

City of Spokane
Ethics Commission Meeting
August 10, 2016

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Present:

Members:

Troy Bruner, Chair
Levi Liljenquist, Member
Brian Steverson, Member
Dennis Cronin, Member

Absent: Alice Buckles, Member
Amenia Fields, Member

Milt Rowland, Outside Counsel
Mike Piccolo, Commission Counsel

Troy notes that Taylor Wasson is gone now, and, so, we need to repost an opening in the Commission for another member.

Action Items:

Approval of Agenda for this meeting: Levi moves to approve the Agenda. Brian Seconds, all approve. Agenda approved.

Changes to the Minutes from July 21, 2016 meeting must be made regarding the Complaint regarding Mayor Condon. Milt notes the Order began with a three way call and Levi made the motion to dismiss which carried. They will be corrected and resubmitted for approval.

Milt states that they should discuss scheduling issues in order to prepare the Order, noting all counsel/parties have been provided a copy of this draft.

Milt presents the pre hearing order and requests the members consider approving it. However, modifications must be made: We need to add a week to Item II and provide additional time for service. September 14th is a good possible date for the next meeting.

Dennis Cronin asks, regarding item No. 3, if we could tighten up the motion. Milt states the Motions could be set for the same time. Dennis states his last thought is regarding Page 4, changing one week to two weeks to allow enough time.

The time of the next hearing will be held earlier at 1:00 p.m. to accommodate the expected length of the meeting.

Levi moves we approve the Prehearing Final Order with the amendments. The hearing will be on September 28th @ 1:00 p.m. Dennis seconds the motion and it carries unanimously.

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Mike Piccolo comes back in to the meeting to handle the rest of the hearing for matters unrelated to Condon/NOW complaint.

Troy notes there are two agenda items left off and asks if Mike could explain. Mike tells the commission that the employees represented by their unions must be dismissed from the Ethics Commission's review because these particular employees are union represented and have their own ethics oversight.

Brian notes that Lisa Jones is not included and so these complaints are not to be reviewed? Mike informs that these complaints, such as Lisa's matter, should be dismissed as she retired over a year ago and is no longer a city employee.

Brian moves to dismiss the Jones complaint, Levi seconds. Motion unanimously carries.

In the Katie Schaffer matter, Levi moves to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction and Brian seconds that motion. All approve. Complaint against Katie Shaffer is dismissed.

Item 3- The complaint against the three city police officers is also not properly before this Commission as police officers have their own Ethics Code/union. Levi moves to dismiss the complaints against the three officers. Brian seconds the motion. All approve. Motion to dismiss carries, the complaints are dismissed.

The next meeting will be scheduled and noted.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Reviewed and Approved:

Dated this 14 day of September, 2016.



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