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BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes – Regular Meeting No. 3

36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185

September 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The Westland Board of Ethics held a regular meeting September 14, at 5:30 p.m., in person at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Vice Chair Don Nicholson.

B. Roll Call. A quorum was present as follows:

PRESENT

Michael Williams

Daniel Stachow

Lori Wilson

Don Nicholson

ABSENT

Deborah Thomas - excused

Also in attendance was Assistant City Attorney Brandon Grysko.

C. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of May 18, 2023

There was a motion by Wilson, supported by Stachow, to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 18, 2023. The motion passed on the following vote.

Ayes: Stachow, Wilson, Nicholson

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas, Williams

D. New Business

(1) 2023-06-25

This Request was received on June 25, 2023 concerning an ongoing neighbor dispute. The Board Liaison provided background information concerning the Request and indicated this matter had been referred to neighborhood services for investigation of noise and zoning ordinance violations. The Board of Ethics does not have jurisdiction over neighbor disputes.

There was a motion by Wilson, Supported by Stachow to acknowledge receipt of the communication from the Personnel Director and to receive and file same.

Ayes: Stachow, Wilson, Nicholson

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas, Williams

The motion passed unanimously.

(2) 2023-07-08

This Request was received on July 8, 2023 concerning a complaint against an adult foster care home. The Board Liaison provided background information concerning the Request. The complaining person was also provided information on how to file a complaint with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems.

There was a motion by Wilson, Supported by Stachow to acknowledge receipt of the communication from the Personnel Director and to receive and file same.

Ayes: Stachow, Wilson, Nicholson

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas, Williams

Chair Michael Williams arrived at the meeting and took over for Vice Chair Nicholson.

(3) 2023-07-19

This Request was received on July 19, 2023 concerning a complaint against a Westland Police Officer. The Board Liaison provided background information concerning the Request. The Board of Ethics is empowered to receive complaints concerning alleged unethical conduct by city employees and to forward those complaints to the employee's department head for investigation. See Westland City Code § 2-504; Ethics Policies and Procedures, Art. II, Sec. 4. Deputy Chief Wilkie was present at the meeting and responded to a number of questions from the Board and provided an update on the internal investigation and that the complaint was unfounded.

There was a motion by Stachow, Supported by Nicholson to acknowledge receipt of the communication from the Personnel Director and to receive and file same.

Ayes: Stachow, Wilson, Nicholson, Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

(4) 2023-07-24

This Request was received on July 24, 2023 concerning a neighborhood zoning violation and parking complaint. The Board Liaison provided background information on the Request. The matter was also referred to the neighborhood services department. The Board of Ethics has jurisdiction to investigate conduct that is allegedly unethical and that is carried on by a city official or employee. In this case, neither factor was present.

There was a motion by Wilson, Supported by Nicholson to acknowledge receipt of the communication from the Personnel Director and to receive and file same.

Ayes: Stachow, Wilson, Nicholson, Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas

E. Comments from the Public- 3 minutes

F. Comments from City Administration

G. Board Member Comments

Ms. Thomas experienced a death in the family. Mr. Williams wished it noted in the minutes that prayers and concerns for Ms. Thomas and her family be noted in the meeting minutes.

H. Adjournment

There was a motion by Wilson, supported by Nicholson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.