



City of Milwaukee

Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, September 27, 2006

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:02 A.M.

Present: 5 - Halloran O'Meara, Toran, Ellis, Bernstein, Hintz

Excused: 2 - Turner, Wacker

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting of August 23, 2006.

Ms. Toran moved, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, for approval of the minutes of the August 23rd meeting. There were no objections.

2. The Board may convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats.

Ms. Halloran moved, seconded by Ms. Toran, that the Board convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats. There were no objections.

Ms. Turner arrived during the closed session at 9:12 A.M.

Present: 6 - Halloran O'Meara, Turner, Ellis, Bernstein, Hintz, Wacker

Excused: 1 - Toran

3. The Board may then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats.

The Board considered 4 matters in closed session and will be responding to requesters.

4. Report from research assistant relative to office activities of the previous month.

Mr. Bernstein's reappointment was approved as of July 31st. Ms. Devereaux helped to arrange a meeting between Mr. Ellis and a Dominican Republic official. She also spoke with 2 officials on the need to file statements of economic interest. The file related to the Sister Cities Committee will be going to the Finance and Personnel Committee. There are a number of possible additions to the listing of positions required to file statements, which will be discussed later in the meeting. Ms. Halloran will be finding a replacement for herself on the board, rather than serving another term.

5. Report from the Department of Employee Relations staff relative to the review of the Research Assistant position, duties and compensation.

Present was Andrea Knickerbocker and Sarah Trotter from the Department of Employee Relations. The department submitted a report and had no recommendations at this time. Ms. Trotter does have more detailed information on specific job listings, if needed, and simply provided the board with an overview at this time. This report will be on the agenda for discussion at the next regular meeting.

6. Review substitute ordinance creating the Frank P. Zeidler Community Service Award Selection committee relative to the Code of Ethics.

The Board approved not requiring members of this committee to file statements of economic interest.

7. Appoint ethics subcommittee to review annual Statement of Economic Interest form and recommend revisions to improve the form.

The Subcommittee members are Ms. Hintz, Ms. Halloran and Mr. Ellis.

8. Report on returns from the Department and Division Heads relative to the list of individuals required to file the Statment of Economic Interest Form.

The Board approved the addition of the (Y) footnote, which would require the filing of a statement of economic interests to the following positions:

Department of Administration - Budget of Management Division, Office of the Director, Emergency Government Coordinator. (moved by Ms. Halloran, seconded by Ms. Turner)

Department of City Development - General Management and Policy Development Decision Unit, Development Center, Permit and Development Center Manager. (moved by Ms. Halloran, seconded by Ms. Toran)

Department of City Development - General Managment and Policy Development Decision Unit, Housing Rehab. and Development Services Section, Community Outreach Liaison. (moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Toran)

Department of City Development - Community Planning and Development Services Decision Unit, Comprehensive Planning Division, Assistant Planning Director. (moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Toran)

Department of City Development - Community Planning and Development Services Decision Unit, Geographic Information Supervisor. (moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Toran)

Library - Administrative Services Decision Unit, Communications and Marketing Section, Marketing and Public Relations Officer. (moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Toran)

Department of Public Works - Operations Division, Buildings & Fleet Services Section, Fleet Operations Manager. (moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Toran)

- 9. Report of the Assistant City Attorney concerning the lawful authority for the city Ethics Board to provide advisory opinions to persons other than city officials, former city officials or other city employees pursuant to sec. 303-7-2-a.**

Mr. Ehrlich talked to the attorney at the state ethics board and that board does issue opinions to persons other than state employees and he provided a state citation that seems to allow for the issuing of opinions for non-municipal individuals. Mr. Ehrlich is satisfied that the Board can issue an opinion for non-governmental individuals, if requested. Mr. Ehrlich also noted that there is no written opinion at the state level on this issue.

- 10. Review statement of economic interest forms for new board/commission members and designated City employees.**

The Board approved the statement of Kenneth Krei.

- 11. Set next meeting date(s).**

October 18th at 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned: 10:55 A.M.

Linda M. Elmer

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