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RTM LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 850 842 2407 1915

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1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Consideration/Approval of Sep. 17, 2020, meeting minutes
4. Consideration and possible action on Proposed Ethics Ordinances Changes (RTC 8/3/20)
5. Adjournment

encl: Minutes—L&A Sep. 17, 2020
Ethics Ordinance Draft 3

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MINUTES
LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Sep. 17, 2020 Meeting 7:00 p.m. Zoom Remote Access Only

Members Present: Susan Driscoll, Tim Fioravanti, Richard Morgan, Danielle Steward-Gelinas

Members Absent: Robert Swansen

Also Present: Town Attorney Robert Avena, RTM Moderator Tom Dembek, Ethics Commission members Betsy Ritter and Laurie Wolfley

1. With quorum confirmed, Chair called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Consideration/approval of Aug. 26, 2020 minutes: Motion by Steward-Gelinas to approve minutes as presented; second by Fioravanti. Voice vote: Unanimous.
4. Consideration/possible action on proposed Ethics Ordinance changes (RTC 8/3/20): Motion by Steward-Gelinas to discuss; second by Fioravanti. Voice vote: Unanimous.
With Attorney Avena's availability limited, discussion focused on specific legal questions.
 - * Should amendment citations be added to final draft, added to each section or just one noting changes throughout, and should date be that of RTM meeting where final action taken?
 - * Sec. 2.50.110(A) refers to effective after publication in newspaper, which is different from standard effective date of 15 days after RTM action? Attorney Avena will confirm whether publication of RTM decision would suffice and propose any needed language adjustment in draft.
 - * Attorney Avena confirmed that the new form created by Ethics Commission should not be included within the ordinance itself. Ethics Commission members agreed to removal of the reference to "commission of deeds" on the form, since research determined the position was eliminated by state law in 2000. The committee agreed to remove the "commission of deeds" reference in Section 250.070(A) and add a reference to the form and where it would be available
 - * Discussion on proposed elimination of staggered terms language in Section 250.040(B) because of previous confusion on term start dates; issues included purpose of staggered terms (e.g., to ensure continuity and mix of veteran/experienced members when hearing procedures spanned terms) and the need for language to accommodate transition of current members' terms. Ethics Commission members expressed desire to have colleagues weigh in; Chair offered to attend the next EC meeting and be available to discuss options and any other committee changes to date.
5. Motion to adjourn by Fioravanti; second by Steward-Gelinas. Voice vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by
Susan Driscoll, L&A Chair