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## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

## **ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION** FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

CITY HALL 1500 MARILLA, ROOM 6E SOUTH DALLAS, TEXAS 75201 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

- 1. Approval of Minutes
  - · February 19, 2016 Regular Meeting
- 2. Developing additional sanctions and penalties for violations of the code of ethics (Third review)
- 3. Compare Dallas' code of ethics with code of ethics for other cities
- 4. Develop gift policy for employees (Second review)
- 5. Develop mechanism to effectively allow citizens and employees to file ethics violation complaints without fear of retaliation
  - 1) Amend 12A-43 to explicitly state that whistle-blower protection is available to employees, per the auditor's report of 2-17-12
  - 2) Allow for anonymous complaints

6. Ethics Training Committee

7. Publicity Committee

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## 8. Discussion of pending projects

- 1) Standards of civility when dealing with city staff or citizens per 10-30-15 memo to Mayor from five city councilmembers.
- 2) Clean up ambiguous or confusing language in Chapter 12A.
  - a. Amend 12A-26(g)(1) to add flexibility to the time when the preliminary panel must make a preliminary finding.
  - b. Amend the phrase "at the time of the complaint" in 12A-26 to clarify who can file a complaint.
  - c. Eliminate the double negative in 12A-7(b)(1) and (2) as applied to city officials.
  - d. Combine 12A-11 and 12A-18 because they cover the same thing.
  - e. Add express authority to issue subpoenas for documents and witnesses.
  - f. Rename 12A-3 to "Improper Financial Interest."
  - g. Rename 12A-4 to "Unfair Advancement of Private Interests; Nepotism."
- 3) Developing rules for City Council officeholder accounts.
- 4) Restrictions on city officials endorsing other candidates and election issues.
- 5) Expanding the jurisdiction of the Ethics Advisory Commission. <u>Status</u>: Preliminary approval on 1-15-16.
- 6) Addressing donations of money, real estate, products, or services to the city. Status: Preliminary approval on 12-11-15.
- 7) Addressing lobbyists who run campaigns and then represent entities or people at the city. <u>Status</u>: Preliminary approval on 2-19-16.
- 8) Developing standards to ensure the confidentiality of executive sessions. Status: Preliminary approval on 2-19-16.

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- 9. Identify additional upcoming topics for discussion and/or consideration
- 10. Calendar

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1. Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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