



CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2017

Commission Members Present: Phillip Kete, Chair
Ingrid Lamb
Michael Linsenbigler

Staff Members Present: Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall at 8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach, MD. Those listed as present participated in all portions of the meeting unless otherwise noted. If other individuals participated in aspects of the meeting, they will be identified in the specific line item where their participation occurred.

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Ethics Commission meeting

Discussion: The draft minutes of the November 30, 2017 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the November 30, 2017 Ethics Commission minutes as presented.

ITEM 2: Public comment on agenda items, including suggestions of additional items for consideration.

Discussion: Commission member Lamb recommended adding to the agenda the selection of a designee for the Open Meetings Act training requirement. Chairman Kete asked Ms. Lamb if she would volunteer for the training.

Decision: Ms. Lamb accepted the position of designee for the Commission under the Open Meetings Act and will complete training.

ITEM 3: Review proposed training of elected officials, staff, and others.

Discussion: Chairman Kete prepared and circulated a draft training schedule for the Commission to review to begin the process of training the elected officials, staff, and others. The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft as presented. The Commission recommended, due to types of provisions for elected officials, staff and others in regards to financial disclosure and conflicts of interest, that Chairman Kete convert the draft schedule into two presentations. One for the elected officials and one for the managers and staff.

Decision: Chairman Kete will draft two training versions, one for the elected officials and one for staff and others. Mr. Kete will consult with the Mayor and Town Administrator on the Commission's conclusion and proceed from there. Mr. Kete will distribute a copy of the training document to the officials for review before scheduling training sessions.

ITEM 4: Begin consideration of proposed amendments to the 2017 ethics ordinance.

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated he had circulated a draft of proposed amendments to the current ethics ordinance for the commission's review. Mr. Kete stated he would like to continue reviewing the proposed amendments if acceptable to the Commission.

Decision: The Commission unanimously agreed to continue reviewing the proposed amendments and discuss at the next appointed time.

ITEM 5: Schedule for further consideration of proposed amendments to the 2017 ethics ordinance, including public hearings and consultation with State Ethics Commission.

Discussion: Chairman Kete suggested the Commission or himself, whichever would be most convenient, meet with the State Ethics Commission first. In meeting with them and discussing possible exemptions or modifications that would be acceptable in regards to the Town's ethics ordinance, the Commission would be better prepared when they address the Council and the concerns they expressed during the consideration of the ordinance.

Decision: Chairman Kete will contact the State Ethics Commission to see their availability to meet and public hearings will be put on hold until after that.

ITEM 6: Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.

The Commission wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Submitted by:



Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk