

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

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ETHICS COMMISSION

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PATRICIA SHER
SCOTT SHINE
MARY SWART
RHONDA PEOPLES-
WATERS

MINUTES
July 27, 2009
3:00 p.m.

Don Davis Room; 1st Floor, City Hall; 117 W. Duval Street

Attendance: Kirby Oberdorfer, Vice Chair; Braxton Gillam, Helen Ludwig, Rhonda Peoples-Waters, Pat Plumlee, Scott Shine and Mary Swart (Pat Sher via Teleconference) Excused: Gene Filbert, Chair

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m., by the Vice Chair, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

Carla offered the ethics thought.

Minutes from the previous meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Helen Ludwig to refer to Roberts Rule of Order to determine the best way to draft minutes. The motion was seconded by Braxton Gillam. The motion carried unanimously.

Braxton Gillam made a motion to table the current minutes to allow the process to include the current minutes. Seconded by Helen Ludwig and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:
Carla provided the Ethics Officer report.

Braxton Gillam, Chair, Legislative Subcommittee reported the subcommittee offers the following recommends and requests to the Charter Revision Commission:

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- 1) That the Ethics Code go back into the Charter, as initially drafted, at the very least to give the EC authority and jurisdiction over the independent authorities.
- 2) Funding source set aside for the EC
- 3) Have a budget to hire sufficient staff to include moving the Ethics Officer position from mayoral and city council president report to a EC employee
- 4) Recommend subpoena power
- 5) Enabled to issue civil fines

Membership (appointment)
Jurisdiction of topics

A consensus was reached to have a combined meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee and the Ethics Commission Monday, August 24 to convene at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion followed the report.

Scott Shine made a motion to establish an annual Ethics Commission award recognizing a member of the community, whose works provide an example of superior ethical practices, who has labored to advance the culture within the City of Jacksonville and provide inspiration to others in the on going journey of ethical practices and to delegated to execution of this award to a committee. The motion was seconded by Helen Ludwig. Discussion followed. Mr. Plumlee offered an amendment to implement guidelines. Mr. Gillam restated the amendment to refer the matter to a subcommittee for recommendation to the commission of a specific award with administration procedures in it. The amendment was accepted. The motion carried. The issue was referred to the Procurement Subcommittee.

The Vice Chair appointed Scott Shine to serve on the Procurement Subcommittee. The committee is comprised of Mary Swart and Scott Shine.

Helen Ludwig made a motion that a letter be issued on behalf of the Chair to commend Lin White for receiving the Robert Johnson Good Government Award. The motion was seconded by Braxton Gillam. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Susan Stewart
Ethics Coordinator

Date of Approval

This is a summary of the meeting and is not a verbatim transcription. A tape recording of these proceedings is available in the Duval Legislative Delegation Office at City Hall.