

Report of the Ethics Commission

The Ethics Commission first met to consider and investigate all the allegations in the complaints, counter complaints, and responses that had been filed by and against Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner.

Based on that review and investigation, it was determined that the complaints against Mayor Maness and Commissioner Milele needed no further investigation as the Ethics Commission concluded they were filed in good faith. Facts showed that Commissioner Hefner first had his property included in the PUD, and then removed it after suspicions were raised. The Commission felt there was sufficient cause for Mayor Maness and Commissioner Milele to file their complaints against Mr. Hefner, as their complaints contained more detailed allegations, they were filed in good faith, and that the complaints against Mayor Maness and Commissioner Milele did not require a public hearing nor meet the requirements necessary for a violation of the Ethics Code.

The complaints against Commissioner Hefner filed by Mayor Maness and Commissioner Milele required further factual investigation by the Ethics Commission of events involving Commissioner Hefner's property.

After hearing from Mr. Hefner, as well as, the developers of the PUD, the Ethics Commission concluded that Mr. Hefner was, in fact, living in the property in question, and had expended several thousand dollars in renovation of the property. Also, nearby commercial zoning had already significantly increased the value of Commissioner Hefner's property before it was placed in the PUD. This explanation and facts were satisfactory to the Ethics Commission. Therefore, the ethics complaints filed by Mayor Maness and Commissioner Milele against Commissioner Hefner did not meet the requirements of an ethics violation and no further action, including a public hearing, was necessary.

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