



Board of Ethics Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

October 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Board Members Present: 4 – Stan Betts, Julie Myers, Alternate Joseph Keller, and Chair Hymans

Board Members Absent: 2 – Andrew Austin and Susan Jensen (arrived at 6:38 p.m.)

Mr. Betts moved to excuse Mr. Austin from tonight's meeting. Seconded by Ms. Myers. Voice vote was taken and carried; the motion passed.

Chair Hymans inquired of staff as to the status of the Administrative Procedures (by-laws). Staff liaison Yvonne Yaskus reported that the status has not changed since March 2008. The by-laws need to be re-submitted to the Government Performance and Finance Committee. Ms. Yaskus stated that the Tacoma Municipal Code, Code of Ethics, must be changed to reflect proposed changes regarding "confidential opinions" as proposed in the Administrative Procedures.

Chair Hymans moved to direct staff to prepare the Administrative Procedures, removing "confidential opinions", and to delegate authority to a Board member to follow up with staff to take action to contact the Government Performance and Finance Committee, if necessary, to shepherd the by-laws through the committee before the next regular committee meeting.

Chair Hymans moved to amend his motion by appointing two individuals, Ms. Jensen and himself, to follow through with the approval of the by-laws. Voice vote was taken and carried; the motion passed.

Campaign Disclosure Issues

Mr. Betts reviewed that he was looking into campaign disclosure issues, and provided the history of his experience in this process. Much discussion ensued regarding the scope of the Board's authority, the City Council's intent of the Board, and other matters regarding the jurisdiction of the Board.

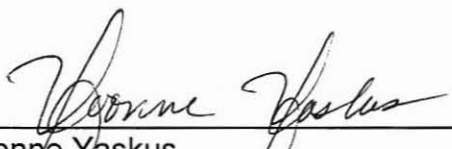
Mr. Betts moved that the Board draft a recommendation or request to the Council that they consider appropriate amendments and changes to the code that would allow the Board to pursue issue research and policy recommendations in line with the objectives and purposes of the Board's duties as stated in the code. Seconded by Ms. Myers. Further discussion ensued. Roll call vote was taken, with the motion failing by a vote of 2-2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Julie Myers, Vice-Chair



Yvonne Yaskus
Records Management Supervisor/Public Records Officer
City Clerk's Office