

Minutes of Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
2nd Floor Council Chambers
Joseph S. Yenni Building
1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard
Jefferson, LA 70123

Commission Members Present:

Warren R. Bourgeois, III
Kyle Marks
Carroll W. Suggs

Commission Members Absent:

Maria Cisneros
Paul LaRosa

Call Commission Meeting to order

Meeting called to order by Chairman Suggs at 5:05 P.M. Roll call. Quorum is constituted.

Public Hearing

None

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Bourgeois to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2016 meeting. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Marks. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition or abstention.

Report of Inspector General

1. Reports

IG McClintock states a draft report on the Stanley Convergent / New Era contract was issued on September 15, 2016 and responses were due by December 28, 2016. The Parish responded timely but with disagreements. A meeting with Keith Conley will be set up to discuss the disagreements. The IG also states the Contract and Compliance report was issued on December 9, 2016 with responses due back by January 27, 2017. Additionally, he also reports a draft report on Herbert Wallace Volunteer Fire Company was issued on December 14, 2016 with responses due back by February 1, 2017.

2. Access

IG McClintock reports the JPOIG does have continued access to Jefferson Parish video and card readers. The Parish Administration is in receipt of a letter sent by the IG regarding lack of access to Parish facilities and is in the process of formulating a response to a letter.

3. Meetings

The IG met with Parish At-Large Council Members Roberts and Lee-Sheng regarding development of new processes for the Council to respond to OIG reports. The IG also met with Housing and Urban Development OIG. Ms. Chatelain and Mr. Scheckman met to discuss elements of Parish Ordinances which are of mutual interests to the ECC and the OIG.

4. Staff

The IG reports new hire special agent, Paul Lumpkin began work December 19, 2016. He also reports new hire Auditor Ashley Neyland began work January 9, 2017. He also reports Auditor Amy Benoit left employment with the JPOIG. Because Ms. Benoit also handled internal IT issues, the IG is reassessing how to best address IT issues going forward, which may include an additional staff member or an RFP for vendors. Additionally, discussion continues with the Parish Administration to find funding for a dedicated OIG Public Works staff auditor.

5. BP Funds

IG McClintock reports total expensed from the Council District accounts equals \$5,907,992.65, which reflects an increase of 3,060,586.00 from last report. IG McClintock reports total expensed from the Administration account equals \$595,585.00.

New Business

None

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is January 18, 2017.

Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Bourgeois to adjourn. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Marks. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition or abstention.

MEETING ADJOURNED