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ETHICS REVIEW BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2014 – 7:00 PM

The Ethics Review Board of City of Converse met in a regular meeting at City of Converse Fire Station # 2 located at 8425 Thornton Lane, on Monday, October 13, 2014 to discuss various items on the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At approximately 6:58 p.m. Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was announced by Hope Olds

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: To the U.S. Flag led by City Attorney
To the Texas Flag led by City Attorney

Pledge Allegiance announced by all present.

4. ROLL CALL & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Jim Sherman, *Present*
Vice Chair Robin Benbrook, *Present*
Member Laura Beehler, *Present*
Member Hope Olds, *Present*
Member Marilyn Wallace, *Present*

Member Dr. Jerry Riley, *Present*
Member Earl Boutelle, *Present*
City Attorney, Felix Arambula
Secretary, Odie Martinez

Visitors:

Nancy Droneburg, Alternate for Ethics Review Board
Jeff Beehler
Rudy Martinez

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

This time is provided for Citizens to address the Ethics Review Board on any issues and concerns. No Ethics Review Board discussion or action can be taken if the item is not on the Agenda. Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes and state your name and address for the record.

NONE.

Any item on this posted agenda could be discussed in executive session as long as it is within one of the permitted categories under section 551.071 through 551.076 and section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve Minutes of the Ethics Review Board meeting September 23, 2014.

Earl Boutelle made a motion to approve item# 6; seconded by Dr. Jerry Riley. Motion passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of Role of Board.

No action required on item #7A

B. Discussion of appointment and terms for the Ethics Review Board members.

The Board discussed "Terms of Office" of the ethics review board ordinance. Modifications were discussed.

C. Discussion of Role of City Attorney as Ethics Compliance Officer.

Item Tabled until item comes up as ordinance is reviewed. Laura Beehler made a motion to table item #7C; seconded by Earl Boutelle. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion to review Ordinance 119, Articles I through III.

The Board reviewed and discussed articles I thru III of ordinance 119. The secretary will be responsible for creating a list of proposed items discussed to be modified. The proposed list will be placed on the agenda again for discussion and to take action.

Article II, >1. Improper economic benefit.> (8) A business entity or non-profit... will be added to the proposal list for modifications of the ordinance.

E. Discussion and procedure to place items on the agenda between meetings.

All members will email the Chairman of any items for discussion or action he then will send it to the secretary to put together for a draft by Thursday for review by the City Attorney and the Chairman. Agenda will be posted 72 hours before the day of the meeting. Another item discussed was Executive Session.

F. Discussion on word terminology of Ordinance 119, Article VII, 5. Hearings- word terminology (ethics commission) and Article VII, 6. Disposition (a) word terminology (ethics commission) and Article VII, 6. Disposition (a) (2) word terminology (ethics panel).

Board discussed of being consistent with the word Board. This will be added to the Proposal list for modifications to the ordinance.

G. Discussion and Appropriate Action regarding next Ethics Review Board Meeting.

The next Ethics Review Board meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2014 at the City Hall Conference Room, 405 S. Seguin.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.