

Minutes for Meeting of Thursday, January 9, 2014

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Vice-Chair O'Neill called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

<u>Present</u> – Commission Vice-Chair John O'Neill, Commissioners Deborah Cochran, Faye Detsky-Weil, Clyde Fuller, Alex Kreit, Andrew Poat, and Greg Zinser

<u>Staff</u> – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Investigator Lauri Davis, and Administrative Aide Jennifer Duarte

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes

Approval of Ethics Commission Minutes of December 12, 2013

Motion: Approve

Moved/Seconded: Fuller/Cochran

Vote: Carried Unanimously Abstained: Kreit, Poat, Zinser

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Vice Chair O'Neill welcomed new Commissioners Kreit, Poat, and Zinser.

Commissioner Poat thanked the City Council for the opportunity to serve on the Ethics Commission. He also noted that the Ethics Commission has a reputation for fairness and he is looking forward to continuing that reputation.

Commissioner Kreit commented that he is looking forward to working with the Commissioners and staff.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Director Fulhorst provided a report concerning planned upgrades to the City Clerk's electronic filing systems for campaign and lobbying disclosures, as well as Statements of Economic Interests. She noted that the campaign filing system already includes parsed data and a search component that enables users to gather information from all electronic filings. For example, users can search for contributions made by a specific individual to all candidates and committees over numerous election cycles. During 2014, however, the Clerk's software vendor plans to upgrade this system to increase speed and add search tools. With respect to lobbying, the Clerk's vendor plans to add data parsing and search capabilities before the end of the year. With respect to Statements of Economic Interests, the vendor is working to identify elements of the disclosure that can be parsed and hopes to deploy search functions before the end of the year.

Ms. Fulhorst noted that these disclosures are the foundation of the City's laws, and that it is therefore essential that the information contained in the disclosures be readily accessible to the public. She also pointed out that paper filings are no longer required for those who file their disclosures electronically.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Vice-Chair O'Neill adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m. He stated the Commission would reconvene into open session following the conclusion of closed session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Vice-Chair O'Neill called the meeting back into open session at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of January 9, 2014:

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of January 9, 2014:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2014-01 - In Re: Alleged Making of Contribution in the Name of Another Person

Motion: Initiate Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/Detsky-Weil
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2013-39 — In Re: Alleged Failure to Include Proper Identification Disclosure on Mass Campaign Literature

No Reportable Action

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.	
John C. O'Neill, Commission Vice-Chair	Jennifer Duarte, Administrative Aide
Ethics Commission	Ethics Commission

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