



CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2017

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

Staff Members Present: Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk
Karen Ruff, Board Counsel

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 October 18, 2017 Ethics Commission meeting

Discussion: The draft minutes of the October 18, 2017 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the October 18, 2017 Ethics Commission minutes as presented.

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

Discussion: Chairman Kete called for public comment on any agenda item.

Decision: There was no public comment received.

ITEM 3: Training of elected officials, staff, and others.

Discussion: Chairman Kete reported the Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission, Michael Lord, provided training for the commission members on October 18, 2017. Mr. Kete stated he prepared and circulated a draft schedule for review by the members to begin the process of training the elected officials, staff, and others. Commission member Lamb suggested the draft schedule, and how to proceed, be discussed at the next meeting.

Decision: The Commission agreed.

ITEM 4: Receive amendments for amending 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 asked if the members would

review this draft so as to be prepared to comment and/or make recommendations when the commission meets again.

Decision: The Commission will review and be prepared to discuss at the next scheduled meeting.

ITEM 5: **Schedule for considering amending the 2017 ethics ordinance, including public hearings and consultation with State Ethics Commission.**

Discussion: Will discuss under Item 7.

ITEM 6: **Consultation with State's attorney on process when alleged violation of ethics ordinance might also be a criminal offense.**

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated that the State Ethics law requires the State Ethics Commission to consult with prosecutors when information comes to its attention which could be a criminal violation. Mr. Kete is requesting approval from the commission to meet with the county's state attorney to review what the process would be when an alleged violation to the ethics ordinance might also be a criminal offense.

Decision: The Commission approved and Chairman Kete will move forward with meeting the State's attorney.

ITEM 7: **Discussion of a meeting schedule.**

Discussion: The following meeting dates were presented: December 14, 2017, January 25, 2018, February 8th, March 8th and April 12, 2018.

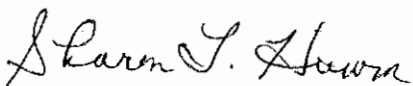
Decision: The Commission confirmed and approved the dates.

ITEM 8: **Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.**

Discussion: None received.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by:



Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk