

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on August 27, 2019 immediately following the City Council meeting which begins at 5:30 PM in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers.

The following items will be considered:

1. Roll Call
2. Council President's Report
3. Administrator's Report
4. Approval of Agenda
5. New Business
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Strategic Priorities (*Councilor Ullman*)
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Next Steps toward Promoting and Integrating the Ojibwa Language within the City of Ashland (*Councilor Ullman*)
6. Adjournment

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SUBJECT: New Business

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:

CLEARANCES:

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Strategic Priorities (*Councilor Ullman*)

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Councilor Ullman

CLEARANCES: Council President

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In order to provide guidance to the City Administrator and Department Heads as they prepare their draft budgets for the upcoming year, Council will discuss and vote to endorse additional priority areas. (Some priority areas may require changes to ordinances or other Council action, rather than budget allocation.)

The list below reflects a compilation of suggestions made at the July 30th Committee of the Whole meeting. An asterisk indicates that these priorities were mentioned during the retreat or in the shared goals document created by Department Heads. Additional priorities may be introduced and voted on at the meeting.

- Review infrastructure improvement plan created by Strand, and update 5-year Capital Plan
- Pursue alternate sources of revenue for the City*
- Address affordable housing and homelessness
- Continue to work towards property maintenance enforcement
- Increase trust in local government through improved communication and information*
- Better use of website
- Improve social media presence
- Address sewage overflows*
- Lake shore revitalization/waterfront development
- Finish Source Water Protection Plan
- Begin implementation of 25 x 25 Plan
- Evaluate and plan for climate resilience
- Evaluate and improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure
- Evaluate public transportation needs

- Facilities improvements to City Hall
- Library renovation
- Evaluate and improve security and access at all public buildings
- Downtown revitalization

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Next Steps toward Promoting and Integrating the Ojibwa Language within the City of Ashland (*Councilor Ullman*)

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Councilor Ullman

CLEARANCES: Council President

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This item was brought forward to discuss the next steps in moving forward with a collaboration with members of the Bad River Tribe and representatives of the Language Strategic Planning Group.