

MINUTES OF ETHICS COMMISSION

DATE: February 25, 2008

Call to order: An Ethics Commission meeting was held in City Hall-St. James Building, Jacksonville, Florida on February 25, 2008. The meeting convened at 4:03 p.m.

Attendees:

Jean Williams, Chair
Gene Filbert, Vice-chair
Mary Swart
Kirby Oberdorfer
Braxton Gillam
Bill Wilkens

Carla Miller, Christine Lyle, David Ball, Daily Record, Dr. Patrick Plumlee, UNF, Scott Shine and Jon Phillips and were also in attendance. Pledge of allegiance. Introduction of members.

Chair called the meeting to order and the Sub-Committee minutes of January 18, 2008 and Commission minutes of January 28, 2008 were approved.

Scott Shine appeared before the Commission as a representative of an election reform study group (voteduval.com) to bring a proposed ordinance draft for the review and support of the Commission. Mr. Shine discussed the proposal's issues, i.e., campaign finance, rainmaking, and influence. The Commission created a legislative sub-committee to research the legality and substance of the documents provided. The legislative sub-committee, Kirby, Braxton and Jean, with the assistance of Jon Phillips, were also referred the other legislative issues of the Commission, including applying the code and registration requirements to those lobbying the City's independent authorities; requiring a lobbyist disclose interest in the outcome of a vote to the Planning Commission and other City boards and commissions; Setting civil penalties to lobbyists who violate the code; and banning independent authorities from using public funds to pay for the lobbying the City.

Carla Miller provided an update of the Ethics Office activities thus far (Progress report dated 2/25/08). Ms. Miller will be holding a training session for the entire Commission and the Commission set **March 14th, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. (3-5 pm)** for the new member training. The Commission is waiting on appointments from City Council and the State Attorney. Should the Council and State Attorney's members not be appointed by March 14, 2008, this date and time will be the March, 2008 regular Commission meeting. If this time (March 14, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.) is used for new member training, then the next monthly meeting will be held on **March 31, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Next meetings scheduled: March 14, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. and March 31, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Christine Lyle
Ethics Commission Coordinator

Date of Approval