

**CITY OF SPOKANE - ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 18, 2016
MINUTES**

THIS MEETING WAS AUDIO RECORDED

Present:

Levi Liljenquist, Vice Chair
Taylor Wasson, Member
Dennis Cronin, Member
Alice Buckles, Member
Mike Piccolo, Counsel to Commission
Theresa Sanders

Levi Liljenquist opens the meeting announcing Troy Bruner will be out ill and, so, he will chair the meeting in his absence. Members are introduced.

The first action is to approve the agenda. Dennis so moves. Alice seconds the motion. All approve. Motion passes.

Second action item is to approve the minutes from the March 23 meeting. Levi moves to approve. All second. All agree. Motion approved.

There is a request by Theresa Sanders for review of the contracting with a company where former city attorney employee Erin Jacobson has taken a job. Theresa states Erin has six years of experience and has played a significant role in negotiations. She states she believes the potential for a contract approval would be better with Erin's input and assistance. Cronin asks if Erin would be a principle in the business and Theresa answered that the contract would be with the company, but the work would be performed by Erin. Theresa said if they could not use Erin, they would hire someone similar. The company she is working for provides small legal support services focused in contract law jurisdiction. Alice states she sees no conflict and moves the Commission approve. Dennis states he would like to know what position Erin would hold. Ms. Sanders states that she would stipulate if there were any change in the situation she would bring the issue up again. Levi moves to approve. Tyler seconds the Motion. All approve. Contract with former CA Jacobson company employer approved.

The next item is the complaint against Adam McDaniel by Cannon. All members have read the complaint.

Dennis Cronin asks McDaniel if his business is a sole proprietor, as it appears, and therefore not an entity unto itself, so he wonders how it can be a problem with F and G. Dennis notes there is no definition provided for "benefit" but "personal interest" is defined. Dennis has Adam come forward. Adam states he is a sole proprietor- a consultant, as opposed to a lobbyist. He would like this matter dismissed. He works on targeting voters. They are not the same

Dennis states there are no facts supporting how McDaniel would be benefitting by his role at the city with his business. Alice agrees. She sees no benefit. Tyler states he agrees. He sees no meat to item "F" and so, believes it would all have to hinge on "G" - but which is also nothing.

Dennis moves to dismiss based on the fact the criteria has not been met. Tyler seconds the motion. All approve. Complaint against Adam McDaniel is dismissed and the Findings will be entered at the next meeting.

The next meeting regarding the NOW complaint against Mayor Condon will be held June 29th in the City Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and Approved:



City of Spokane Ethics Commission