

BOWIE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes

September 20 , 2016 - Open Meeting

A meeting of the Bowie City Ethics Commission was held on Tuesday September 20, 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 May 17, 2016 meeting. Mr. Canales moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Stehmer seconded. All voted in favor.

The Commission reviewed the Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) that had been previously submitted by Marcos and Byrd. The Commission had previously determined that additional information was required from Councilman Marcos and from committee member Byrd. The revised forms were reviewed and were found to be acceptable. Mr. Holderbaum moved to approve the revised Financial Disclosure Statements of Marcos and Byrd. Mr. Fagan seconded. Six members voted in favor. Mr. Woolery abstained.

The Commission reviewed the Lobbying Registration Form submitted by Lynch. It was determined that this form had not been signed or dated. Staff was instructed to contact Mr. Lynch to have this corrected.

The Commission reviewed the Local Government Ethics Law Annual Certification required by the State Ethics Commission. This form certifies that the current ethics code for the City of Bowie includes conflict of interest provisions and financial disclosure requirements for elected local officials and candidates for local elected office that are equivalent to or more stringent than the requirements for State elected officials as set forth in Subtitle 5, Title 5 of the General Provision Article. Upon advice of counsel that the Bowie Code met these standards, Mr. Stehmer moved to authorize Chairman Woolery to sign this form. Mr. Canales seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Woolery announced that in light of other professional obligations and the current full strength of the Commission that he wished to step down as chairman of the Commission, but that he would like to continue as an alternate member of the Commission. As the most senior member of the Commission, Mr. Woolery recommended that Mr. Canales be appointed chairman. Mr. Stehmer moved that Mr. Canales be appointed as chairman of the Commission effective upon confirmation by City Council. Mr. Fagan seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Canales moved that Mr. Kolski be appointed as a regular member of the Commission to fill the slot created by Mr. Woolery's request to become an alternate member. Mr. Stehmer seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Canales moved that Mr. Woolery be appointed as an alternate member of the Commission. Mr. Fagan seconded. All voted in favor.

Staff indicated that all of these actions regarding Commission membership would be presented to City Council for ratification.

There being no further business to come before the Commission Mr. Stehmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Canales seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

[The next meeting of the Ethics Commission (if necessary) will be held on Tuesday October 18 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Manager 's conference room.]

John L. Fitzwater
Staff Liaison to the Ethics Commission