

City of Reading Charter Board

January 7, 2014 – 7:00 pm

Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, Jerry Richter, Elizabeth Stanley, James Fegley

Board Solicitor: Eric Smith, Esq

Members of the Public: Don Spatz, Reading Eagle

I. Administration

- The Chair announced an Executive Session was held via conference call January 6, 2014 from 11:20 am to 12:30 pm to confer with counsel regarding the proposed Stipulated Administrative Settlement of Investigation #39.
- The Chair additionally announced that an Executive Session was held January 7, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 6:10 pm (immediately prior to a scheduled Evidentiary Hearing) to confer with counsel regarding the Stipulated Administrative Settlement of Investigation #39.
- The Chair finally announced an Executive Session was held January 7, 2014 from 6:25 pm to 7:00 pm to confer with counsel regarding pending litigation including the appeal of the Final Opinion and Order of Investigation #32, the Declaratory Judgment Action and Appeal of the Final Opinion and Order of Investigation #34 (Docket #1320083), Advisory Opinion #35, and procedural matters regarding Investigations #39, #40, and #41.
- The Board's next meeting will be January 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm.
- The Chair received a new Right to Know request dated January 7, 2014 from Mr. Don Spatz.
- The 2013 Charter Board budget and November invoices were reviewed. Year to date total spent is \$224,387.26. All invoices will be forwarded for review when received.

II. Education

- The Board has been invited by the League of Women voters to present an annual update to the public via live broadcast on BCTV. The program will air Tuesday, January 21, 2014 from 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

III. Advisory

- On November 21, 2013 a request for Advisory Opinion was received from the City Clerk concerning Charter Sections 304 and 305. The request concerns filling a vacancy in the offices of the Mayor and City Auditor as it relates to timing of the filling of the vacancy, the necessary vote, and qualifications of the appointed person. The Opinion was labeled as Advisory Opinion #35 is due by extension on or before January 22, 2014.

IV. Enforcement

- An invitation for public comment was extended, no comment was offered.

V. Closing

- Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gibson, Chair

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