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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Auditor's Office

CITY AUDITOR: Madison Rorschach

DATE: July 8, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Ethics Ordinances alignment with the 2017 Charter Review Committee Recommendations.

BACKGROUND

In 2017 the City of Denton held a Charter Election that included language requiring the City Council to adopt an Ethics Ordinance that addressed the following four components at minimum:

1. The definition of a prohibited improper economic interest and personal gain;
2. The definition of recusal and improper participation when a potential conflict of interest is present;
3. Avoidance of the appearance of a conflict of interest; and
4. Administration and enforcement of the ethics ordinance coupled with strong and meaningful remedies for infraction.

Additional elements recommended by the charter review committee are included in Exhibit 2.

DISCUSSION

During the June 2024 meeting, the Board of Ethics directed staff to provide information on the 2017 Charter Review Committee's recommendations for discussion during the next meeting. Based on the discussion during this meeting, staff can provide additional information and research.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

May 1, 2018: Ethics Ordinance Adopted
Jun. 2, 2020: Ethics Ordinance amended based on Board of Ethics recommendations
Jan. 25, 2022: Ethics Ordinance amended by City Council to remove professional preferences
Jul. 19, 2022: Ethics Ordinance amended based on Board of Ethics recommendations
Jul. 18, 2023: Ethics Ordinance amended based on Board of Ethics recommendations
Dec. 12, 2023: Ethics Ordinance amended by City Council to eliminate Alternate Members

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Charter Review Committee Report – Ethics Provisions (May 2017)

Respectfully submitted:
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