

**LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY
METRO ETHICS COMMISSION MINUTES
Meeting April 15, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Thelma Clemons
Ms. Karyl Ferman
Mr. Larry Grant, Acting Chair
Mr. Jonathan Ricketts
Ms. Terri Todd
Mr. Corey Koellner

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Janet Black, Admin. Support, HR
Ms. Lynne Fleming, Asst. Dir., Human Resources
Mr. William Hornig, Director, Human Resources
Mr. Jeff L. Parrish, Attorney
Mr. John Elgin, University of Phoenix
Mr. Wayne Zelinsky, Animal Control Services

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Ethics Commission met on Wednesday, April 15, 2010 at Memorial Auditorium, Mr. Larry Grant, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

The minutes of February 18, 2010 and March 3, 2010 were reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Thelma Clemons and seconded by Ms. Karyl Ferman to approve the minutes as written.

Mr. Grant welcomed the attendees and asked for introductions. Mr. Grant turned the floor over to Mr. Corey Koellner. Mr. Koellner informed the Commission that he would be running for Public Office and could no longer serve on the Ethics Commission as it would be a conflict of interest. Mr. Grant stated that the Commission wished him the best and that it had been a pleasure for him to serve on the Commission.

Financial Disclosures-Ms. Karyl Ferman motioned that Human Resources send out letter informing board members of non-compliance with penalty section that is included in the ordinance. Ms. Terri Todd seconded and the motion carried.

Complaint 10-P-001-Mr. Grant asked Mr. Parrish, Attorney, Celebrezze & Associates, if he would present to the Commission the complaint filed by Mr. Donnie Morris against his clients, Council Member Cheri Bryant Hamilton and her assistant Myra F. Ellis. Mr. Parrish stated that the complaint is a reiteration of a 2008 claim by Mr. Morris that the Councilwoman responded to and that the Commission dismissed. Mr. Parrish stated that the difference between the other complaint and the 2010 complaint is that Mr. Morris included Ms. Ellis in it based on Ordinance 52, Series 2010 definition of a Metro Officer. Mr. Parrish concluded that

the Ordinance itself does not condone a review of untimely claims. Mr. Parrish stated that the complaint should be dismissed by the Commission without a hearing and that the Commission should dismiss the complaint as it pertains to Myra Ellis under Commission Rule 6.4. Ms. Thelma motioned that the complaint should be dismissed without a hearing based on the evidence presented and filed away. Ms. Terri Todd seconded and the motion was carried.

Advisory Opinion 10-D-001-Mr. Grant asked Mr. Wayne Zelinsky, Interim Director, Animal Control Services to explain their request for an opinion on whether it would be a violation to award an one (1) year contract in the amount \$100,000 to Dr. Kerry Garrity. Mr. Zelinsky gave a brief overview of the services that SPOT, a non-profit organization, has given the Animal Control Services in the past and that it has played a vital part in the health and well being of the animals. Mr. Zelinsky stated that Dr. Kerry Garrity was previously awarded a professional service contract by Metro Government through the open bid process based on price, availability and services for spaying and neutering of cats. Dr. Garrity also serve as a SPOT Board member. Ms. Karyl Ferman motioned that based on the information presented to the Commissioned, that Dr. Kerry Garrity be awarded the contract without bias. Ms. Thelma Clemons seconded and the motion carried.

Advisory Opinion 10-C-003- Request for opinion from Elizabeth Kinney Hoffman, Majority Caucus Director to the Metro Council, requesting clarification for Metro Council staff being covered by the definition of Metro Officer under the new ordinance and requesting to be trained as soon as possible.

The Commission decided to table the request for opinion until further information is received. Mr. Grant would request that Ms. Hoffman attend the June 17, 2010 meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Ferman and seconded by Ms. Todd the meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.