

**CITY OF SPOKANE ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 18, 2020**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson Dennis Cronin called the March 18, 2020 meeting of the Ethics Commission to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Commission members Dennis Cronin, Kenny Hall, and Merle Iverson. Members attending telephonically were Gail Heck Sweeney, Sarah O'Hare, Clayton McFarland and Michelle Bleek. Kyle Twohig and Neil Mueller appeared telephonically.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

The Commission members reviewed the Agenda, which was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Item II a. Approval of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision in Complaint filed by Neil Muller Against Karen Stratton

Agenda Item II a. is to approve the written Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision of the Commission from its January 22, 2020 hearing on the complaint by Neil Muller against Karen Stratton. Commissioner Bleek moved for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Hall and approved unanimously.

4. Agenda Item II b. Approval of Written Reprimand.

Agenda Item II b. is to approve the written Reprimand against Council Member Stratton for her violation of the Ethics Code as determined by the Ethics Commission at its January 22, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Hall moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Heck Sweeney. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Agenda Item II c. Request for Authorization to Contract by City Engineering Services Director.

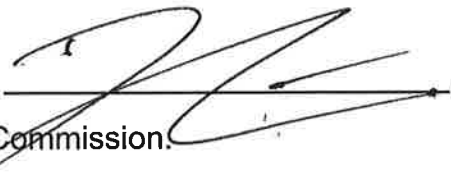
Agenda Item II c. is the request for approval by Kyle Twohig to contract with Kara Heatherly, a former City employee, pursuant to SMC 1.04A.030.O3. Based on the presentation by Mr. Twohig, the Commission determined that there is a benefit to the City with the approval of the authorization to contract, that there is no real or apparent conflict of interest in approving the authorization to contract and that there is no adverse effect to the City. Commissioner O'Hare moved to approve the request for authorization to contract, which was seconded by Chairperson Cronin. Motion was approved unanimously. The Commission further

approved Chairperson Cronin signing the written decision reflecting the Commission's oral decision.

Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED:

City of Spokane Ethics Commission.

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