

# **BOWIE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION**

## **Minutes**

### **March 19, 2019 – Open Meeting**

A meeting of the Bowie City Ethics Commission was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in the City Manager's conference room at Bowie City Hall. Commission members in attendance were Vince Canales, Karl Stehmer, Jay Fagan, Alan Kolski, and Alternate Daniel Thomas. Also in attendance were Fred Sussman, Counsel for the Commission, and Assistant City Manager Daniel Mears, liaison to the Commission. Not present was Jim Holderbaum.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Member Canales.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting. Mr. Stehmer moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Sussman presented an overview of the Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) for elected officials and employees and commission members received by the City since the February 19, 2019 meeting. Mr. Sussman summarized his review of the FDS and submitted forms that were complete and OK were color coded green, and the items that had an issue were given blue color coding. Statements #46-#53 by Woolfley, Byrd, Matthews, Gardner, Rogers, Trass, Holderbaum, and Frison-Avery were all OK. Mr. Stehmer moved that the submitted FDS forms #46-#53 be accepted as complete. Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

FDS #54 from Mr. Senn-Carter had information missing in Schedule A in items 9 and 10, after discussion the Commission felt that staff should follow up with Mr. Senn-Carter to get a corrected FDS. Mr. Sussman brought with him an FDS from Steven Brown, which was all OK. Mr. Stehmer moved that the submitted FDS forms from Mr. Brown be accepted as complete. Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Form #55 from Mr. Marcos contained information that would be incorrect or conflicting. Mr. Sussman summarized that in Schedule B of Mr. Marcos' FDS that his statement that his business listed as a sole proprietorship in item 4 conflicted with the statement that it was an LLC as stated in item 2. Further, in item 5 the percent of ownership was answered for each of the subcategories, when only one for each business would be applicable. In item 6 the type of encumbrance was not clear, and the specific entity to who the encumbrance was not clear. The Commission would infer that it was the City of College Park, but desired that to be stated. In item 7a the information was not required, because based upon the dates provided, it was not within the applicable period. After discussion, the commission agreed that the form should be corrected in Schedule B for items #4, 5, and 6.

The commission discussed the imposition of penalties for the required FDS forms that had been received between the February 19, 2019 meeting and the March 19, 2019 meeting. After discussion by the commission, Mr. Stehmer moved to waive the imposition of a penalty for

submittals received between the February 19, 2019 and March 19, 2019. Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The commission discussed FDS not received by Glass, Schmitt, Johnson, and Gaines. Mr. Canales moved to draft a letter to impose a penalty of \$2 per day effective from February 15, 2019, up to a maximum of \$250 for those FDS. Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m. Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

*[The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be held on Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Manager's conference room.]*

Daniel Mears  
Staff Liaison to the Ethics  
Commission