

The Mayoral candidates April 6 at LV4All; the 2017 ethics ordinance

The Bethlehem Gadfly Candidates for election, Election April 29, 2021

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“As mayor of Bethlehem, would you support an ethics ordinance in our City similar to the one in 2017? And why or why did you not support that ordinance in 2017?”

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Candidate Reynolds:

- 2017 ethics ordinance was about 50 pages long
- advice of lawyers and D.A. was to break it up in pieces
- passed two sections: ethics training and no gifts ban
- always open to look at new things to strengthen the ordinance
- Councilpersons Colon and Negron proposed the ordinance in 2017
- they felt the important parts were passed
- they support his candidacy
- open to whatever proposals come forward
- must take it piece by piece
- the advice in 2017 was that 50 pages was too long
- best to break it up into pieces

Candidate Grubb:

- would support the 2017 ethics ordinance
- lot of lessons to be learned from what happened in Allentown
- and with martin Tower
- conflicts of Councilmen with sizeable contributions from developers
- length of ordinance doesn't matter
- content is the key
- Council dropped ball

- two small pieces approved
- nothing's happened since
- Reynolds has had a chance since 2017 to act but hasn't
- if elected, will resubmit a comprehensive ethics ordinance

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