

Legislation Text

File #: Res. 2018-160R, Version: 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Consider approval Resolution 2018-160R, approving the appointment of the Law Firm of Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza as special counsel to advise the Ethics Review Commission as it considers Ethics Complaint No. 2018-1; and declaring an effective date.

Meeting date: September 4, 2018

Department: City Attorney

Amount & Source of Funding Funds Required: Account Number: 10001108-52270 Funds Available: Click or tap here to enter text. Account Name: Special Counsel

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: None

<u>City Council Strategic Initiative</u>: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

N/A

Choose an item.

Choose an item.

<u>Comprehensive Plan Element (s)</u>: [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu

below]

- Economic Development Choose an item.
- □ Environment & Resource Protection Choose an item.
- □ Land Use Choose an item.
- □ Neighborhoods & Housing Choose an item.
- □ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities Choose an item.
- □ **Transportation -** Choose an item.
- \boxtimes Not Applicable

<u>Master Plan</u>: [Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)] Choose an item.

Background Information:

Section 2.445 of the San Marcos City Code requires the city council to approve appointment of an independent outside attorney to serve as special counsel to the Ethics Review Commission (ERC) when a complaint is filed alleging that a member of the city council or a council appointee has violated the San Marcos Code of Ethics or a state conflict of interest law.

Complaint No. 2018-1, filed on August 19, 2018, requires the appointment of special counsel to represent the ERC.

Staff recommends the appointment of the firm of Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza to represent the ERC with regard to the pending complaint.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval.