

**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**

KIRBY OBERDORFER  
*Chair*



BRAXTON GILLAM  
*Vice-Chair*

GENE FILBERT  
L. E. HUTTON  
HELEN LUDWIG  
TATIANA SALVADOR

**ETHICS COMMISSION**

MINUTES  
August 25, 2010  
5:00 p.m.  
Don Davis Room  
City Hall

SCOTT SHINE  
MARY SWART  
RHONDA PEOPLES-  
WATERS

Attendance: Kirby Oberdorfer, Braxton Gillam, Gene Filbert, L. E. Hutton, Helen Ludwig, Rhonda Peoples-Waters, Tatiana Salvador, Scott Shine, Mary Swart

Also in attendance: Councilmember John Crescimbeni; Carla Miller, Ethics Officer; Jon Phillips, Office of General Counsel and Susan Stewart, Ethics Coordinator

The ethics thought was provided by Carla.

Approval of minutes: Motions was made by Braxton Gillam, and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2010 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

Ethics Officer Report was presented relating to sunshine training and the ethics office budget.

Braxton, Chair of the Legislative Subcommittee reported on the motion to include what is currently written in 1 (b) in the draft resolution. Discussion followed relating to transparency and campaign finance. The motion carried unanimously.

Braxton made a motion that was seconded that the commission authorize the chair to execute the resolution and to remove (i) of the draft resolution. Motion carried by majority 8-1, Scott dissenting.

Mr. David Hodges offered public comments.

Tony Bates offered public comments.

Gene, Chair of the Bylaws Subcommittee reported the motion from his committee is to adopt the Internal Operating Procedures dated June 23, 2010. Discussion followed.

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Braxton offered an amendment to section "VI. Members" to read: Ethics Commission members shall not use their position in any manner that decreases public trust or gives the appearance of impropriety. Any Commission member who files to be a candidate for public office shall resign from the Commission. No individual while a member of the Commission shall hold or campaign for any elective political office or allow his or her name as a commission member to be used by a campaign in support of or against any candidate for public office. Nothing herein shall preclude a member from signing a petition in support of or against any referendum, ~~or other~~ ballot question or candidate. Nor does this rule prohibit any campaign contributions by a member or a member supporting any candidate in his or her own name.

Lee offered an amendment to the amendment to read: No individual while a member of the Commission shall hold or campaign for any elective political office or allow his or her name and title.

Both amendments passed unanimously.

Waiver of Procedures was discussed. The members voted to adopt the original language in Waiver of Procedures.

Rhonda offered an amendment that "Any Commission member who files to be a candidate for public office shall immediately resign from the Commission." The amendment was seconded and passed unanimously.

Gene made a motion which was seconded, to adopt the Internal Operating Procedures as amended. Motion carried by majority 8-1, Scott dissenting.

Public Comments:  
Davis Hodges offered his remarks.

Councilman Crescimbeni thanked the members of their work and stated section six could have been stronger.

A motion was made and seconded that a letter be sent from the Chair on behalf of the Ethics Commission with the resolution attached be addressed to Council President Webb, with copies to Art Shad as Chair of the Charter Revision Commission and Councilmember Johnson as sponsor of the ordinance with copies to all Councilmembers. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ethics Commission was set for September 27 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Susan Stewart  
Ethics Commission Coordinator

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Date of Approval