

**City of Troy
Ethics Commission**

Quarterly Meeting, February 6, 2020

Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Thomas Hotte, Peter Kehoe, Ryan Manley (Chairman), Stephen Muller.

Absent: Tiffany Morgan.

Call to Order: Chairman Manley determined that there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

Public Comments: None.

Commission Members and Election of Officers:

At Manley's suggestion, Commission members noted who had appointed them:

Manley	Mayor
Muller	Mayor
Hotte	City Council Minority; appointed to complete a vacant position
Kehoe	City Council Minority

Manly also noted that Morgan was appointed by the City Council Majority. He said there were two vacancies – one Mayoral appointee and one City Council Majority appointee. He said he would contact the City Clerk about vacancies.

Manley agreed to continue as Chair and Muller offered to become the official Secretary. Both were elected unanimously.

Advisory Opinion

Manley reviewed the request for an advisory opinion from Sue Steele. She is on the Troy City Council representing District 3, and also serves as Chair of the Troy Housing Authority. She proposed to avoid any conflict of interest by recusing herself on any vote "should the THA's and the City's positions be at odds or in conflict in any way." Muller pointed out that the THA is entirely independent from the City of Troy; it is funded by the federal government. After further discussion, it was decided that Steele could avoid the appearance of conflict of interest by recusing herself from any City Council vote concerning THA. Manley agreed to contact Steele for further clarification of some issues before writing a draft advisory opinion and circulating it to the Commission.

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2020:

The following tentative dates were proposed for quarterly meetings for the rest of 2020:

April 23

July 30

December 10

Members agreed to check their calendars and report any conflicts.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2020.

Submitted by:

Stephen H. Muller

Secretary