



City of Rockville Ethics Commission

Minutes

Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room

Meeting No. 19-01

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Eugene Thiorlf, Kris Dighe, Jaime Espinosa, Rosanne Hurwitz, Kevin Jenkins

City Staff : Eliot Schaefer

- I. Convene
Meeting convened.
- II. Approval of Agenda
Chair Thiorlf requested that the Commission first have a global discussion on items related to the Mayor and Council because the discussion of agenda items IV. through VI. will have overlap. The Commission could then have a discussion on any issues related to those agenda items that were not discussed in the global discussion. The Commission agreed.
- III. Approval of Minutes
Minutes from November 27, 2018 - Commissioner Dighe moved that the minutes from November 27, 2018 be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Espinosa and passed unanimously (5-0).
- IV. Global Discussion on Mayor and Council Items
The Commission discussed the timing of when the financial disclosure forms and reminder notices should be sent. The Commission discussed the reminder notices and requested staff to make changes to the notices. The Commission discussed potential changes to the Financial Disclosure Statements, but no substantive changes were made. Commissioner Dighe requested that a grammatical error be corrected on the elected officials form. (Commissioner Espinosa left the meeting at 7:26pm.)

Commissioner Dighe moved that the cover letters be approved, as amended, which was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins and passed unanimously (4-0). The Commission directed staff to send the reminder notices on February 15, 2019.

The Commission discussed the revised draft of the proposed amendments to the Ethics Ordinance. The Commission discussed the October 29, 2018 worksession

and the comments provided by the Mayor and Council during that worksession to ensure the revisions adequately covered the comments. Commissioner Dighe suggested a few additional clarification amendments, to which the Commission agreed. Commissioner Hurwitz moved that the draft amendments to the Ethics Ordinance be approved as the Commission's draft. Commissioner Dighe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

Staff and Commission determined that the discussion adequately covered the agenda items.

V. Old/New Business

- The Commission had a discussion on ethics training. Staff provided an update on the possibility of electronic training.
- The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for: March 20, 2019.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Hurwitz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dighe and passed unanimously (4-0).