



# *ETHICS BOARD*

April 9, 2015

Present: Jeff Darlington, Melissa Eggert, Joseph Amprey, Jonathan DeCollo – 4.

Also Present: Ed Stock, Solicitor  
Shelly Katzenmoyer, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm by Mr. Darlington.

A quorum is present.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion was made by Ms. Eggert, seconded by Mr. DeCollo, to approve the January 7, 2015 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Complaint 12-0703

Mr. Stock stated that the Board would be entering into executive session to discuss this complaint as per Sunshine Act Section 708 (a) 4 regarding litigation.

The Board entered executive session at 5:14 pm and exited at 5:18 pm.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Campaign Finance

Mr. Stock reminded the Board that this provision was added to the Code of Ethics in May 2013. He stated that this is the first election cycle that the regulations are in effect and that there was a great deal of confusion and many questions. He stated that he spoke with Ms. Kelleher and Ms. Katzenmoyer several times and met with them to review the provisions of the Code. He expressed the belief that complaints may be filed. He

suggested that the City Clerk's office accept the reports and file them only, but that they not be responsible for reviewing them or reporting any possible violations. The Board agreed with this position.

Mr. Stock stated that he was contacted by Duane Morris for an opinion about the City's Integrity in Government regulations from 2008, which was part of its purchasing policies. He explained that these regulations prohibit anyone doing business with the City to make political contributions. He stated that in 2014 the City amended its purchasing policies removing this provision.

Mr. Stock stated that Duane Morris is questioning

1. Were the Integrity in Government provisions repealed by the purchasing policy amendment in 2014 or
2. Were they repealed by the amendment to the Code of Ethics when the campaign finance provisions were added?

Mr. Stock stated that Duane Morris contacted the City Solicitor's office and has not had a response, which is why they contacted his office. He explained that he has reviewed this issue with the City Clerk's office and it is believed that the provisions were repealed when the purchasing policies were amended in 2014.

Mr. Stock stated that he will be responding to Duane Morris with this opinion noting that neither he nor this Board represents the City on this matter. He stated that the response will explain that this is informal guidance and not a binding opinion. He stated that he will state that the City Solicitor must give his opinion as the legal representative of the City.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 5 pm at the offices of Roland Stock.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Shelly Katzenmoyer, CMC*  
Deputy City Clerk