

**Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Regular Meeting
June 2, 2010**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission convened on June 2, 2010 in Room 4080 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue. Commission Chair Robert Mahon called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Commissioners Nancy Miller, Michele Radosevich and Vice-Chair Tarik Burney were present. Commissioners Ed Carr, Lynne Iglitzin and Bill Sherman were absent. Executive Director Wayne Barnett and staff members Anthony Adams, Kate Flack, Polly Grow and Mardie Holden were present, as was Assistant City Attorney Carlton Seu.

1) Public Comment

Two people signed up for public comment: Richard Vincent, former treasurer for Neighbors for Nickels; and former City Council candidate Bobby Forch. Both spoke in favor of the reappointment of the Commission's Executive Director.

Action Items

2) Approval of minutes for May 5, 2010 regular meeting

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2010 regular meeting and Commissioner Radosevich seconded. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as drafted.

3) Selection of Commission candidates to be interviewed

After some discussion on which criteria would be used to decide the final candidates to be interviewed for the position of Seattle Ethics and Elections Commissioner, Commissioner Radosevich moved that applicants Rich Cohan, Joel Merkel, Amit Ranade and Nancy Thomas-Moore be interviewed to fill the Commission position that will be vacated by Ed Carr. Commissioner Miller seconded. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Discussion Items

4) Appointment of Executive Director

Anthony Adams sent an e-mail from the Chair to treasurers, people who are signed up to receive the Commission's monthly agenda, and to the media soliciting input on Wayne Barnett's performance as Executive Director. The Chair received six responses; five of them in favor of Mr. Barnett's reappointment, and one opposed on the grounds that an Executive Director should serve no more than six years in the position. The Chair asked that the reappointment of the Executive Director be placed on the agenda for the Commission's July 7, 2010 meeting.

**** Late Addition to Agenda****

The Executive Director reported that he had received a check from Chris Bushnell in the amount of \$358.50, together with a copy of a \$141.50 check that Mr. Bushnell had sent to the City in April to cover the City's cost of readvertising the RFQ. The question is whether the Commission considers the payment to satisfy the \$500 fine levied by the Commission.

Assistant City Attorney Seu said that if the Commission does not consider the check to constitute payment in full, then the safest course would be to mail the check back to Mr. Bushnell, together with a demand for payment in full by a date certain.

Vice Chair Burney said that he believed the Commission had made it clear at the hearing that the \$141.50 did not constitute a partial payment of the \$500 fine. Commissioner Radosevich moved that the Executive Director return the check and give Mr. Bushnell ten days to pay the \$500.00 fine in its entirety. Commissioner Miller seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

5) Draft Amendment to SMC 4.16.075 – Prohibited conduct after leaving City

In light of questions about this proposal that have been raised City Council staff, the Executive Director recommended postponing this discussion while he conducted additional research. Commissioner Radosevich agreed, and the discussion was postponed to a later date.

6) Dismissal of Case No. 10-1-0407-1 (Allegations of improper treatment do not raise issues under the Ethics code)

The complainant has not appealed this dismissal, and the Executive Director understands that her underlying concerns are being addressed by the Human Services Department.

Commissioners had no questions.

7) Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported that Washington State and King County will no longer jointly produce a voters' pamphlet. City law specifies that the Commission may produce its own pamphlet or partner with the County, so the Executive Director terminated our intergovernmental contract with the State. City races will appear in the County voters' pamphlets. Commissioner Radosevich agreed it was the correct decision to follow the County, but said she feared the split would confuse voters.

The 2010 Financial Interest Statements are almost completed. The employees and officers have completed and turned in over 99% of their forms.

Finally, the Executive Director informed the Commission that he will be teaching a campaign finance law course at Seattle University this upcoming fall.

The June 2, 2010 Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 4:57 P.M.