

Ethics Commission Minutes
October 21, 2008 Meeting

Members Present: Walker Beeson, MaryAnn Bramble, Danny Hill, Sue Off, Julian Toporek

Members Absent: Nancy Anderson, Pam O'Brien

Ex-Officios Present: Janice Elliott, Recording Clerk, Bubba Hughes, City Attorney

Invited Guests:

Roll:

Walker Beeson called the meeting to order. Roll was taken.

Minutes:

Minutes of the October 1, 2008 meeting were approved with the date correction upon motion by Danny Hill. Sue Off seconded. Minutes were approved.

Draft Ethics Ordinance 21-2008 (10/20/08):

The chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the draft ordinance dated 10/20/2008 before it was sent to Council.

The following modifications to the draft ordinance of 10/20/2008 were recommended:

Page 5, Section 2, 2: change "when they have a conflict" to "when he/she has a conflict."

Page 8, Section 8. Officers 1): change "At each annual meeting after February 2008" to "At each annual meeting after February 2009."

Page 9 (A) General 1): add "be" so that it will read, "For This Code to be most effective."

Danny Hill motioned to send the ordinance with the minor changes discussed to be sent to Mayor and Council. Julian Toporek seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Cover Letter Draft:

There was discussion concerning a cover letter to be sent with the ordinance describing the difference between the ordinance on the books and the ordinance dated 10/20/2008. Pam O'Brien had written the letter. The letter was reviewed and a correction made. The second bullet should read as follows "The ordinance does not require individuals to suspend participation on a Commission or Committee if they choose to run for City Office."

Danny Hill motioned to send a cover letter with the ordinance from the Commission to the Mayor and Council. Mary Ann Bramble seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

A copy of the ordinance with a cover letter will be sent to the Mayor and Council for consideration at the meeting on Thursday evening.

Appointment of an Attorney:

Richard Darden was suggested by Julian Toporek to represent the Ethics Commission. No formal vote can be taken at this time. Bubba Hughes will request to be on the Council agenda for this for the November 13th meeting.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th, 4:30 pm in the auditorium.

Adjournment:

Sue Off motioned to adjourn. Mary Ann Bramble seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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