

BOWIE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes

February 23, 2021 – Open Meeting

A meeting of the Bowie City Ethics Commission was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 via Microsoft Teams. Commission members in attendance were Vince Canales, Karl Stehmer, Alan Kolski, Jay Fagan, and Daniel Thomas. Also in attendance were Fred Sussman, Counsel for the Commission, and Assistant City Manager Daniel Mears, liaison to the Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Mr. Canales.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting. Mr. Stehmer moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Sussman provided an overview of the submitted FDS forms for the 2020 reporting period. He noted that in Councilmember Woolfley's submittal in Schedule B, items 2 and 3, required information not provided. Mr. Sussman stated that the nature of the business and its address was not provided in the form or the submitted appendix. For Councilmember Esteve it was noted in Schedule A2 item 5, that it was not noted whether the rent was monthly.

For Jacqueline Rhone it was not identified as listing a home or work address. The Commission discussed whether including /s/ next to a typed signature on an electronically filled out form was acceptable, the Commission agreed that it was. Mr. Kolski's form noted the wrong commission, Mr. Kolski revised the form and returned the corrected form during the course of the meeting. Mr. Mears' electronically submitted form needed to be amended to include an /s/ next to the signature.

On Mayor Adams form on the first page, it did not indicate whether the address provided was for home or work. Further, in Schedule A1 for property III, it was noted the property in New Orleans as a home address as well as a property in Bowie. Valerie Yancy did not identify what position she holds. The Ethics Commission discussed what appeared to be incorrectly completed Schedule G on the forms for T. Adams, A. Bofo, and R. Ndebumadu. The section asks for information on general sources of income to be provided. All three marked that they did not have general sources of income, but the members stated it was generally known that they did. It was noticed that Mr. Spurgeon's form was included in the review packet, however it was not listed in the review summary. Mr. Spurgeon's submittal was OK.

Mr. Fagan moved approval of the FDS of Board of Personnel Appeals members Elkins, Ruth, Brown, Henkel and Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Stehmer moved approval of I. Harrison's FDS and Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Stehmer moved approval of the FDS of Board of Appeals members Scoulios, Fuller, Boyer, Schmitt, and Franklin and Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Thomas moved approval of the FDS of Advisory Planning Board members Frison-Avery, Golato, Schuettler, and Trass and Mr. Stehmer seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Kolski moved approval of the FDS of Board of Elections members Jones, D'Orsaneo, Phillips, Suddeth, and Barber and Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Thomas moved approval of the FDS of the Ethics Commission members Canales, Kolski, Fagan, Thomas, and Stehmer and Mr. Stehmer seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Stehmer moved approval of the FDS of Employees King, Hein, Hernandez, Matthews, Meinert, Haworth, Preston, Lott, Mears, Ogunremi, Yin, Peterson, Stephanos, Levan, and Haley and Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Kolski moved approval of the FDS of Byrd, Skotz, Nesky, Rogers, and Spurgeon and Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Mears informed the Commission that 2020 FDS forms had not been received by H. Gardner, C. Robinson, C. Gaines, and T. Johnson. Mr. Stehmer moved that the people who had not submitted their forms be given to the end of the month, and then fines would begin to be issued and Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission asked that schedule A2 and G be considered for revision for the next year's FDS for elected officials. The Commission agreed to no longer pursue outstanding 2019 forms.

The commission reviewed the submitted lobbying forms. Mr. Fagan moved approval of the lobbying forms submitted by GS Proctor and Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Stehmer moved approval of the lobbying forms submitted by Mr. Wright and Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission identified March 16, 2021 at 3:00pm as the next potential date for an Ethics Commission meeting.

There being no further session business to come before the Commission Mr. Fagan moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:53pm, Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Daniel Mears
Staff Liaison to the Ethics Commission