

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2006-R-13
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
July 3, 2006
5:30 P.M.

2. Discussion with possible action on creating a City of Laredo Ethics Commission.

Cm. Belmares said that he brought this item to Council because Council had discussed the item in 2003. At the time that the Council was discussing the item, staff was going through some direction of the Charter which will be required to implement this commission. Legislature was taking up the charge on full financial disclosure on all elected officials, City Manager and the City Attorneys for municipalities of 100,000 or greater. The Ethics Commission will not be a "White Knight" or guarantee complete safety from unethical behavior but it will bring the Council closer.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, said that he had copies of other city's code of ethics. He recommended for Council to give him some time to take a look at the other code of ethics and come back with recommendations.

Cm. Belmares instructed the City Manager to return to Council within 60 days with a draft of a Code of Ethics to be used for the City of Laredo. In the meantime, he suggested sending the Council members a copy of the San Antonio and Houston Code of Ethics so they can begin to review them to be able to give input. It not only should govern the elected officials but the City staff and employees.

CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
WITH
CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
M2006-W-05
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS
JULY 24, 2006
5:30 P.M.

Article XII GENERAL PROVISION

Section 12.02 Ethics Commission

The City Council shall establish and appoint an **ethics commission** to review and to recommend standards of conduct not inconsistent with this Charter.

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2007-R-016
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
AUGUST 20, 2007
5:30 P.M.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of the Ethics Committee and the naming of the Mayor's and City Council Member's appointees to this Commission.

Mayor Salinas stated that he wants to make sure that we are the watch dogs of the City. He suggested having an open discussion to discuss the guidelines and objectives of this committee.

Cm. Garza reported that Council had received examples of **ethic commissions** from other cities. He commented that a timeline be set up. He stated to go forward and establish the commission.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, stated that if the information does not exist, he will make sure to get it. He commented that he will get similar ordinances from different cities.

Motion to have the Ethics Committee consist of one appointee from each Council Member and one from the Mayor.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2010-R-15
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
AUGUST 2, 2010
5:30 P.M.

Staff report with possible action on the proposed Ethics Ordinance and Ethics Commission setting a date for public hearing.

Cm. Belmares stated that they needed to move forward with this because it was charter mandated and felt that it had been delayed for too long. He felt that there should simply be a public hearing on the item and staff could bring concerns forward as part of the public hearing.

Motion to bring the item forward as a public hearing at the second meeting in September.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2010-SC-05
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
JULY 26, 2010
5:30 p.m.

ARTICLE XII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 12.02 Ethics Commission

The City Council shall, by ordinance, adopt a Code of Ethics, and establish and appoint an **Ethics Commission** to review and recommend standards of conduct not inconsistent with this Charter and with the Code of Ethics and to investigate all allegations of violations of the Code. The **Ethics Commission** shall consist of nine (9) members. The Mayor and each member of the City Council shall nominate one member of the Commission. Each nominee must be confirmed/appointed by a majority of a quorum of the City Council. The term of the commission member shall be for the term of the officeholder who made the nomination.

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS BY LEGAL:

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Motion to approve all recommended changes for Section 12.02.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2012-R-16
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
5:30 P.M.

2012-O-126 Amending Chapter 2 "Administration" of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding Article VIII "Code of Ethics"; establishing standards of conduct applicable to all employees, officials and persons conducting business with or otherwise influencing governmental action; providing for prohibited degrees of relationship for certain matters; establishing travel reporting requirements; providing procedures and prescribing penalties for violations of the standards so adopted; creating an Ethics Commission; containing a savings clause; and providing for the publication and effective date thereof. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-126.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0