Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Maria Davis called the meeting of the Board of Ethics to order at 7:08 p.m. in Room 104 at Shelton City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call
Maria Davis, Chairman
Byron Peterson
Christine Robinson

Also Attending:
Thomas J. Welch, Corporation Counsel
Loren Casertano
Kim-Marie Casertano
Richard Widomski
Christopher Jones
Cyndee Burke, Clerk
The Press from various media

Motion to Add Public Portion:
Byron Peterson moved to add a public portion to the agenda and to limit it to no longer than 10 minutes. Christine Robinson seconded. Passed unanimously 3-0.
Public Portion

Loren Casertano, 9 Shelter Rock Drive, Shelton
Mr. Casertano started to read his complaint to the Board and Chairman Davis stopped him to explain that the way a formal ethics complaint is presented is it has to be notarized. You can hand the complaint to us tonight, and we will address it at some point, but you are not able to read it to us.

Mr. Chris Jones stated Mr. Casertano has already submitted his complaint. Chairman Davis explained if you want to submit a complaint, it goes through Cyndee and then comes to us and then we will get the complaint. We will do whatever is necessary and address it at that time.

Mr. Casertano said I made a formal complaint to the Mayor's Office, and I am letting you know.

Richard Widomski, 49 Christine Drive, Shelton
Mr. Widomski stated I have one question and am chasing down some information on Shelton Economic Development Corporation. It's the Corporation as opposed to Commission. Tonight I find I may not have an answer from Attorney Welch. If someone has a complaint about ethics or a conflict of interest with the Shelton Economic Development Corporation, is this the Board to go to?

Mr. Peterson answered if it is a violation of ethics, you would fill out the allegation on the form with this Board. We, in closed session, will determine if it is an allegation. Mr. Widomski said there are 50 people on the board of Shelton Economic Development Corporation.

Attorney Welch clarified that Mr. Widomski is referring to the Shelton Economic Development Corporation, not the Commission. Attorney Welch said it is a development agency.

Mr. Widomski said I did in fact ask the question and it is in fact being looked into. It is a funny organization, I think. It is my belief that they are public officials, at the very least public service because of the amount of money being handled for the City of Shelton and they handle federal, state and city funds. I have correspondence that yes; they are in fact, a private, non-profit corporation. I also have information from the Purchasing Department that they are an arm of the city. If you look, they are created by statute by the state which allows the Board of
Aldermen, which enters the picture too, and which they also report to the Mayor. I have a pile of information on it, and every time I ask the question on it I get a different answer. I would like to see what Corporation Counsel comes up with because it is so hard to believe they aren't public officials. Part of the work they do I believe belongs here, and part of it is securities and exchange commission, for all I know because they are a private non-profit, does that fall underneath the Fed's? My question is do they belong here? (inaudible) can I expect an answer to that. This has been going on for 6 or 7 months.

**Motion to Close Public Portion:**
Christine Robinson moved to close the public portion. Byron Peterson seconded. **Passed unanimously 3-0.**

Public portion closed at 7:15 p.m.

**Agenda Items**

1. **Minutes of Joint Meeting with the Board of Aldermen on July 27, 2010 - Accepted**

   Christine Robinson moved to accept the minutes of the Joint Meeting with the Board of Aldermen and Board of Ethics of July 27, 2010. Byron Peterson seconded. **Passed unanimously 3-0.**

2. **Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 5, 2010 - Accepted**

   Christine Robinson moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Ethics of August 5, 2010. Byron Peterson seconded. **Passed unanimously 3-0.**

3. **Schedule of Meetings 2011 - Approved**

   Christine Robinson moved to formally approve the Schedule of Meetings for 2011. Byron Peterson seconded. **Passed unanimously 3-0.**
The Board of Ethics meets on the first Thursday of each month at Shelton City Hall and the meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

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**Motion to go into Executive Session:**
Byron Peterson moved to enter into Closed Session. Christine Robinson seconded. **Passed unanimously 3-0.**

Open Session ended and Closed Session began at 7:17 pm.

**Attending:**
Maria Davis, Chairman
Byron Peterson
Christine Robinson
Thomas J. Welch, Corporation Counsel
Cyndee Burke, Clerk

4. **Consideration of Ethics Complaint Ref #2010-01** - There was discussion.

**Motion to come back into Open Session:**
Byron Peterson moved to enter into Open Session. Christine Robinson seconded. **Passed unanimously 3-0.**

Closed session ended and Open Session began at 7:18 p.m.

**Attending:**
Maria Davis, Chairman
Byron Peterson
Christine Robinson
Thomas J. Welch, Corporation Counsel
Loren Casertano
Kim-Marie Casertano
Richard Widomski
Christopher Jones
Motion to Add to the Agenda:
Christine Robinson moved to add to the agenda Complaint Reference #2011-01 and #2011-02. Byron Peterson seconded. Passed unanimously 3-0.

Motion to go into Closed Session:
Christine Robinson moved to go into Closed Session to discuss Complaint Ref #'s 2010-01, 2011-01 and 2011-02. Byron Peterson seconded. Passed unanimously 3-0.

Open Session ended and Closed Session began at 7:19 p.m.

Attending:
Maria Davis, Chairman
Byron Peterson
Christine Robinson
Thomas J. Welch, Corporation Counsel
Cyndee Burke, Clerk

4. Consideration of Ethics Complaint Ref #2010-01
   There was discussion. No action taken.

6. Consideration of Ethics Complaint Ref #2011-01
   There was discussion. No action taken.

7. Consideration of Ethics Complaint Ref #2011-02
   There was discussion. No action taken.

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session:
Byron Peterson moved to come out of Closed Session. Christine Robinson seconded. Passed unanimously 3-0.

Closed session ended and Regular Session began at 8:56 p.m.

5. General Discussion – there was no discussion.
Adjournment

Byron Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Christine Robinson seconded. Passed unanimously 3-0.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Ethics adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndee Burke, Clerk