

MINUTES OF NORWICH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2023  
VIRTUAL MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Scott Camassar, Vice Chair Karen Lucas and Robin Lawson

MEMBERS ABSENT: All present

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Robert Drozynski and Lori Ploof. Robert Drozynski was seated as a regular voting member.

ALTERNATES ABSENT: All present

OTHERS PRESENT: Melinda Wilson, Recording Secretary

1. Call to order: Chair Scott Camassar called the October 16, 2023, meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
2. Determination of Quorum: It was determined a quorum was present.
3. Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Robin Lawson, seconded by Karen Lucas, the February 13, 2023, and September 11, 2023, meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.
4. Citizen Comment: None presented.
5. Old Business: None presented.
6. New Business:

Advisory Opinion 2023 – 4

Chair Camassar noted the Request for Advisory Opinion submitted by City Treasurer Michael Gualtieri had been emailed to the Ethics Commission members prior to the meeting. Chair Camassar summarized the Request. Mr. Gualtieri noted Robert Buckley is running unopposed in November for the position of City Treasurer. Mr. Gualtieri laid out a plan to assist in the transition of himself as Treasurer to Mr. Buckley. The plan includes each of them appointing the other as Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Buckley would not be paid in his position as Assistant. Mr. Gualtieri would be paid an hourly rate during his time as Assistant Treasurer in accordance with the annual salary of the City Treasurer.

Discussion ensued. The Ethics Commission members agreed the plan is prudent and is consistent with the Ethics Code.

On a motion by Robert Drozynski, seconded by Karen Lucas, the Ethics Commission unanimously voted the plan presented in Request for Advisory Opinion 2023 – 4 is in compliance with the Code of Ethics.

Chair Camassar informed the Ethics Commission he will write a response and send it to Mr. Gualtieri.

7. Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn by Karen Lucas, seconded by Robin Lawson, the meeting of the Ethics Commission unanimously adjourned at 6:41 PM.