



**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**  
City Council Meeting of March 10, 2015

**DATE:** February 20, 2015  
**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager  
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City of Corpus Christi Code of Ethics

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Position</u>	<u>Organization</u>
1. Dr. Haysam Dawod	Ethics Commission, Chair	
2. Karon Connelly	Ethics Commission, Vice-Chair	
3. Larry White	Ethics Commission member	
4. Rod Wolthoff	Ethics Commission member	

**BACKGROUND :**

The last amendments to the Code of Ethics were approved in 2012. The attached presentation begins with a review of the Code of Ethics, and concludes with description of the five amendments to the complaint and hearing process that are being proposed by the Ethics Commission, described as follows: 1) to amend complaint process to allow unsworn (un-notarized) declarations that are signed under penalty of perjury; 2) to clarify that the rules of conduct is referring to Section 2-311 of the City Code; 3) to allow the person complained against to have 10 calendar days to submit written response to the complaint; 4) to reduce the number of votes to find a violation, from majority of the quorum, to majority of the members present at the hearing; and 5) specify that the full Council receives their recommendations regarding finding of violation by Councilmember of Council appointee, and the City Manager receives their recommendation regarding City employees.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

PowerPoint – City Council Code of Ethics Presentation 03102015  
Amendments to Code of Ethics  
Current Code of Ethics Rules of Conduct