



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, August 14, 2014**

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Chair O'Neill called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair John O'Neill, Commission Vice-Chair Clyde Fuller, Commissioners Deborah Cochran, Alex Kreit, Andrew Poat, and Greg Zinser

(Commissioner Cochran left at 5:20 p.m.)

Excused – Commissioner Faye Detsky-Weil

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, and Administrative Aide Jennifer Duarte

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes

Approval of Ethics Commission Minutes of July 10, 2014

Motion:	Approve
Moved/Seconded:	Zinser/Kreit
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Excused:	Detsky-Weil

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioners Kreit and Zinser informed the Commission that they will not be attending the September meeting.

Commission Chair O'Neill reported that he was recently approached by a lobbyist who informed him that the lobbying community does not have a clear understanding of the rules applicable to expenditure lobbyists. He therefore suggested that the staff emphasize this issue during the course of its educational efforts. Ms. Fulhorst responded that she recently scheduled three lobbyist refresher training sessions and that issues associated with expenditure lobbying will be addressed during these sessions.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst informed the Commission that the proposed amendments to the City's campaign laws are tentatively scheduled to be considered by a Council Committee on September 22, 2014. She added that Paul Ryan with the Campaign Legal Center will be preparing a memo in support of the proposed amendments that will be submitted with the package of materials for Council Committee consideration.

Ms. Fulhorst also reported that the City Clerk's Office will be implementing significant improvements to the lobbyist electronic filing system during the current fiscal year. Currently, the public must review each lobbyist filing individually in order to obtain information about lobbying activities. The improvements will include search capabilities that will enable the public to search for specific data contained in all lobbyist filings.

Finally, Ms. Fulhorst reported that the staff has updated the Commission's website to include a brief description of the nature of the violation for each stipulation.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Fletcher for Mayor 2012 Committee.

Motion: Accept Final Audit Report
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/Cochran
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Excused: Detsky-Weil

Item 9: Adoption of Commission Calendar for Calendar Year 2015

Motion: Approve
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/O'Neill
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Excused: Detsky-Weil

Item 10: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Executive Director Compensation

Motion: Approve 5.4% Salary Increase for Executive Director
Moved/Seconded: Zinser/Cochran
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Excused: Detsky-Weil

Item 11: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair O'Neill adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m. He stated the Commission would reconvene into open session following the conclusion of closed session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Chair O'Neill called the meeting back into open session at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of August 14, 2014:

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of August 14, 2014:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (2 potential matters)

Case No. 2014-33 - In Re: Alleged Failure to Timely/Properly File Campaign Statements

Motion: Initiate Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/Zinser
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Excused: Cochran, Detsky-Weil

Case No. 2014-34 - In Re: Alleged Failure to Timely/ Properly File Campaign Statements

Motion: Initiate Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/Kreit
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Excused: Cochran, Detsky-Weil

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (6 potential matters)

Case No. 2014-15 - In Re: Alleged Failure to File Expenditure Lobbyist Quarterly Report

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Poat/Fuller
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Excused: Cochran, Detsky-Weil

Case No. 2014-23 - In Re: Alleged Failure to Include Proper Identification Disclosure on Mass Campaign Literature

Motion: Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/O'Neill
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Recused: Poat
Excused: Detsky-Weil

Case No. 2014-25 - In Re: Alleged Making and Acceptance of Unlawful Contribution

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Poat/Fuller
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Recused: Kreit
Excused: Cochran, Detsky-Weil

Case No. 2014-28 - In Re: Alleged Failure to Disclose Campaign Contributions on Lobbyist Quarterly Disclosure Report

Motion: Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded: O'Neill/Fuller
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Excused: Cochran, Detsky-Weil

Case No. 2014-30 - In Re: Alleged Conflict of Interest

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Poat/Zinser
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Excused: Cochran, Detsky-Weil

Case No. 2014-31 - In Re: Alleged Failure to Disclose Campaign Contributions on Lobbyist Quarterly Disclosure Reports

Motion:	Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded:	Poat/O'Neill
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Excused:	Cochran, Detsky-Weil

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Clyde Fuller, Commission Vice-Chair
Ethics Commission

Jennifer Blasier, Administrative Aide
Ethics Commission

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