

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
BOARD OF ETHICS
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Church, Chairman; Haroldo Williams; Kara Murphy; Nora Neidzielski; Tony Lopez; Lori Torrano

STAFF: Atty. Brian Candela

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Church called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. There was a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Church gave a roll-call for those present. A quorum was present.

NEW INTRODUCTION

There were no new introductions at this time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation as this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 25, 2021 MINUTES

**** COMMISSIONER NEIDZIELSKI MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2021 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2021 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

For Old Business the Board reviewed the Code of Ethics. They are hoping to finish reviewing the Code of Ethics from a content standpoint with formatting and design to follow as well as future distribution. Discussion followed regarding the red-lined content in the proposed Code. The old Code of Ethics will be deleted and the new one inserted.

On page 4, Section 32.8, there were questions on what content should be put in and if it should simply restate what is already in the section, limit it, or other possible options. Further discussion followed regarding the content of the 'Gift' section and highlighted sections. It was suggested to add in a summary section for those who have a paper copy of the Code of Ethics.

Further discussion followed regarding the following points.

- The value of gifts that could be given including meals and their monetary value.
- The creation of paper copies and how to address links in a paper copy.
- How people who do not use electronics can utilize the paper version.
- If a physical copy should be stored at Corporation Councils office for public use similar to how other documents are stored with the city clerk.
- Possible simplification of certain sections.
- Discussion about weblinks and if they will be spread about or have a single link as well as their use in the Code of Ethics.
- Attendance of a Charitable Event.

An updated copy will be made and e-mailed to all members for review before the April meeting. Any other changes can be suggested at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COMMISSIONER MURPHY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
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