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## ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES  
November 5, 2013  
Don Davis Room  
City Hall

The meeting was called to order by James Young, Chair at 5:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

Attendees: James Young, L.E. Hutton, Ywana Allen, Tom Paul, Alan Pickert, Cynthia Irvin, Larry Pritchard, and Joe Jacquot. Absent: George Candler.

Others in attendance: Carla Miller, Director of the ECO Office; Cherry Shaw, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Susan Stewart, Ethics Coordinator; Allan Childers, Potential Ethics Coordinator.

Mr. Pritchard offered a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2013, meeting. Cherry Shaw offered correction of language that "newly-hired employees" be changed to "appointees." Motion to approve minutes with the change was seconded by Ms. Irvin. Minutes were unanimously approved.

### Reports:

ECO Office. Ms. Miller provided an ethics thought and introduced Allan Childers as the candidate for the Ethics Coordinator position. Mr. Childers thanked the commission for their consideration and explained why he wanted the opportunity.

Connie Benham offered public comment in support of the nomination based upon meeting him prior to the meeting. Mr. Paul offered a motion to hire Mr. Childers; seconded by Mr. Pritchard. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Miller highlighted that three new interns would arrive in January 2014 to support the ECO office. Ms. Miller then described her work with the Harvard fellowship during the previous week and her travel/testimony at the Florida State Commission on November 4.

Nominating Chair, Ms Irvin, noted the Commission needs to develop a process for renominating current Commission members. Ms. Miller described the existing informal process and will develop a more formal process for the future. Mr. Hutton expressed interest in chairing the Commission next term; Mr. Jacquot noted his interest in the Vice Chair position. Members agreed that appointment preferences should be determined before the December meeting so the

Chair can appoint subcommittee chairs at that time. Ms. Miller and Ms. Stewart will transmit notices.

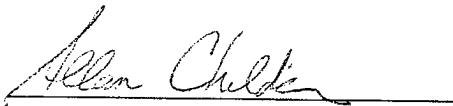
Rules and Planning Subcommittee Chair Mr. Paul noted the Subcommittee will provide an agenda and criteria to evaluate commission performance in preparation for the January 2014 planning meeting.

Ms. Miller described Dr. Candler's report on measuring trust in local government (attached). She will ask Dr. Candler to offer further report at next meeting.

Public comments were received by Connie Benham; her form is attached.

The next meeting of the Ethics Commission was scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

  
Allan Childers, Ethics Coordinator

12/03/2013  
Date of Approval

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## Public Comment

Please note that your comments will not be considered a formal complaint unless you complete and submit an official complaint form. These complaint forms are available on-line and at meetings.

Name: Connie Benham Date: Nov. 5, 2013

Address: on file Phone: 260-4415

Representing: Public At Large

Issue: The Public's Right to speak during committee meetings

Comments: Disagree with OGC's opinion

Opinion actually restricts the Public's Right to speak at committee meetings/work shops

Public Comment should be allowed during every committee meeting during the process since every committee makes a decision on legislation

*yes*  
and Counties should allow public comment during committee meetings /work shops just like State Legislature allows public comment at their meetings

Request Ethics Commission to offer their own opinion and if need be request Attorney General to make opinion on the Public's Right to speak during ANY public called meetings outside of obvious exclusions in legislation.

Email: on file

Please provide your telephone in case we need to contact you for additional information. Thank you.