**03.21.16 Noticed Meeting CMs Newby and Anderson Re Texting Subcommittee Minutes**

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| Monday March 21, 2016 11:00 AM | Tape No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Conference Room A, 4th Floor, City Hall |  |
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| **Attendees:** |  |
| Sam Newby- Facilitator | Carla Miller |
| Greg Anderson | Chiquita Moore |
| Anna Brosche | Lindsey Kilbride |
| Merriane Lahmeur | Kirby Oberdorfer |
| Leeann Krieg | Darren Mason |
| Jeneen Sanders |  |
| Jordan Elsbury |  |

Meeting Convened 11:00 A.M. Meeting Adjourned 11:15 A.M.

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**Topic:** To discuss the purpose and formation of the Texting Subcommittee

**Items of Discussion:**

* CM Newby opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and then began introductions
* CP Greg Anderson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to address the creation of the proposed Texting Subcommittee, whereas CM Newby has been designated as the Chairman. He further stated that the purpose of the meeting was to collaborate with the Ethics Department on a solution to manage text messaging that could potentially violate the Sunshine law. The end solution would be a global solution that would work throughout the City
* CP Anderson suggested that Carla Miller be an Ex-Officio member
* Carla Miller declined as she is subject to Sunshine Law and would not be able to answer any questions regarding Sunshine if she took that position. However, she did commit to attend every meeting. She added that she has an Ethics member who is interested in serving(No individual named at this time)
* CM Newby stated that it is important that he and his colleagues work together to find a solution that will work best for all as the most important this is to restore public trust. He recommended that the committee be consist of 3-5 members
* Carla Miller recommended an interested party from the Sheriff’s Office who may be interested in serving as JSO was once faced with texting concerns
* CM Newby asked if it would be feasible to include an individual from an independent authority
* Carla Miller agreed and stated that would be perfect as it would work into the premise of a global solution
* CM Newby went on to suggest that maybe the committee could include a representative from Boards and Commissions, 3-5 Council Members, an Executive Branch representative and an Ethics representative
* CP Anderson asked CM Newby how long did he think that he would need to reach a solution
* CM Newby responded with “3 meeting” which is about 6 weeks
* CM Newby also implored assistance from CM Anna Brosche to sit on the Subcommittee
* CM Anderson stated that he and CM Boyer had met previously regarding texting technology and that there would be a demonstration of software package. He further stated that the Council and Ethics has backed away from C drive back up as the process became cumbersome. The new technology will be compatible with other devices
* Carla Miller mentioned that a Former Deputy Attorney General Joe Jacquot who was is currently the Chair of Ethics Commission is willing to come and speak to Subcommittee as he was charged with resolving the State’s texting issue in the past
* CP Anderson stated that Joe Jacquot representative could only be a witness
* CP Anderson asked if CM Newby could be a voting member. He advised that Lisa Smith is the interested party from the Sheriff’s office and his office will forward her contact information to CM Newby
* Carla Miller stated that Lisa Smith can be a constitutional officer
* CM Newby suggested that he may need 4 meetings to thoroughly address the concerns
* CP Anderson advised CM Newby that ultimately he would be asked to recommend a change in policy to the Council President and per Ethics, create legislation for texting management. He made it clear that based on the Committee’s findings that it will be determined whether the policy will be changed or remain the same
* Carla Miller clarified that Ethics commission was not “locked” into legislation but would accept that in lieu of “nothing”. It was further suggested that there may be some other creative solutions or a different way to approach the situation
* CM Brosche wanted to make clear that the Ethics commission was **not** locked into legislation but had considered and understood that there is a policy that exists.
* Carla Miller responded that the Ethics commission is **not** locked into legislation but prefers it over policy. She echoes CP Anderson’s opinion that policy can be enacted quicker. She further suggested that there be legislation written that included 3-4 key elements with details to be worked out in policy
* CM Newby asked if the committee suggests to use the current policy would that be acceptable
* Carla Miller responded “yes”
* There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes completed by Chiquita Moore, ECA Group 5 At-Large, on Wednesday, March 23, 2016

cc: Council Members/Staff

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