

City of Langley, Washington

Ethics Training and Advisory Board

Chairman

Bob French

Members

Monica Guzman

Fred Herzon

Lily Fox

Alternate Member

Sharon Betcher

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 5/23/2018

LANGLEY CITY HALL

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

1. Call to order 5:01 am by Chairman French
2. No conflicts of interest noted among participating board members.
3. Meeting minutes from 3/12/2018 were approved with no corrections.
Motion to approve was made seconded. Unanimous vote to accept.
4. No visitors, no public comment.
5. Ongoing discussion of Langley Ethics Code.

The city council approved the revised ethics code essentially as recommended by the ethics board with the exception that they changed the code to not require physical withdrawal or a member from a meeting where there was discussion or vote on an issue in which the member had a stated conflict of interest.

Actions:

After discussion a motion was put forward that a letter be drafted from the ethics board and sent to the city council expressing our judgement that the above change in the ethics code allowing a member of the council or commission to remain in the room during discussion or voting on an issue the member had a stated conflict of interest in is inconsistent with the ethics boards view of how best to manage a conflict of interest of a public official.

The motion was carried unanimously. Chairman French will draft a letter for the board to review at the next scheduled meeting.

6. Old Business-Fred Herzon announced he will be leaving the committee at the end of his term in May.

7. New Business-none

8. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm

Respectively Submitted,
Fred Herzon