



City of Rockville Ethics Commission

Minutes

Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room

Meeting No. 19-03

Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Eugene Thirolf, Jaime Espinosa, Rosanne Hurwitz, Kevin Jenkins

City Staff : Eliot Schaefer

- I. Convene
Meeting convened.
- II. Approval of Agenda
Commissioner Espinosa moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins and passed unanimously (3-0).

Commissioner Hurwitz arrived at 6:37.
- III. Approval of Minutes
Minutes from March 20, 2019 - Commissioner Espinosa requested that revisions be made to the minutes. Commissioner Jenkins moved that the minutes from March 20, 2019 be approved as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Espinosa and passed 3-0-1, with Commissioner Hurwitz abstaining.
- IV. Update on Financial Disclosure Statements
Staff provided the Commission with an update on the status of the financial disclosure statement filings.
- V. Update on Proposed Revisions to Public Ethics Ordinance
Staff provided the Commission an update on the status of the proposed amendments to the Ethics Ordinance. Staff informed the Commission that on March 25, 2019, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the proposed change in the financial disclosure statement deadline to April 30. Staff also informed the Commission that the ordinance had been sent to the State Ethics Commission for review and approval in accordance with State law.

Staff informed the Commission of the Mayor and Council's discussion from the April 8, 2019 meeting where the comprehensive set of amendments were presented and discussed. Staff reviewed the various comments and questions provided by the Mayor and Council. Staff informed the Commission that staff

was researching the outstanding items and would be back before the Mayor and Council within a few months. The Commission discussed the proposed amendments to the Public Ethics Ordinance and the information presented by staff.

VI. Update on Training

Staff informed the Commission that the City now has access to Neogov's online training system and the City can create and manage customized training. Staff informed the Commission that as part of the online training access, Neogov has pre-loaded training modules – including one on ethics training. The Commission requested to review the ethics training module at the next meeting. The Commission asked staff to provide the two training presentations that the Commission approved to discuss at the next meeting.

VII. Old/New Business

- Eliot Schaefer provided the Commission a briefing of his meeting with two members of the Board and Commission Task Force.
- The Commission's next meetings are scheduled for: May 23, 2019 and June 20, 2019.

VIII. Adjournment

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