



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE  
ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AT 6:45 P.M.  
CITY HALL, ROOM 1101  
301 W. 2ND STREET  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Chair Austin Kaplan

Matthew Lamon

Paul Quinzi

Robert "Ben" Stratmann

Vice Chair Peter Einhorn

Donna Beth McCormick

Kenneth Smith

Brian Thompson

Meagan Harding

J. Michael Ohueri

Dennis Speight

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commission will go into executive session to discuss the following:

- a. Legal issues related to an amended complaint filed on June 30, 2015, by Mark Walters against Don Zimmerman alleging violations of Chapter 2-7 of City Code (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).
- b. Legal issues related to a complaint filed on July 27, 2015, by Mark Walters against Don Zimmerman alleging violations of City Code, Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

**2. PRELIMINARY HEARINGS**

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 an amended complaint filed on June 30, 2015, by Mark Walters against Don Zimmerman alleging violations of Chapter 2-7 of City Code (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).
- b. The Commission will convene a preliminary hearing under Section 2-7-44 of the City Code to consider a complaint filed on July 27, 2015, by Mark Walters against Don Zimmerman alleging violations of City Code, Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance).

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. City Council Audit and Finance Committee resolution relating to proposed changes to Chapter 4-8 of City Code (Regulation of Lobbyists) and Chapter 2-7 of City Code (Ethics and Financial Disclosure), posted as Item No. 11 on the September 23, 2015 City Council Audit and Finance Committee agenda, including report from Commission lobbying

working group and possible recommendation to City Council (Thompson, Lamon, McCormick, Smith, Speight).

- b. Chapter 4-8 of City Code (Regulation of Lobbyists), including report from associated Commission working group (Thompson, Lamon, McCormick, Smith, Speight).
- c. Chapter 2-7 of City Code (Ethics and Financial Disclosure), including report from associated Commission working group (Einhorn, Kaplan, Ohueri).
- d. Chapter 2-2 of City Code (Campaign Finance) and Article III, Section 8 of the City Charter (Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures), including report from associated Commission working group (Harding, Quinzi, Stratmann, Thompson).

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 31, 2015 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

#### **5. GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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