

**MICHIGAN CITY ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MINUTES JUNE 17, 2009**

Order of Business:

Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Steve Janus called the June 17, 2009 Workshop Meeting of the Ethics Advisory Commission to order at 1:15 p.m. Additional members of the Ethics Commission in attendance were: Cindy Gillespie, John Pavy and Erik Prascak.

Also noted in attendance: Personnel Director Shelley Dunleavy and Sanitary District Superintendent Al Walus.

Attorney John Espar joined the Workshop at 1:25 p.m.

New Business:

Complaint Form.

Superintendent Al Walus addressed the Ethics Advisory Commission in regards to the Complaint Form currently being utilized. Superintendent Walus would like Personnel Director Dunleavy to include on the Complaint Form “penalty of perjury language” as it does not currently appear on it. Attorney Espar felt this language was not necessary as it already set forth in the Ordinance under *Section 12.b., Filing a Complaint*. However if Commission Members would like it included he was comfortable with that. Commission Members agreed with Superintendent Walus and would like this language included on the Complaint Form. A Motion was made by Chair Janus and seconded by Members Prascak and Gillespie to have Personnel Director Dunleavy add the language to the Complaint Form. The Motion carries 4-0.

Uniform Conflict of Interest Statement.

Attorney Espar presented to the Commission Members a Local Government Office Conflict Disclosure Statement for review. Attorney Espar felt that this Conflict Disclosure Statement was much more easy to read and understandable than the current Uniform Conflict of Interest Statement being used. Commission Members each received a copy of the Statement and after reviewing it agreed with Attorney Espar. A Motion was made by Member Pavy and unanimously approved by all Commission Members to approve the Local Government Office Conflict Statement that Attorney Espar provided. The Motion carries 4-0.

Revision of Ethics Ordinance No. 4043.

Ordinance No. 4043 was reviewed in its entirety, discussed and revised as attached. Any and all revisions were unanimously approved by all Commission Members by a vote of 4-0. The revised language is depicted as follows: deleted language will appear as a strikethrough and added language will appear as bold and double-underscored.

See attached red-lined of Ordinance No. 4043 for all revisions.

Michigan City Enrichment Corporation

A question arose from Secretary Smith whether Michigan City Community Enrichment Corporation Members must file a disclosure form since they are a private non-profit organization. Because Attorney Espar is also the Attorney for the Enrichment Corporation, and as such he did not want to render an opinion. Attorney Espar will ask for an opinion and will follow-up with an answer at a future meeting.

Michigan City Economic Development Corporation

Secretary Smith received a telephone call from Nancy Heald, Secretary for the Michigan City Economic Development Corporation stating that the Economic Development Corporation does not have to fill out Uniform Disclosure Statements because they are not part of the City, they are a separate entity. Attorney Espar agreed.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Chair Janus adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. with a reminder to all Commission Members that our next Meeting will be on Thursday, July 23, 2009. Attorney Espar told Members he will not be able to attend this Meeting; however proceed without him.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Smith, Secretary