



ETHICS BOARD

April 8, 2010

Present: Joseph Amprey, Robert Swope, Jeff Darlington, Chair – 3.

Absent: Jonathan Del Collo – 1.

Also Present: Ed Stock, Solicitor
Shelly Katzenmoyer, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm by Jeff Darlington, Chair.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Robert Swope, seconded by Joe Amprey, to approve the March 25, 2010 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Integrity in Government addition to Code of Ethics

Mr. Darlington stated that the Board would be discussing this amendment to the Code. He questioned the steps the amendment would take once it was handed over to Council. Mr. Stock stated that the Board should make a motion recommending the amendment. Once it's turned over to Council it would follow their process.

Mr. Darlington questioned if this amendment would cause any legal challenge for the City in the future. Mr. Stock stated that it may possibly cause legal challenges. He stated that there is currently a State Elections Code and this would need to avoid conflict with State law. He noted that he cannot predict a challenge.

Mr. Darlington questioned if there are similar ordinances in other municipalities. Mr. Stock stated that he had not researched this aspect but that he believes that Philadelphia has a similar process.

Mr. Darlington noted his support of this amendment without reservations.

Mr. Stock explained that Ms. Katzenmoyer and Ms. Butler extracted this language from the current City ordinance. He stated that it's being added to the Code for enforcement power.

Mr. Swope noted that several items are duplicated through the Code. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained the way that it was placed into the Code felt disjointed and this was her way of tying the penalty to the prohibited behavior. Mr. Stock noted his belief that this was a good first draft and he will edit the language to remove the redundancy.

Dr. Amprey questioned the Council procedure to move this amendment forward. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that she will be placing this amendment on the Administrative Oversight Committee agenda for their review before introducing it to the full body of Council.

Mr. Swope requested that the Board be kept informed of Council's proceedings. Ms. Katzenmoyer noted her willingness to keep the Board informed.

Mr. Stock stated that the amendment would give this Board jurisdiction over this issue. He stated that this would expand the Board 's authority.

Dr. Amprey noted his support of the amendment and stated that it is important to bring this forward.

Mr. Swope stated that his questions were answered and he is in support of the amendment.

Dr. Amprey moved, seconded by Mr. Swope, to recommend this amendment to Council for enactment. Motion carried.

Mr. Stock noted that he will edit the language and distribute the update via email.

Mr. Darlington again noted the Board's wish to remain informed as this amendment moves through Council procedure. Ms. Katzenmoyer noted her willingness to keep the Board informed and stated that she will invite them to attend the Administrative Oversight Committee meeting when this is to be discussed which will allow the Board to have direct communication with Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

The next meeting of the Board of Ethics will be held as necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Katzenmoyer
Deputy City Clerk