



## ETHICS COMMITTEE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

3468 N. Fulton Avenue  
Hapeville, GA 30354

August 24, 2022 12:00 PM

### MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Chairman Simpson at 12:13 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** All Members were present, which constituted a quorum.
  - ✓ Jerome Newell, Chairman
  - ✓ Robert Hall, Vice Chairman
  - ✓ Carolyn Routh (**Via Phone**)
  - ✓ Raymond Farr
3. **WELCOME:** Chairman Jerome Newell welcomed all to the August 24th Meeting.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

City Attorney Andy Welch reintroduced the two complaints to the Committee. He explained that these were part of the three complaints examined and reviewed at the April 12, 2022, Ethics Meeting. Attorney Welch stated that complaints were filed improperly and needed to be refiled in occurrence with the City ordinance. The complainant resubmitted two out of three complaints for the Board's review.

Upon reviewing the two complaints, the Committee found that the complainant acknowledged that the incident involving city property occurred on or about December 17, 2021, and Mr. Young's initial intervention to resolve the incident happened on December 31, 2021, from which all subsequent actions followed.

The Board further notes that these complaints were filed as a result of that initial intervention, and to attempt to file such a complaint regarding the initial intervention at this late date would render such a complaint untimely and be beyond the jurisdiction of the Board.

Based upon the facts as presented by the complainant under oath, the Board of Ethics found that the complaints did not provide facts under which further proceedings are justified.

- 4.I. Consideration and action regarding the proper form of Ethics Complaint filed by Alexia & Erik Ryan (Beer Girl) on August 16, 2022, against Tim Young, Hapeville City Manager.

**MOTION:** Committee member Farr made a motion to dismiss complaint 1 based on: *Sec. 2-6-3. - Standards of conduct. "(a)No city official shall: (1) Give a reasonable basis for the impression by acts or omissions that any person can improperly influence him/her or unduly enjoy his/her favor in the performance of official acts."*, Committee member Routh provided a second. **Motion carried 3-0. Committee member Hall abstained his vote for this item.**

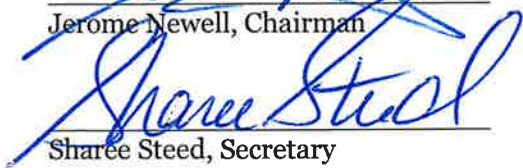
- 4.II. Consideration and action regarding the proper form of Ethics Complaint filed by Alexia & Erik Ryan (Beer Girl) on August 16, 2022, against Tim Young, Hapeville City Manager.

**MOTION:** Committee member Routh made a motion to adjourn at 12:20 PM, Chairman Simpson provided a seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jerome Newell, Chairman

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Sharee Steed, Secretary