
- e. Creation of working group, or expansion of charge of existing working group, to propose amendments to City Code, Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).
- f. Creation of working group to propose amendments to City Code, Chapter 4-8 (Regulation of Lobbyists).

3. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. The powers, duties, and functions of the Commission and the City Auditor, including City Council Resolution No. 20141016-033 and report from working group and staff regarding action taken on Item No. 217 at the December 11, 2014, City Council meeting regarding proposed Chapter 2-3 (City Auditor) and Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) City Code amendments (Kaplan, Einhorn, Sassin, and Staff).
- b. Statements of financial information, including report from working group, possible forms amendments, and possible recommendation to Council regarding amendment of City Code, Chapter 2-7, Article 5 (Financial Disclosure) (Kaplan, Einhorn).
- c. Update regarding Commission candidate forums from working group and staff, including report regarding 2014 runoff forums and planning for 2016 election forums (McCormick and Staff).

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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