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MINUTES

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Don Davis Room

City Hall

The meeting was called to order by James Young, Chair at 4:19 p.m., a quorum was present. Attendees: Braxton Gillam, L. E. Hutton, Tom Paul and Ywana Allen

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

The Subcommittee discussed legislation, specifically 2012-212, regarding the Downtown Investment Authority for review and to potentially make recommendations regarding the legislation. Carla stated she and Jason have been meeting on the subject, as it establishes a different structure from the JEDC.

Jason provided a brief overview of the ordinance. It accomplishes three main objectives; 1) repeals the current JEDC 2) creates the Office of Economic Development, and a Downtown Investment Authority, and 3) creates trust funds and miscellaneous clarifications in the code. He explained that the structure of the DIA will be similar to a community redevelopment agency and that in 163.367, (Part 3), Florida Statutes, it provides that officers, commissioners and employees are subject to the provisions and requirements of Chapter 112, the state ethics code. A Commission on Ethics Opinion (91-35), states that members of a CRA are subject to annual financial disclosure. In summary, CRA related members will have to do a financial disclosure.

The Chair stated there are two main issues: 1) if the bill accurately reflects what is believed to be a requirement, and 2) who will be covered? There is an opportunity and need to recommend some clarifications to the legislation and have the Council include who should specifically be Form 1 filers.

The Chair provided an explanation of what Form 1 consists of and Carla explained the difference between Form 1 and Form 6.

The current status of the bill was discussed.

Mr. Paul offered a motion that the subcommittee propose to the full Ethics Commission a resolution be sent to the City Council relating to Ordinance 2012-212, suggesting language that in addition to all board members the Executive Director, be Form 1 filers using language consist with the Health Facilities Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Carla introduced the interns from Florida Coastal School of Law; Damien Cook and Wes Hunt, who will be working on legislative projects and research. Any suggestions can be sent to Susan and she will relay requests to the interns. They were thanked for their volunteerism.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Susan Stewart
Ethics Coordinator

Date of Approval

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