



CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION May 6, 2019

Commission Members Present: Phillip Kete, Chair
Michael Linsenbigler

Staff Members Present: Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk
Frederick Sussman, Counsel

The meeting convened at 1:00 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. Absent was Commission Member Lamb.

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the April 24, 2019 Ethics Commission meeting.

Discussion: The draft minutes of the April 24, 2019 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the April 24, 2019 minutes.

Item 2: Public comments on agenda items, including suggestions of additional items for consideration. None received.

Item 3: Status of proposed changes to Ethics ordinance.

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated, as reported last meeting, that the State has approved the proposed changes to the ethics ordinance and a letter would be forthcoming to the Mayor. The next step will be to discuss and schedule with the Mayor when to bring before the Council for consideration.

Item 4: Discussion of pending request for an advisory opinion.

Discussion: Chairman Kete reported he received a request for an advisory opinion from a town official in regards to performing a service for the Town. The individual did not appear at the Commission's last meeting (April 24, 2019) and not present at this meeting. Through email correspondence, it appears as if the request of advisory opinion was hypothetical.

Decision: His request is deemed withdrawn.

Item 5: Review financial disclosures, and determine what further actions, if any, need to be taken.

Discussion: Chairman Kete read into the record, in its entirety, Section IV-Review of Financial Disclosure Forms of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. Mr. Kete reported all financial disclosure statements are to be signed by the Commission upon review and approval. Upon reviewing the statements of the elected officials, Mr. Kete found one to be in question.

Decision: It was decided the Commission would schedule its next meeting to ensure a full Commission at which time they will review all financial disclosure statements. Chairman Kete will have Ms. Humm forward, via email, a request to clarify the financial disclosure statement in question, and review at its next meeting also.

Item 6: Comments by Commissioners and members of the public. None received.

Item 7: Scheduling of next meeting. Chairman Kete will circulate several available dates and then schedule the next meeting according to the convenience of the members.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p. m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L. Humm".

Sharon L. Humm,
Town Clerk