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BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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In re JOSEPH KILSHEIMER,

Respondent.

Complaint No. 18-020

ORDER FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE

Based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate as orally amended, the Commission on Ethics finds that there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent, as the Mayor of Apopka, violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by improperly billing the City of Apopka for travel expenses incurred by himself and his spouse on a trip to Washington, D.C., and finds that there is probable cause to believe Respondent violated Section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to report gift(s) he and his spouse received. Therefore, the Commission orders a public hearing as to whether the Respondent violated Sections 112.313(6) and 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes.<sup>1</sup>

A formal notice of hearing of the matter on which probable cause has been found will be prepared and sent to the Respondent and to the Advocate. Under Commission Rule 34-5.020, Florida Administrative Code, the Commission may resolve a complaint proceeding through a stipulation, settlement or consent order entered into by the Respondent and the Commission's Advocate and approved by the Commission. If the Respondent wishes to pursue a settlement of

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<sup>1</sup> The no probable cause wording in the body of the recommendation of the Advocate is a scrivener's error which was orally corrected at the hearing on January 24, 2020, to reflect the recommendation of probable cause.

this case, he should contact the Commission's Advocate at (850) 414-3300 to discuss the terms of a possible settlement.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session on Friday, January 24, 2020.

January 29, 2020  
Date

Kimberly B. Rezanika  
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*Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics*

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cc: Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent  
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate  
Ms. Melissa L. Touchet, Complainant