

CITY OF SPOKANE ETHICS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2017@ 4:00 P.M.

Dennis Cronin, Chair, commences the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Also, present are Brian Steverson, and Sarah O'Hare. Amina Fields is not present.

Dennis asks legal counsel to the Commission, Michael Piccolo, if they do not have a quorum on this day. Piccolo states that they do not have a quorum, given Mr. Cronin's own recusal of himself from hearing Mr. Shogan's complaint.

Dennis states that given that circumstance, he would follow Roberts Rules of Order and there would remain only three small matters that they could address today and then continue the hearing matter to another date when the Commission would have a quorum.

The first matter would be the review and approval of the prior Minutes from the meeting of May 3, 2017. Dennis asks if members have had a chance to review them. Everyone states that they have and without a motion, under unanimous consent, all indicate their approval and the minutes are approved.

Dennis states again that regarding Agenda Items C and D, he has recused himself from that matter and Mr. Piccolo has informed them they do not have a quorum to hear this matter today. So, they will skip those items.

Matters E and F is a review for approval of the changes to the code, which have been circulated among the members, and Dennis proposes, without the quorum, they would take this additional time to review the code and changes and they will revisit this item when there is a quorum. Mikes states too that they were not really meant to be approved, but that they were offered for review only today. There will be a process prior to being approved.

Joe Shogan from the audience, states that he has some suggestions for changes to the code and Mr. Cronin asks him to submit those in writing. Mr. Cronin states they will visit this again at the next meeting.

That would conclude the business for the day. The next meeting will be scheduled. Mr. Piccolo advises that the Mayor has been advised they are low in members and there will be an effort to ensure the Commission has a quorum going forward.

Joe Shogan expresses concern about there not being enough members to review his complaint and states that he thinks "that it's just great that the mayor is in control and gets to decide whether he gets to have a hearing or not" and then leaves.

Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed and approved this 14th day of June, 2017.

Approved:

Dennis Cronin
Ethics Commission, Chair