

MEETING MINUTES

ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: 01-11-2024

Time: 7:30pm

Meeting called to order by: Chip Taylor

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Tina Black, Dave Shipman (excused prior)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved from the December 14, 2023 meeting.

TOPICS

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Discussion of ethics code standards
 - Appointee Attendance requirements
 - Should attend minimum of one-third of the meetings within the appointment period.
 - Exception might be merit commissions etc...Chip will Research this.
 - Conflicts of interest
 - Decisions and Voting
 - standard for business relationships
 - Promotions
 - Contracts
 - Financial, reclude self or take an advisory opinion
 - Job assignments
 - Business conflicts
 - Additional or excess compensation

- Chip: needs definition to close loopholes
- The monies earned are what anyone else would receive

- Ghost Employment
 - Indiana has a strict ghost employment code
 - Defining duties
 - Dan: Look for state law on non-compliance conflict of interest in contracting
 - monetary amount of the contract
 - Disclosure Requirements
 - Publication of Contracts and services of all entities that do business with the city

PROCESS

- ❖ Drafting Reorganization Plan
 - Draft almost complete after March Meeting, will seek wider input from public
 - Public engagement
 - Our FB Page, advertising and marketing it.
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- ❖ City Council Meetings
 - Dan Gibson will go to next city council meeting to update the city council
- ❖ Public Audience Participation:
 - Stephen Brand: Sanitary Board President

*Discussion on Dan Gibson being appointed to City Council Attorney at the last city council meeting. Does not meet standards for him to resign as there is no conflict of interest

NEXT MEETING

- ❖ Next Meeting: February 8, 2024
- ❖ Where:
 - Maring-Hunt Library
 - 2005 S. High Street
 - Muncie, IN
- ❖ Motion to adjourn made at 7.48: Chip Taylor
- ❖ Seconded: Dan Gibson
- ❖ Adjourned by unanimous vote