

## **Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Regular Meeting**

**November 3, 2010**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission convened on November 3, 2010 in Room 4080 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue. Commission Chair Robert Mahon called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Vice-Chair Tarik Burney, and Commissioners Lynne Iglitzin and Bill Sherman were present. Commissioners Cohan, Radosevich and Ranade were absent. Executive Director Wayne Barnett and staff members Kate Flack, Polly Grow and Mardie Holden were also in attendance.

### **1) Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Action Items**

#### **2) Approval of minutes from the October 6, 2010 regular meeting.**

After one typographical error was noted, Commissioner Iglitzin moved to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. The minutes from the September 1, 2010 regular meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

#### **3) Request for administrative dismissal of Case No. 10-WBI-0420-1**

The Executive Director explained that this case involved Godwin Moy, a Department of and Planning Development employee who allegedly used his City business card to conduct private business. In the course of investigating the allegations, staff asked DPD to research the employee's review of applications from a certain builder. Based on the results of that research, DPD began its own investigation, which led to the department's decision to terminate Mr. Moy's employment.

The Executive Director recommended that the Commission administratively dismiss this case, based on DPD's employment action. The Chair asked if there was a process that could lead to a terminated City employee getting rehired. The Director said that that is always a risk, but the rules provide for administrative dismissal when the department takes appropriate action, which he commends DPD for doing in this case.

Commissioner Sherman moved to approval the dismissal, Commissioner Iglitzin seconded. The request for administrative dismissal was unanimously approved.

**4) Resolutions honoring former Commissioners Ed Carr and Nancy Miller**

Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the resolutions honoring former Commissioners Carr and Miller. Vice-Chair Burney seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**Discussion Items**

**5) Dismissal of Case No. 10-1-0908-1 (Insufficient evidence that employees misused their positions for private benefit by seeking to have individual's employment terminated)**

The Executive Director briefly summarized the report, and noted that it was not appealed.

**6) Whistleblower Code review**

Chair Mahon decided to defer discussion on this item until next month's Regular Commission Meeting.

## **7) Executive Director's Report**

To prepare for the 2011 election, the Executive Director asked Ms. Grow to put together a brown bag in order to solicit feedback from treasurers, specifically in regards to the credit card and paypal issues.

The Executive Director also said that the Elections Code requires that he make a recommendation to the City Council on the appropriateness of the contribution limit. He said that he would have that on the December agenda. The Chair said that he wanted the Executive Director to take independent expenditures into account when analyzing the cost of campaigning.

The Executive Director also reminded the commissioners that in December the Commission will need to nominate and elect new officers for 2011.

The Seattle City Council is close to completing work on the budget, and the Commission's budget has not been an issue.

Finally, the Executive Director noted that Portland voters repealed their public financing program at the November election.

**The October 6, 2010 Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 P.M.**