

City of Spokane  
Ethics Commission Meeting  
June 29, 2016

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Present:

Troy Bruner, Chair  
Levi Liljenquist, Member  
Dennis Cronin, Member  
Milt Rowland, Outside Counsel  
Mike Piccolo, Commission Counsel

Introduction of members. Rick Eichstaedt and James King are present as counsel regarding today's agenda. There are absent members today, but there is a quorum.

Troy moves the Commission approve the agenda for the meeting and Levi seconds that motion. All approve the agenda for the meeting.

The Commission reviewed and approved the meeting Minutes from 5/18/2016.

The Findings from the prior meeting's complaint regarding Adam McDaniel by Michael Cannon are approved and will be entered.

The next matter is Theresa Sanders' request for approval of a contract. Levi moves to approve the contract. Tyler seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Regarding the upcoming Condon matter, Milt outlines the process of how to approach the issues. Dennis questions if they have to reach a decision tonight or is there a way to carry over the matter.

Rick Eichstaedt, attorney for NOW is called forward. To clarify, the purpose of this hearing was to focus on the motions. He disagrees with Milt's characterization of the point of today's meeting. Rick adds that he would think we need to see the report that was done by the Seabold Group that is to be completed by 7/15.

Mr. King states that the Mayor does not object to the Motion.

Levi moves to grant the motion to clarify because it is agreed, and easier just to approve, but all motions would not be handled this way. Dennis seconds the motion.

All motions to amend or clarify is approved and entered. Regarding the second issue, Milt Rowland states there could be a finding without more evidence.

Mr. King states that is not true. The Mayor would be denied the opportunity to defend himself. As such, the EC can grant either motion or deny the motion due to factual issues.

They could not find Condon committed a violation without going through a hearing. So, King states he would like to argue his two motions.

Troy states, that to clarify, there can be no finding today because today would be for the review. They cannot determine if the Mayor committed a violation without testimony and Milt agreed.

Troy asked Mr. King to discuss his motion. Mr. King's states his second motion is easier and he would like to review it first.

Mr. King states that NOW wants to expand on its complaint.

Rich Eichstaedt states this is a three step process:

- 1) Whether we allege specific facts
- 2) If so, so stipulate or,
- 3) Have a hearing

Regarding the Second Motion to Dismiss a reporter asked if there were sexual harassments claims against Straub and the Mayor said, "no".

Troy states they are the point to decide what direction the Commission should take.

Dennis states he feels a need for additional information for some context.

Levi states he was looking at the two statements made by the Mayor to the press and, looking at the second statement, agrees it would be good to hear directly from the mayor and ask him directly which question he was intending to answer during the reporter's questioning, wondering if it is a continuation of the questioning.

Tyler Wasson agrees. He also feels that they should review the Seabold report as it should cover a lot of information. He agrees more information would be helpful.

Ms. Cotton, Mr. Eadie and the Mayor have not filed an ethics complaints.

Milt reminds the members they may meet in executive session if need be.

Dennis moves to adjourn to Executive Session. Commission returns and states the next meeting will be scheduled and noted. Meeting Adjourned.

Reviewed and approved this 13 day of July, 2016.

  
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