



Municipal Officials Ethics
Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall Board Room

1. Roll Call

Roll was called by Bonnie Buckmaster, Public Works Assistant. A quorum of the Commission was present.

Members in Attendance

Bryan Dehner, Chair

Gil Scott

Jerry Felker

Abby LacKamp

Michael Pearl

Bonnie Buckmaster, Public Works Assistant, was present on behalf of the City, Joe Vanover, Attorney, was present on behalf of the Ethics Commission.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

A. Approve Minutes from the February 23, 2022 Meeting

GIL SCOTT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 2022 MEETING; MICHAEL PEARL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

3. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo for Confidential or Privileged Communications Between a Public Governmental Body or its Representatives and its Attorneys

JERRY FELKER MOVED TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 610.021(1) RSMo FOR CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES AND ITS ATTORNEYS; GIL SCOTT SECONDED.

AYES: BRYAN DEHNER, GILL SCOTT, JERRY FELKER, ABBY LACKAMP, MICHAEL PEARL

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The Commission entered the executive session at 6:05 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., the Commission reconvened in open session.

4. Discussion of Complaints and Decisions on Complaints

1. Violations of campaign finance laws in 2019

BRYAN DEHNER MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

2. Attempts to coerce companies doing business in Parkville

- a. A commercial lease in 2016

MICHAEL PEARL MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; JERRY FELKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 3-2 (ABBY LACKAMP AND GIL SCOTT NAY).

- b. A project in 2017

MICHAEL PEARL MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; JERRY FELKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

- c. The Landmark newspaper in 2019

MICHAEL PEARL MOVED THAT THE MAYOR VIOLATED THE ETHICS CODE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 4-1 (JERRY FELKER NAY).

3. Instructing or pressuring city officials to violate the Code of Ethics

- a. Request to keep confidential the actions involving the commercial lease in 2016

GIL SCOTT MOVED THAT THE MAYOR VIOLATED THE ETHICS CODE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 4-1 (BRYAN DEHNER NAY).

- b. The 2017 project

GIL SCOTT MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; JERRY FELKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

- c. Attempting to get an alderman and others to take action against The Landmark in 2019

GIL SCOTT MOVED THAT THE MAYOR VIOLATED THE ETHICS CODE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

- d. Instructing city employees to stop delivery of The Landmark to city hall and stop publishing legal notices in it.

GIL SCOTT MOVED THAT THE MAYOR VIOLATED THE ETHICS CODE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 4-1 (MICHAEL PEARL NAY).

4. Violations of Sunshine laws in 2018 and 2019

a. Misleading a reporter

JERRY FELKER MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; BRYAN DEHNER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

b. Calling records requests harassment

JERRY FELKER MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

JERRY FELKER MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 3-2 (JERRY FELKER AND MICHAEL PEARL NAY).

c. Obstructing compliance with records productions

JERRY FELKER MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

5. Driving while intoxicated in 2020

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ABBY LACKAMP MOVED THAT THE MAYOR VIOLATED THE ETHICS CODE; GIL SCOTT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 4-1 (JERRY FELKER NAY).

b. Call to Police Chief

ABBY LACKAMP MOVED THAT THE MAYOR VIOLATED THE ETHICS CODE; MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

JERRY FELKER MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE FOR CALLING THE POLICE CHIEF; MICHAEL PEARL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 4-1 (ABBY LACKAMP NAY).

6. Threatening a citizen in 2020

BRYAN DEHNER MOVED THAT THE MAYOR VIOLATED THE ETHICS CODE; GIL SCOTT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 3-1-1 (MICHAEL PEARL NAY; ABBY LACKAMP ABSTAINED).

7. Concealing her relationship with Creekside's attorney in 2018

MICHAEL PEARL MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; GIL SCOTT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

8. Attempting to be appointed to hospital board of directors in 2018

GIL SCOTT MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; JERRY FELKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

9. Destruction of public records in 2019

JERRY FELKER MOVED THAT THE MAYOR DID NOT VIOLATE THE ETHICS CODE; MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

GIL SCOTT MOVED THAT THE MAYOR VIOLATED THE ETHICS CODE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION FAILED 1-3-1 (GIL SCOTT AYE; RYAN DEHNER, MICHAEL PEARL AND JERRY FELKER NAY; ABBY LACKAMP ABSTAINED).

JERRY FELKER MOVED THAT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION TO RULE ON THIS ALLEGATION; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 4-1 (GIL SCOTT NAY).

10. Totality of the Circumstances

GIL SCOTT MOVED THAT THE ETHICS COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ISSUE A WRITTEN, STRONG REPRIMAND FOR THE VIOLATIONS OF THE ETHICS CODES THAT TOOK PLACE, AS VOTED UPON BY THE ETHICS COMMISSION MEMBERS; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 5-0.

GIL SCOTT MOVED THAT THE ETHICS COMMISSION WILL HAVE A CLAUSE IN THE REPORT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED A SUSPENSION IF THERE WAS A LONGER TIME IN SERVICE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION FAILED 2-3 (GIL SCOTT AND ABBY LACKAMP AYE; BRYAN DEHNER, JERRY FELKER AND MICHAEL PEARL NAY).

JERRY FELKER MOVED THAT THE ETHICS COMMISSION WILL HAVE A CLAUSE IN THE REPORT THAT THE ETHICS COMMISSION POSSIBLY COULD HAVE RECOMMENDED A SUSPENSION IF THERE WAS A LONGER TIME IN SERVICE; ABBY LACKAMP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 4-1 (MICHAEL PEARL NAY).


5. Other Business

- a. Next meeting – Originally scheduled for Thursday, March 10th, moved to Monday, March 7th at 2:30 p.m. via videoconference
- b. Other – Commissioners will work on the report to be presented for approval at the next Ethics Commission Meeting

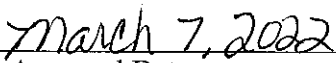
5. Adjourn

**JERRY FELKER MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:13 P.M., GIL SCOTT SECONDED;
MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

The Minutes for the March 2, 2022 Regular Meeting have been read and considered by the Municipal Officials Ethics Commission, were approved on the 7th day of March 2022.



Bonnie Buckmaster, PW Assistant



Approval Date