CITY OF NORWALK
ETHICS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Michael Church, Chair; Haroldo Williams, Kara Murphy, Susan Remson, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner (7:10 p.m.)

STAFF: Atty. Brian Candela, Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Michael Harding, Michael Solutions, LLC; Steve Bayliss, Lobster Craft COO; Atty. Stan Lesser

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Church called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Church called the Roll. A quorum was present.

NEW INTRODUCTION

Mr. Church introduced and welcomed the new member, Ms. Sue Remson, to the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There was no one present from the public that wished to comment at this time.

OLD BUSINESS.

Status of the Updated Codes.

Atty. Candela said that the Ordinance Committee had been working on a fracking legislation and there was also work going on in reference to Administrative Reorganization. He said that he was hopeful that the Ordinance Committee would have the updated Code of Ethics on their November or December agenda. Ms. Murphy asked if the Board Members would be notified when the item is placed on the agenda. Atty. Candela said that he would do so and encouraged every Board member that could come to the meeting to be present as a show of support and to answer questions.

NEW BUSINESS.

Discussion of the proposed lease of 24C Monroe Street at the South Norwalk

Railroad Station to Michael Solutions, LLC for the purpose of operating a concession at the location under the business name "Lobster Craft: restaurant.

Mr. Church said that there was a letter dated August 2, 2018 in the information packet from Mr. Harden about the situation.

Mr. Williams asked if there were any discounts or price breaks that Mr. Harden and his business partner would be receiving. Mr. Harden said that they would not. However, Mr. Harden pointed out their square footage would be less than the previous tenant, so the rent amount may be less.

Ms. Murphy asked if the property was available to the public. Mr. Harden said that the property had been vacant for two years and LAZ had been looking for a tenant.

Mr. Williams asked about any options in the lease. Mr. Harden gave a brief overview and said that the kitchen has to be done.

Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Church asked Mr. Harden about his role as a Parking Authority Commissioner. Mr. Harden said that he had been on the Parking Authority for 7 years and never had any business with the tenants that rent from LAZ.

Mr. William asked who manages the building. Mr. Harden said that the Parking Authority would be responsible for things like the stairs and elevators, but not the individual tenants.

Mr. Church wished Mr. Harden the best in their venture and thanked them for their willingness to clarify the situation.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

May 24, 2018

**** MS. MURPHY MOVED THE MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2018.**
**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2018 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If any ethics complaints are received prior to the meeting, it is anticipated that the Ethics Board will enter into executive session to consider same.

Atty. Candela stated that he would be recusing himself and that Atty. Lesser was present as the Board Member's Legal Counsel. Atty. Candela left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**** MR. CHURCH MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A RECENTLY RECEIVED ETHICS COMPLAINT.**
**** MS. MURPHY SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Board Members and Atty. Lesser entered into Executive Session to discuss a recent Ethics Complaint at 7:16 p.m.

Ms. Murphy and Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was no longer present.

The remaining Board Members and Atty. Lesser returned to Public Session at 7:44 p.m. No actions or votes were taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Church adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services.