

BOWIE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes

June 17, 2014 – Open Meeting

A meeting of the Bowie City Ethics Commission was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 in the City Manager's conference room. Commission members in attendance were Benjamin Woolery, Chair, Jim Holderbaum and Vince Canales. Also in attendance was Betsy K. Dawson, Attorney to the Commission and John Fitzwater, Assistant City Manager and liaison to the Commission. Lee Weimer did not attend the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Woolery.

The members reviewed and approved the Minutes from the May 20, 2014 Ethics Commission meeting.

Chairman Woolery provided an update for the members in terms of the response he was preparing to the February 21, 2014 letter from Mayor Robinson. Chairman Woolery indicated that he should have the draft response prepared shortly. This will be provided to City staff who will type this response, and it will then be circulated among the Commission members for their review and approval.

Staff indicated that a new computer has been included in the FY 2015 budget for the Ethics Commission and that this computer will be able to be purchased after July 1, 2015.

There being no further business to conduct in an open session, a motion was made (Canales) and seconded (Holderbaum) to close the meeting pursuant to §10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Act to discuss an administrative matter. The motion was carried unanimously by written vote and the meeting was closed at 3:08 p.m.

Public Minutes of Closed Session

During the closed meeting, the following actions were taken:

The Commission reviewed Financial Disclosure Statements with questions that had been previously raised by the Ethics Commission.

The Commission reviewed Lobbying Disclosure Forms and Activity Statements which had been submitted

There being no further business to be conducted in closed session, Mr. Woolery adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

[The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 3:00 in the City Manager's conference room.]

John L. Fitzwater
Staff Liaison to the Ethics Commission

STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

June 17, 2014

Motion By: Canales

Seconded By: Holderbaum @ 3:05 PM

Vote to Close Session: AYE NAY ABSTAIN ABSENT

Benjamin Woolery, Chairman
Lee Weimer
Veda L. Pryor
Ismael "Vince" Canales
James Holderbaum

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION
State Government Article §10-508(a):

- 1. To discuss:
[] (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance, evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or
[] (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
2. [] To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.
3. [x] To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.
4. [] To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.
5. [] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
6. [x] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

Topics to be discussed in closed session:

Review financial and lobbying forms