

**Birmingham City Commission
Special Meeting Minutes - Workshop
Monday, June 5, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

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This will be considered a workshop session of the City Commission. No formal actions will be taken. The purpose of this workshop is to participate in a discussion regarding a Code of Conduct for the City Commission.

I. Call to Order

Therese Longe, Mayor

II. Roll Call

City Clerk Bingham called the roll.

Present: Mayor Longe
Mayor Pro Tem McLain
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Boutros
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Schafer

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Markus; City Clerk Bingham, Assistant City Manager Ecker, City Attorney Kucharek

III. Presentation & Discussion

CM Markus, Mayor Longe, MPT McLain, and CA Kucharek introduced the topic. CA Kucharek answered informational questions from the Commission. The Commission discussed the origin of the need for a Code of Conduct. Some Commissioners indicated that creating a Code of Conduct was appropriate, and some indicated they were only interested in a Code of Conduct if it could be brief. The Commission then had a discussion about how to approach formulating a Code of Conduct.

Commissioner comments on the potential content of the Code of Conduct were as follows:

- Civility and respect, the process and the pitfalls, ethical guidelines, and references to existing agreements should all be included;
- There were useful aspects of the Yakima City Council Rules of Procedure that would be valuable to replicate in some type of document but did not need to be included in a Code of Conduct specifically;
- The Yakima City Council Code of Conduct summary could be replicated for Birmingham's potential Code of

Conduct;

- The Yakima City Council Code of Conduct summary document is used in the context of the City Council's other documents and procedures and does not stand on its own;
- It would be difficult to have a simple document that provides for complex levels of accountability. Detail in the Code of Conduct may be required; and,
- There was no consensus on whether a Code of Conduct should include potential sanctions.

Commissioner Baller recommended the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Manager meet and compose a potential Code of Conduct for the Commission to vote on.

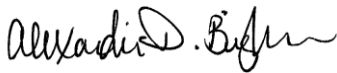
The Mayor said that was a consideration that could be addressed at a later meeting.

IV. Public Comment

David Bloom commented on a potential Code of Conduct.

V. Adjourn

Mayor Longe adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist