MAY 16, 2022

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, the City of Bastrop Board of ethics met in a Special Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 11:03 a.m. at the Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Commissioners present: Chairman Judge Duggan, Wuthipong Tantaksinanukij, Bernie Jackson, and Barbara Caldwell. City Staff present: Ross Fischer, Attorney and Ann Franklin, City Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

At 11:03 a.m. Commissioner Duggan called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Bob Long was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2021, and April 11, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2021, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, motion was approved on a 3-0 vote. Commissioner Long was absent. Commissioner Tantaksinanukij was absent for the October 8, 2021, meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tantaksinanukij to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, motion was approved on a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Long was absent.

3. Discussion and action to amend Section E.7 of the City of Bastrop Board of Ethics Rules of Procedure.

Discussion was had, Attorney Ross Fischer explained the proposed amendment.

A motion was made by Chair Duggan to amend the procedures, seconded by Commissioner Tantaksinanukij, motion was approved on 4-0 vote. Commissioner Long was absent.

EVIDENTIARY HEARING

4A. The Board of Ethics will conduct an Evidentiary Hearing with regard to the complaint filed by Mayor Connie Schroeder against Council Member Robert James Crouch to determine whether Crouch violated Section 1.15.009(d)(1) and Section 1.15.009(e)(1) of the City of Bastrop Code of Ethics (Article 1.15 of the Code of Ordinances). Depending on the outcome of the Evidentiary Hearing, the Board of Ethics may deliberate and take action on the assessment of the appropriate sanction.

A motion was made by Chair Duggan to avail to Subsection G. Dispute resolution to dispute a resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tantaksinanukij, motion was approved on 4-0 vote. Commissioner Long was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS NOT NEEDED

- 5A. Ethics Commission may convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code:
 - Section 551.071, to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding any issue on the agenda, including but not limited to the ethics complaint filed by Mayor Connie Schroeder against Robert James Crouch and issues related to the Evidentiary Hearing.

• Section 551.074(a)(2), to consider a complaint or charge against a public officer (Robert James Crouch, City Council Member Place 4).

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MATTERS POSTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourned at 11:44 a.m. without objection.

APPROVED:

Judge Chris Duggan, Chai

ATTEST:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary