

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

ETHICS COMMISSION



Chairperson John Clifford (D6)
Vice-Chairperson Lidia Manzanares (Mayoral Appointee)
Commissioner Don Martens (D1)
Commissioner Mickey Gallivan (D2)
Commissioner Wayne Schmidt (D3)
Commissioner Bernice Stillions (D4)
Commissioner Lucille Lyon (D5)

VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

Thursday, October 24, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair, John Clifford called the Ethics Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lyon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chair Lidia Manzanares
Commissioner Don Martens
Commissioner Mickey Gallivan
Commissioner Bernice Stillions
Commissioner Lucille Lyon
Chair John Clifford

Absent: Commissioner Wayne Schmidt

STAFF PRESENT

René Anderson, Director of Human Resources/Staff Liaison
Astrid Crowe, Senior Administrative Assistant/Commission Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Lyon reported that she contacted the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and requested that we have a speaker to come in and address the Commission, but they do not provide that service at all. However, they do have training online which is available in video format.

A brief discussion ensued regarding whether the videos should be viewed in an open forum. The Commission agreed that we would agendaize this item for discussion at the next meeting.

Commissioner Gallivan announced that Pomona Heritage is celebrating their 40th year anniversary this year. They are having a 36 home tour on November 10, 2024. Commissioner Gallivan shared various avenues for purchasing tickets and the prices.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Commission Staff Liaison René Anderson shared that we have received authority to move forward with the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. The City will be announcing the hotline when it is up and running and the purpose and use for the line.

CONSENT

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

It is recommended that the Commission members approve the following Ethics Commission Meeting minutes.

September 26, 2024

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GALLIVAN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STILLIONS, CARRIED 6-0 (COMMISSIONER MARTENS ABSTAINED AND COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT ABSENT), to approve the September 26, 2024 meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION

2. Report from the Ad-Hoc Policy Sub-Committee

Vice-Chair Manzanares walked Commissioners through the narrative form of recommendations and opened up the discussion.

Commissioners asked questions and made comments regarding this item.

MOTION BY CHAIR CLIFFORD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LYON, CARRIED 6-0 (COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT ABSENT), that the Ethics Commission ask City staff to forward this list of recommendations to the City Council to be agendized on a future Council meeting and a presentation be made by a representative from the Ethics Commission.

3. Report from the Ad-Hoc Bylaws/Ordinance Sub-Committee

Commissioner Lyon provided an update from the Sub-Committee on Bylaws. The Sub-Committee met and further revised the draft by-laws. Commissioner Lyon consulted with her Councilperson in regard to the role of the Ethics Commission.

Commissioners provided additional feedback and comments.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LYON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STILLIONS, CARRIED 6-0 (COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT ABSENT), that the proposed ordinance be placed on the agenda on November 19, 2024.

4. Discussion of Ethics Commission Objectives, Goals, and Strategy for Commission Work

It is recommended that the Commission continue discussion on their work plan, including adopting goals and objectives.

Commissioners agreed that there was plenty on the plate of the Commission at this time and that they would continue discussion on this item in January.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Discussion regarding the November and December Ethics Commission Meetings

It is recommended that the Commission discuss options for addressing the November and December meetings due to conflicts with the holiday season.

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR MANZANARES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GALLIVAN, CARRIED 6-0 (COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT ABSENT), that we will have a special Ethics Commission meeting on November 19, 2024, and we will not have a December meeting.

6. Discussion of Ethics Commission Participation in the Annual Holiday Parade

It is recommended that the Commission discuss whether it should participate in the upcoming holiday parade on December 14, 2024.

Chair Clifford is on the Holiday Parade Committee this year. There is a \$50 entry fee and it is unclear if this is waived for Commissions. They will provide a car and participating Commissioners are invited to ride and will be considered VIP.

Commissioners are interested, but they would like to see the line-up as many are representing other organizations.

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Clifford adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to the special meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

ASTRID CROWE
Senior Admin Assistant/Commission
Secretary to the Ethics Commission

JOHN CLIFFORD
Chair of the Ethics Commission