

MICHIGAN CITY ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES JULY 30, 2009
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Order of Business:

Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Steve Janus called the July 30, Meeting of the Ethics Advisory Commission to order at 5:08 p.m. Members of the Ethics Commission in attendance were: Steve Janus, Cindy Gillespie and John Pavy. It was noted that Member Erik Prascak was absent without notice.

Also noted in attendance were Personnel Director Shelley Dunleavy and Attorney John Espar.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A Motion was made by Member Pavy and seconded by Chair Janus to approve the June 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes. The Motion carries 3-0.

A Motion was made by Vice President Gillespie and seconded by Member Pavy to also approve the June 17, 2009 Workshop Meeting Minutes. The Motion carries 3-0.

Old Business:

All Commission Members received a red-lined version of Ethics Ordinance 4043 depicting their proposed changes. Member Pavy thought that all changes were accurately reflected; however Chair Janus requested a bit more time to review the changes.

The only change Attorney Espar would like is to keep the name of the conflict of interest statement as "Uniform Conflict of Interest Statement" and not "Local Government Officer Conflicts Disclosure Statement." All Commission Members agreed and the disclosure statement will remain named "Uniform Conflict of Interest Statement." Secretary Smith will change the name back to the original name and re-email the Ordinance out to all Commission Members.

Vice President Gillespie felt another week or two would be sufficient for review. Secretary Smith asked if there are any changes to the Ordinance that they be emailed to her within two weeks. A Motion was made and seconded to have additional time to review the changes. The Motion carries 3-0.

Attorney Espar stated that once all changes have been made and approved by the Ethics Advisory Commission Members he will forward a letter and a copy of the Ethics Ordinance red-lined changes to the Michigan City Common Council's Ethics Committee for their review and opinion.

New Business:

Conflict of Interest Update.

Personnel Director Shelley Dunleavy addressed Commission Members 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 their suggestion.

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 3-0.

Inquiries.

Personnel Director Dunleavy stated that there were no inquiries received.

Comments:

Commission Members had no comments.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Chair Janus adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Smith, Secretary