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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 11 Ordinance/Resolution# 12-170

For Meeting of _____
 (Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of April 2, 2012
 (Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To establish the Campaign Finance Ad Hoc Committee.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: N/A		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Esther Martinez	<u>Department/Section:</u> Legal/City Clerk	<u>Phone:</u> 541-2115
<u>City Manager Signature:</u>		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

During the March 12, 2012 Work Session, the League of Women Voters requested the City Council appoint an ad hoc committee to conduct a study involving campaign finance in Las Cruces municipal elections. The objective of this study is to develop a set of recommendations for guidelines leading to transparency of municipal campaign financing.

Council consensus was given during the Work Session to create an ad hoc committee which will consist of seven members. The ad hoc committee will assist staff by reviewing, evaluating, recommending and proposing a new campaign finance ordinance and shall conclude its review within six months of their first meeting.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. Exhibit "A".

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted? N/A			
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.	
Does this action create any revenue? N/A			
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY _____.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

N/A

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will approve the Resolution to establish the Campaign Finance Ad Hoc Committee.
2. Vote "No"; this will deny the creation of the Campaign Finance Ad Hoc Committee.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this may include changing the membership and/or duties of the Campaign Finance Ad Hoc Committee.
4. Vote to "Table" and direct staff accordingly.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 12-170

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CAMPAIGN FINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, City staff have been given direction to establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating, recommending and proposing a new campaign finance ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee will work with staff in preparing the final report with recommendations to Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the Campaign Finance Ad Hoc Committee is hereby established.

(II)

THAT the Mayor with the advice and consent of council will appoint the members of the Campaign Finance Ad Hoc Committee as outlined in Exhibit "A".

(III)

THAT the Campaign Finance Ad Hoc Committee shall provide a final report with recommendations to Council and conclude its review within six months of their first meeting.

(IV)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the hereinabove.

DONE AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2012.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____

Councillor Silva: _____

Councillor Smith: _____

Councillor Pedroza: _____

Councillor Small: _____

Councillor Sorg: _____

Councillor Thomas: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEEOrganization

The Campaign Finance Ad Hoc Committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair and secretary and shall hold positions until replacement or if vacancy requires re-election of officers.

Meetings

The Committee shall hold regular meetings as deemed necessary in the accomplishment of assigned duties, but at minimum said meetings shall occur no less than once per month. Notice of meeting shall be posted 48 hours in advance and minutes shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Voting

Actions by the Committee shall be determined by a majority of the seated committee membership.

Membership

The Committee shall be comprised of seven members from the following:

- 1 Member from the League of Women Voters
- 1 Member from the Southern New Mexico Chapter of Common Cause New Mexico
- 1 Member from the Department of Government, New Mexico State University
- 2 Members who are former elected officials
- City Attorney
- City Clerk

The Committee members must meet residency requirements as outlined in Section 2-188(a)(1) of Chapter 2 of the Las Cruces Municipal Code

Duties

The Committee working will staff will review and evaluate the current Campaign Finance Ordinance. Upon completion of the committees' duties they will recommend and propose a new Campaign Finance ordinance to City Council.