

City of Sandy Springs Board of Ethics Meeting was held at Sandy Springs City Hall, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 500, Sandy Springs, Georgia, 30350, on July 10, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Kevin King called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll call

Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner called the roll.

Board Members Present: Kevin King, Stuart Steinmark, David Price, and Lorrie Mell. Ted Sandler and Cindy Johnson were absent. One Board position is vacant due to a resignation.

Staff and Representatives Present: City Attorney Wendell Willard and Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner were present.

Approval of Board minutes from April 10, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion and Vote: David Price moved to approve the April 10, 2013, regular meeting minutes. Stuart Steinmark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- a) Other new business

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated soon the City will be entering the municipal election period. The Board should be aware that candidates or their supporters may consider using ethics complaints as part of a campaign strategy.

Chairman Kevin King asked when qualifications for municipal elections will be held.

City Attorney Willard responded in the last week of August. There are less than ninety days for the election campaign prior to the election in November.

David Price asked which districts will be open for election.

City Attorney Willard stated the City Charter provides for the Mayor and six Councilmembers to be elected at the same time in order be cost efficient. The Mayor and Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny announced they are not planning to seek re-election. He believes the other Councilmembers are planning to seek re-election. As many as six people have announced they will run for Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny's Council position.

Chairman King asked if a candidate has to reside in the district in which they are seeking election.

City Attorney Willard responded yes. An individual can only be elected in their district. The only City wide election is for the Mayor.

Stuart Steinmark stated he expects the Board may receive complaints regarding campaign signs and the sign ordinance.

Chairman King inquired about the process for a complaint being submitted to the Board.

City Attorney Willard stated when a complaint is received by the City, the City Attorney's office reviews and provides information regarding the complaint, and then notifies the Board of the complaint.

Stuart Steinmark stated he expects some of the candidates that have not had experience in this type of process might inadvertently violate the sign ordinance. There should be a notification to the candidates on where campaign signs can be placed.

City Attorney Willard stated the City Code Enforcement Department will move unauthorized signs out of the right-of-ways. If a sign is on private property and in violation of the City's ordinance, a notice will be sent to the property owner. Sign issues will probably not rise to an ethics complaint. What usually happens is someone may consider the conduct of an elected official already serving when using City property for a political purpose. Using City property for this reason would warrant an ethics complaint. Chairman King asked if Georgia legislator elections will also be held this year.

City Attorney Willard stated those elections will be in 2014. The local elections, such as the City elections, are held in odd numbered years.

Lorrie Mell joined the meeting at this time.

Chairman King stated the reason he asked about the general elections is because of signs. He asked when Fulton County elections will be held.

City Attorney Willard stated Fulton County elections will be held in 2014.

Chairman King stated David Baker resigned from the Board.

City Attorney Willard asked if David Baker was an alternate.

Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner stated that David Baker was an alternate.

Chairman King read the April 10, 2013, Board minutes which state, "David Baker and alternates Cindy Johnson and Lorrie Mell were absent".

Assistant City Clerk Bogner stated that is a correction that needs to be made to the minutes. Lorrie Mell and David Baker are alternates and Cindy Johnson is not.

Lorrie Mell asked when her term expires.

City Attorney Willard stated her term expires April 13, 2014.

Adjournment

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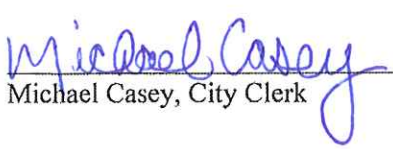
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Motion and Vote: Stuart Steinmark moved to adjourn the meeting. David Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Date Approved: October 9, 2013



Kevin King, Chairman



Michael Casey, City Clerk