

**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**

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MARY SWART  
RHONDA PEOPLES-  
WATERS

MINUTES  
May 26, 2009  
6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:41p.m., followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The ethics thought was offered by Carla.

The Chair read a letter and presented it to Mr. Marvin Edwards, who made a few remarks.

Braxton Gillam made a motion to approve the minutes as offered; the motion was seconded and carried.

Carla provided the Ethics Officer report and explained the new notebooks. Jon Phillips provided his report.

Carla reported on the Sunshine Law Compliance training and invited to members to attend. Mary Swart made a motion to add Carla Miller, Ethics Officer to the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved, with Helen Ludwig dissenting. Discussion followed.

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Committee Reports:

Hotline Chair Patrick Plumlee stated they met and have no cases at this time. Also stated it was agreed upon, because of the pending lawsuit that the Ethics Commission stay out of the Trail ridge issue.

Legislative Chair Braxton Gillam, reported the subcommittee met and had discussion relating to Robert Myers' presentation and other commissions. He stated the subcommittee discussed the Charter Revision Commission and stated the subcommittee moved to suggest a letter be written to Council President Fussell indicating the Ethics Commission interest in participating in the process by making a presentation. Braxton made a motion to make a presentation to the CRC, the motion was approved unanimously. Braxton stated the need to have a procedure to receive complaints and a written report of the investigation and should have something available at the next meeting.

Compliance Subcommittee had no report. Rhonda Peoples-Waters was appointed to the subcommittee.

Procurement Subcommittee Chair Mary Swart indicated that it is still a subcommittee of one. She attended the TRUE Commission meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> and she continues to do research on the procurement process. She met with Robert Wicker about procurement questions.

New Business:

Scott Shine thinks it appropriate to recognize someone in ethics each year as an example of good ethical behavior. Carla indicated there is a Bob Johnson Good Government Award and the possibility of participation in that process. He will look into the award and bring his findings to the Ethics Commission.

Public testimony followed.

The date for the next meeting was set for Monday, June 29 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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Susan Stewart  
Ethics Coordinator

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Date of Approval

This is not a verbatim transcript of these proceedings, but a summary. A tape recording of these proceedings is available in the Duval Legislative Delegation Office at City Hall.