

BOWIE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes

May 17, 2016 - Open Meeting

A meeting of the Bowie City Ethics Commission was held on Tuesday May 17, 2016 in the City Manager's conference room at Bowie City Hall. Commission members in attendance were Benjamin Woolery, Chair, Vince Canales, Jay Fagan, Jim Holderbaum, Karl Stehmer, Alan Kolski and Daniel Thomas. Also in attendance was Fred Sussman, Counsel for the Commission, and John Fitzwater, Assistant City Manager, and liaison to the Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Woolery.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting. Mr. Canales moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Stehmer seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Sussman reported that nothing occurred in Annapolis during the last legislative session of any significance pertaining to ethics. The State Ethics Commission is in the process of preparing guidelines for localities concerning the method by which modifications to local ethics ordinances can be made in certain communities.

The Commission reviewed the Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) that had been submitted by Marcos, Gardner, Rhone and Byrd. These FDSs had been previously electronically distributed to Commission members and to Mr. Sussman. Mr. Sussman prepared an analysis of the FDSs for Commission consideration. The Commission determined that additional information was required from Councilman Marcos and from committee member Byrd. The submittals by Councilman Gardner and committee member Rhone were found to be acceptable.

Mr. Canales moved to approve all of the Financial Disclosure Statements submitted in 2016 previously reviewed by the Commission with the exception of the FDSs submitted by Marcos, Byrd and Edwards. Mr. Fagan seconded. All in favor.

The Commission reviewed the Lobbying Registration Form submitted by Antonetti and the Lobbying Activity Form submitted by Mellits. These had been previously sent to the Commission. Mr. Holderbaum moved to approve the Antonetti submittal. Mr. Stehmer seconded. All in favor.

Mr Canales moved to approve the Mellits submittal subject to making a correction to the date submitted for. Mr. Fagan seconded. All in favor.

The Commission then reviewed the PowerPoint presentation for a presentation to City Council about the roles and responsibilities of the Ethics Commission. Modifications to the PowerPoint were made and staff was tasked with making these modifications for presentation to City Council on June 20, 2016.

The Commission determined that because there were no items scheduled for the June meeting of the Commission and because the Commission was making a presentation to City Council on June 20, 2016, the Commission would cancel their June 21st meeting and next meet on July 19th.

There being no further business to come before the Commission Mr. Canales moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stehmer seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

[The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be held on Tuesday July 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Manager's conference room.]

John L. Fitzwater
Staff Liaison to the Ethics Commission