MINUTES OF THE MURRAY CITY
ETHICS COMMISSION TRAINING MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2021

The Murray City Ethics Commission met on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 beginning at 2:00 P.M. for a meeting held in accordance with Utah Code section 52-4-207(4), due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus. The Ethics Commission Acting Chair determined that conducting a meeting with an anchor location presented substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location because physical distancing measures may be difficult to maintain.

The public was provided with an opportunity to view the meeting and proper notice was provided.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Susan Gregory, Acting Chair
Duane Jess
Dan Fazzini
Dustin Matsumori

Others in Attendance:

Briant J. Farnsworth II, Deputy City Attorney
Mark Richardson, Senior City Attorney

The meeting was opened at 2:00 p.m. by Acting Chair Susan Gregory welcoming those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gregory called for a motion on the minutes. Dustin Matsumori made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2020 Ethics Commission meeting. Seconded by Duane Jess. A voice vote was held; motion passed 4-0. Dan Fazzini made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2019 Ethics Commission meeting. Seconded by Duane Jess. A voice vote was held; motion passed 4-0.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2021

Ms. Gregory briefly discussed potentially nominating Todd Allen as the Ethics Commission Chair. However, as Mr. Allen was not present at the meeting, Dan Fazzini made a motion to have this item moved to the end of the agenda. The Commission consented and tabled the agenda item until the end of the meeting.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Farnsworth discussed the annual report that is required by section 2.47.260 of the City Code to be given by the Ethics Commission to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the draft report the Attorney's Office had prepared for the Commission's review and adoption.

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Dan Fazzini made a motion to approve the annual report, and Duane Jess seconded; motion passed 4-0. Ms. Gregory agreed to sign the report for submission.

TRAINING ON ETHICS COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Mr. Richardson and Mr. Farnsworth reviewed with the Commission the procedural timelines and the process of an ethics complaint. The overview consisted of what a is required in a legitimate complaint, their timelines, proper notifications of people, and the steps that is needed to be taken to address the complaint from beginning to end. Mr. Richardson addressed questions as to what constitutes frivolous complaints. Mr. Farnsworth addressed questions regarding dismissing and approving specific allegations made on complaints. Mr. Richardson explained that communication is limited and confidential.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Commission returned to the business item of electing the chair and vice-chair. Ms. Gregory motioned to have Dan Fazzini nominated for Acting Chair, Duane Jess second the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Duane Jess nominated Dustin Matsumori as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Dan Fazzini. The motion passed 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding potential future training meetings that may be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

/s/ Carisa Gale

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Carisa Gale, City Attorney's Office

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