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MINUTES
May 7, 2012
Don Davis Room
City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Braxton Gillam, Chair at 5:43 p.m., a quorum was present.

Attendees: Braxton Gillam, Ywana Allen, L.E. Hutton, Cynthia Irvin, Joe Jacquot, Tom Paul, Larry Pritchard, Tatiana Salvador, and James Young

Others in attendance: Carla Miller, Director of the ECO Office; Jason Gabriel, Office of General Counsel; and Susan Stewart, Ethics Coordinator; and Kirby Oberdorfer

Minutes from the April 2, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Chair welcomed the newest member, Larry Pritchard.

Carla provided an update on the appointments and the ECO office, handout provided.

Subcommittee Reports:

James Young, Chair of the Legislative Subcommittee reported that the subcommittee offers a recommendation that the Ethics Commission submit to City Council a resolution regarding 2012-212 that would clarify the financial disclosure reporting requirements for the board members and chief executive officer of the newly proposed Downtown Investment Authority, that they be required to file Form 1, financial disclosure. The recommendation was unanimously approved. The differences between Form 1 and Form 6 were discussed.

The Office of General Counsel was requested to review all newly created entities to see if similar lack of clarity in financial disclosure exists.

Old business:

The Chair stated that the leadership issues had been deferred from previous meetings and that the Nominating Subcommittee made a recommendation. The Chair removed himself from the process and had James Young, chair the next portion of the meeting. The members voted unanimously to accept the Nominating Subcommittee recommendation that Braxton be re-appointed as Chair and Tatiana Salvador appointed as Vice Chair of the Ethics Commission.

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New Business:

The Chair indicated that, in compliance with code, he has approved time records of Ms. Miller. Another item is office supplies and he is requesting that members entrust him to approve cost disbursements. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to provide authority to the Chair to approve cost disbursements.

The Chair made the following Subcommittee appointments: Mr. Pritchard – Legislative Subcommittee and Transparency & Open Government; Joe Jacquot – Legislative Subcommittee. He reiterated his previous announcement that any member is welcome to attend any subcommittee meeting they choose.

Public comments were received from:

Rod Morrill; inquired why campaign laws were removed from Chapter 602 ethics? He thinks they should be back in there. There has been campaign intimidation tactics used; poll watchers want to know where to go to complain about this. How do we report ethics violations at state and local level? Some concern over a JEA board appointment that he just found out about.

Conrad Markle; low trust in government; what is the difference at the end of EC meetings between public comments and filing a complaint? He also commented on the J-Bills and why they did not get to the legislature. He was also concerned about the 2 year statute of limitations on ethics complaints that is in the law now. He also talked about Donny Rees in the building inspection division; there have been problems voiced about him at past EC meetings. Where do citizens go to make complaints and make sure they are followed up on?

The Chair requested Mr. Markel receive a copy of the complaint form and procedures so the Ethics Commission can respond to his concerns. Also, the Chair stated we will make our comment form clearer; just commenting does not mean a complaint has been filed, he requested that the public comment form be changed to add “do you have a complaint that you wish to be addressed” Carla will meet with Mr. Markle and make it clearer on the website.

Introductions were made of Mike Boyle, volunteer and Damien Cook and Wes Hunter, interns from Florida Coastal School of Law and.

The following meetings were scheduled: Hotline Subcommittee 5/29 at 5:30 p.m.; Legislative Subcommittee 5/30 at Noon; Transparency & Open Government 6/4 at 4:30 p.m.; and Ethics Commission

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Susan Stewart, Ethics Coordinator

Date of Approval

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

Public Comment

Name: MARKLE, CONRAD

Date: 7 MAY 2012

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Representing: CTDC

Issue: Where HAS Public Trust Been Improved in 3 yrs - Since JCCI STUDY ^{Public?} _{Trust?}
COMPLAINTS - ARE THESE PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ^{TO BE} SOURCE _{of} complaint

Comments: IF this is not An Open Forum To Venture Possible Ethical
Complaints Does this not constitute a Conundrum As to Source
of information Considered for Complaints?

(2 YEAR)

Statute of Limitations Prevalid in 2011-167, Ord. Ethics CODE 602
Part 9
I voice concern time of Writing Due to such a Short time frame
Time/Calendar year - I have ongoing problems pre dating that were
Email: cmiii43@yahoo.com

- 13 April 2012

By 2 yr - TIME SPAN

* Mike Weinstein Presentation JCCI Re: Jeanne Miller
Construction, Crafting of LANGUAGE J. BILLS -
I reiterated LAMENTATION of OUR EXTENSIVE LOST TIME on this J. Bills

Please provide your telephone in case we need to contact you for additional information. Thank you.
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Common Denominator - General Councils of the
Supposedly Crossing T's and Dotting i's -
All through Shad Comm. High on Ordinance GCO stated Measure
of STATUS - when in fact Dred in the WATER -

Public Comment

Name: ROD MORRILL Date: 5/7/2012
Address: 687 OTTERSPOOL LN Phone: 576 6610

Representing: SELF

Issue: ETHICS RULES ON ELECTIONS

Comments: 1. STANDARD FORM AND GUIDE FOR CITIZENS
2. CONSIDER AREAS IN ELECTIONS, CAMPAIGN ETHICS
3. STATE STATUTE COMPLIANCE IN LEGISLATION

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