

City of Rockville Ethics Commission

Minutes

Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room Meeting No. 18-04 Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Eugene Thirolf, Kris Dighe (via phone), Jaime Espinosa, Rosanne

Hurwitz, Kevin Jenkins

City Staff: Eliot Schaefer

Closed Session Held During Meeting 18-03.

- a. Motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) for the purpose of consulting with counsel to obtain legal advice on a request for an advisory opinion was made by Commissioner Hurwitz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins and passed 3-1, with Chair Thirolf and Commissioners Hurwitz and Jenkins voting in favor of the motion, and Commissioner Espinosa opposing the motion.
- b. The Commission met in closed session on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:04pm, in the Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room.
- c. Present at the closed session were: Eugene Thirolf, Jaime Espinosa, Rosanne Hurwitz, Kevin Jenkins, and Eliot Schaefer.
- d. The topic of discussion was legal advice related to the request for an advisory opinion.
- e. No actions were taken by the Ethics Commission during the closed session.
- f. Motion to adjourn the closed session was made by Commissioner Hurwitz, seconded by Commissioner Espinosa, and passed unanimously (4-0).
- g. The closed session concluded at 7:25pm.

Open Session Minutes for Meeting No. 18-04

I. Convene

Meeting convened.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Hurwitz moved that the agenda be approved, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Espinosa and passed unanimously (5-0).

III. Approval of Minutes

<u>April 18, 2018 – Open Session & Closed Session Minutes</u> – Motion to approve the open and closed session minutes, as amended, was made by Commissioner Jenkins, seconded by Commissioner Hurwitz, and passed unanimously (5-0).

IV. Update on Financial Disclosure Forms

Staff provided an update on the status of the financial disclosure statement filings. All statements have been filed and no further action by the Commission is required.

V. Discussion on Mayor & Council Worksession Re: Ethics Ordinance

Staff informed the Commission that the Commission is tentatively scheduled to participate in the Mayor and Council's work session scheduled for July 16, 2018 to discuss recommended amendments to the Ethics Ordinance. The Commission discussed what content should be included in the staff report to the Mayor and Council.

VI. Old/New Business

- The Commission's next meetings are scheduled for: June 20, 2018 at 6:30pm and July 16, 2018 at 6:00pm.
- After the July 16, 2018 regular meeting is held, the Commission will participate in a work session with Mayor and Council to discuss recommended amendments to the Ethics Ordinance.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Espinosa, seconded by Commissioner Hurwitz, and passed unanimously (5-0).