



ETHICS BOARD

June 18, 2014

Present: Melissa Eggert, Jeff Darlington – 2

Also Present: Ed Stock, Solicitor
Shelly Katzenmoyer, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Mr. Darlington.

A quorum is not present. Mr. Stock stated that no official business can occur at this meeting. He noted the need for a meeting to occur very soon to take care of several items of business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

OLD BUSINESS

- Complaint 12-0703

Mr. Stock stated that the Board will be briefed on this complaint at its next meeting.

Ms. Eggert expressed the belief that a settlement was possible.

Mr. Stock stated that this is executive session material and that it would be discussed when a quorum is present.

NEW BUSINESS

- Campaign Forms and Advertising Requirements

Mr. Stock stated that the new Code section 12 regarding campaign contributions and reporting requirements states that an ad must be placed in the newspaper two times per year. He stated that he has worked with Ms. Katzenmoyer in designing the ad and getting cost estimates. He recommended running the ad in July and January in conjunction with the election cycle.

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that the information will also be posted on the City's website and she will inquire about posting it to the County Elections Office webpage.

Mr. Stock expressed the belief that the advertisement and the forms must be approved by the Board at a public meeting.

Ms. Katzenmoyer was asked to coordinate a meeting on July 2 or July 9 so that official business can be conducted.

Ms. Eggert suggested that if someone cannot attend the meeting in person, they be present via speaker phone.

- Advisory Opinion

Mr. Stock stated that the Board has received a request for an advisory opinion. He stated that he has prepared the draft opinion for the Board's review. He explained advisory opinions to Ms. Eggert.

Mr. Stock stated that he will email the draft opinion to the Board members for their review and comment so that it can be officially acted upon at the next meeting.

- 2015 Budget

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that there can be no increases in line items for 2015. She stated that the budget for 2015 will remain at \$20,000.

- Membership

Mr. Stock questioned if there were any current candidates for the vacant position. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that there none. She suggested that members recruit to fill this position.

- Confidentiality of Board Information

Reading Eagle reporter Don Spatz questioned this Board's position on keeping information confidential in relation to the Sunshine Act. He stated that City Council has amended the Charter Board legislation to address this issue but that it remains in the Code of Ethics. Mr. Stock stated that he has been thinking about this conflict.

Mr. Spatz requested that Mr. Stock consider addressing this issue.

The next meeting will be scheduled for July 2 or July 9.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Katzenmoyer
Deputy City Clerk