MINUTES
LANSING CITY BOARD OF ETHICS
REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2024 5:30 PM

Meeting Room
Reo Elections Office
1221 Reo Rd Lansing

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janielle Houston, Chairperson
John Folkers
Jim Cavanagh
Rachelle Franklin
Louise Alderson

ABSENT: Jim DeLine, Vice-Chairperson
R Cole Bouck
Keith Kris

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Swope, City Clerk
Brian Jackson, Chief Deputy Clerk
Zachary Lemaster, City Clerk's Staff
Matt Staples, Assistant City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patrisha Spitzley spoke about ethics complaint 2023-04.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Member Alderson to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Alderson to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2024, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Clerk Swope explained Member DeLine has resigned from the Board of Ethics.

Moved by member Folkers to accept the resignation of Member DeLine.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS:

Affidavit of Disclosure Jameel Jones Police Department.

Moved by member Alderson to place Jameel Jones's Affidavit of Disclosure on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Statements of Financial Interests with no items disclosed

Moved by Member Cavanagh to place Dawn Carowitz's, Sheryl Boak's, Brian P. Jackson's, Brett Kaschinske's, Elizabeth O'Leary's and Gregory Venker's Statement of Financial Interest on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Statement of Financial Interests Jake Brower Chief Strategy Officer

Moved by Member Cavanagh to place Jake Brower's Statement of Financial Interest on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Statement of Financial Interests Veronica Hetke Appointments

Moved by Member Alderson to place Veronica Hetke's Statement of Financial Interest on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Statement of Financial Interests Mark Lawrence Executive Asst. to the Mayor

Moved by Member Cavanagh to place Mark Lawrence's Statement of Financial Interest on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time. The Board's written response will include a reminder of their ongoing duty to submit a new Statement of Financial Interest if any new and relevant information arises.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Statement of Financial Interest Richard Peffley Board of Water and Light Manager

Moved by Member Folkers to place Richard Peffley's Statement of Financial Interest on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Statement of Financial Interests Andy Schor Mayor

Moved by Member Alderson to place Andy Schor's Statement of Financial Interest on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time. The Board's written response will include a reminder of their ongoing duty to submit a new Statement of Financial Interest if any new and relevant information arises.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Statement of Financial Interests Crystal Thomas Treasurer

Moved by Member Alderson Crystal Thomas's Statement of Financial Interest on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Moved by Member Houston that Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act, I hereby move that the Board recess into closed session to consult with the City Attorney to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute. Specifically, to discuss written legal opinions from the City Attorney. provided under attorney-client privilege and attorney work-product, and which is also exempt from disclosure under the

Freedom of Information Act pursuant to MCL 15.243(1) (g).

For this session, the topic is
Complaint 2023-004

Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Members Houston, Cavanagh, Franklin, Folkers, Alderson
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board entered closed session at 6:06 PM

The board resumed open session at 6:13 PM

Moved by Member Alderson to remove complaint 2023-04 from the table.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Member Houston to recuse herself from complaint 2023-04.

MOTION CARRIED UNANMIOUSLY

Moved by Member Alderson to accept the investigation of complaint 2023-004.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board discussed the merit of Complaint 2023-004

Moved by Alderson not to support the findings of the investigation of Complaint 2023-004.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT: None

TABLED ITEMS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Statement of Financial Interests Frank Lee HRCS Board

Moved by Member Alderson to place Frank Lee's Financial Interest on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time. The Board's written response will include a reminder of their ongoing duty to submit a new Statement of Financial Interest if any new and relevant information arises.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNED 6:22 p.m.