



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Bryan Langley

DATE: March 20, 2018

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a draft ethics ordinance from attorney Alan Bojorquez.

BACKGROUND

The process for the creation of an ordinance is to hold an estimated seven (7) meetings from December 2017 to March 2018. The City Council held a series of five (5) meetings from December 2017 to February 2018 to discuss various elements of an ethics ordinance and to provide direction in the creation of an ethics ordinance. On March 6, 2018, attorney Alan Bojorquez presented a first draft of an ethics ordinance to City Council titled Draft "A".

This meeting will review the second draft of an ethics ordinance (Draft "B"). As directed, staff has drafted the agenda to allow for Council to suspend the Rules of Procedures to provide an opportunity for public comment at Work Sessions where the ethics ordinance will be discussed. In addition, a public hearing will be held during the regular session meeting of City Council on March 20, 2018 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Included as **Exhibit 2** is a second draft of the ethics ordinance (Draft "B") based on the feedback that staff has received during the prior City Council meetings and a redlined version of changes from the original Draft "A" as **Exhibit 3**.

Public comment received through the creation of the ordinance has been included as **Exhibit 4**. There have been four (4) speakers at City Council meetings, two (2) comments received through email, and no public comment received through the form available on the website. Additionally, Alan Bojorquez provided a response to citizen comments included as **Exhibit 5**. A presentation will be sent to City Council early next week.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The drafting of an ethics ordinance could be completed by April 3, 2018 depending upon City Council discussion and direction. Adoption of an ordinance could be scheduled for April 17, 2018.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

November 14, 2017- City Council directed staff to hire attorney Alan Bojorquez.
December 5, 2017- The first meeting with attorney Alan Bojorquez was held.
December 19, 2017- The second meeting with attorney Alan Bojorquez was held.
January 27, 2018- The third meeting with attorney Alan Bojorquez was held.
February 6, 2018- The fourth meeting with attorney Alan Bojorquez was held.

February 20, 2018- The fifth meeting with attorney Alan Bojorquez was held.

March 6, 2018- Ethics Ordinance Draft "A" was presented to City Council.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The current cost for ordinance development is approximately \$28,000. Any additional meetings would be at a cost of \$4,000 each and not-to-exceed \$40,000 total.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Organizational Excellence

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ethics Ordinance Draft "B" clean

Exhibit 3- Ethics Ordinance Draft "B" redline

Exhibit 4- Public Comment

Exhibit 5- Response to Public Comment

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