

# City of Langley, Washington

## Ethics Training and Advisory Board

**Chairman**  
Bob Frause

**Members**  
Sharon Betcher  
Monica Guzman  
Fred Herzon

### Meeting Minutes Monday July 25, 2016 4:00 pm –6:00 pm

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Members Present: B. Frause, S. Betcher, Fred Herzon and M. Guzman.  
The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.

1. The minutes of the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were not available for approval and will be approved at the next meeting.
2. Concerns of prior individuals who developed 2014 ethics code. There were some concerns by these individuals regarding the changes made to the 2014 code. These were resolved after discussions were held with B. Frause and council member R. Neff.
3. Revised question and answer document regarding the revised City of Langley Ethics Code. Extensive review and discussion was held and a final revised document was agreed upon. It will undergo final editing and be ready for public distribution in the near future.
4. Responsibility of the mayor and council to review and comment on any advisory opinion coming from ethics committee. There was some concern raised that once an advisory opinion resulted from an investigation into a citizens ethical concern that there was no language in the code requiring the city council to have a public discussion and acceptance of the advisory opinion. After discussion the committee recommended the following change in section 1.24.060 B Advisory Opinions be approved by the city council: Former: 5. All draft advisory opinions rendered by the Ethics Board will be forwarded to the City Council for final review.

**Current Language:**

5. All draft advisory opinions rendered by the Ethics Board will be forwarded to the City Council for final review.

**Recommended Revision:**

5. All draft advisory opinions rendered by the Ethics Board will be forwarded to the City Council for **review, comment and final acceptance.**

This recommended change was given to the City Clerk who will forward it to the City Council for their consideration.

5. Review of advisory opinion request. If the code change is approved by the City Council, number 5 will be changed to reflect the new wording.
6. The next meetings will be on 8/8/2016 at 5pm at city hall and 8/22/2016 at 5 pm at the commons meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Herzon