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BOARD OF ETHICS

April 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Room 101

Norwalk City Hall
125 East Avenue
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AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL	
2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:	**March 23, 2017**
4. OLD BUSINESS:	**Review of Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting**
5. NEW BUSINESS:	**Vote on Code of Ethics changes**
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION	
7. ADJOURNMENT	

CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ETHICS
MARCH 23, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Michael Church, Chairman; Miklos Koleszar; Haroldo Williams; Henry G. Floyd

ROLL CALL

Chairman Church called the meeting to order at 7:13 p. m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Diane Lauricella stated that she appreciates the structure of government and process. She stated she believes in transparent process. She has been following the progress if this board and she noticed modifications and amendments to the procedures on how to do investigations. She stated that there needs to be a more robust process to let the public know that they have this board to help if they have issues. The public also needs to know if this is the right board that they should be approaching. A lot of people don't know who to speak with when they have an issue.

Mr. Church thanked Ms. Lauricella for her comments. He stated that we appreciate what you do around this community. Folks like you help make our community what it is. He stated that the board is making an effort to remove ambiguity from the Code of Ethics. He stated that we will be making an outreach effort to department heads and city employees. Mr. Williams stated that elected officials are included as city employees.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

February 23, 2017

Page 1 Change "Ms. Ms. Murphy" to "Ms. Murphy"

** **MR. KOLESZAR MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 23, 2017 MINUTES AS AMENDED.**
** **MR. CHURCH SECONDED THE MOTION.**
** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS (MR. FLOYD AND MR. WILLIAMS.)**

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

Mr. Church asked if the changes to the Code of Ethics will be ready to be voted on at the next meeting. Mr. Koleszar and Mr. Williams stated that it will be ready by the next meeting. Mr. Church stated that our goal is to vote on the Code of Ethics in April and bring it to Corporation Council shortly after that. Corporation Council will be able to help us with a timeline on getting it approved by the Common

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Council. Mr. Church stated that our focus will turn to laying out a foundation and strategy for going out to the public and raising awareness of this document after it is approved.

Mr. Williams stated that we should schedule two Ad-Hoc Committee meetings before the next board meeting so that we can finalize all changes that we wish to make to the document. He stated that we are looking at the nepotism section of the code. Mr. Church stated that in Section 32-12 G (a) it stated that the board will sponsor at least one educational program each year. In Section 32-12 G (b) it states that the board may create and maintain a handbook to be distributed to all officers and employees. He would like the Ad-Hoc committee to look at both of those statements as well as 32-16 regarding the board incurring costs as a result of printing the handbooks.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Steps

Mr. Church stated that he is excited to have changes made, the board voting on the changes, and then getting it to corporate counsel. He is excited that we will get the word out to the public and let them see the changes. He stated that it was timely for Ms. Lauricella to come to tonight's meeting and comment as we are completing these steps.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Koleszar stated that he would like the time and date of the next meeting to be recorded as being at 7:00 p. m. on April 27, 2017. He suggested that a reminder email be sent out to members of the board a few days before the meeting.

** **MR. KOLESZAR MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
** **MR. WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
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