

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on October 8, 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. Items for Discussion
 - A. Budget Follow-Up
 - B. Strategic Priorities Follow-Up: Source Water Protection
 - C. Homelessness in Ashland
6. Adjournment

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SUBJECT: Budget Follow-Up

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Councilor Ullman

CLEARANCES: Council President

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

On October 3rd we will had our first budget work session. This agenda item provides an opportunity for follow-up discussion, questions, or action related to the information presented and discussed at the October 3rd meeting, or additional material related to the budget brought forward by the city staff.

SUBJECT: Strategic Priorities Follow-Up: Source Water Protection

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Councilor Ullman

CLEARANCES: Council President

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

At a prior meeting we identified items on the strategic priorities' list which may require additional followup discussion. At this meeting we will discuss and determine the next steps on completing the Source Water Protection Plan.

Below is an update from Mayor Lewis after discussion with the Public Works Director:

John and I had a conversation about this and here is where things are in this process and a general timeline for moving forward. Our public works director has determined that long-term deferred maintenance of our water and wastewater systems is the biggest internal threat to our water. Although the investigative work on the sewer system that has been happening this year is aligned closely with addressing the information needed to finalize the SWPP, more is needed on the water side. Here are the steps John and his staff are taking and their order of priority:

- 1/ Finish scoping plans for both water and wastewater system necessary maintenance. Ongoing, now to end of year;
- 2/ Complete Notice of Intent to Apply for Clean Water Loan Program and Safe Drinking Water Loans by end of October 2019;
- 3/ Complete shovel ready plans necessary for full application for both loans by June 2020. Determine which plans will be developed internally and which will require the assistance of outside consultants;
- 4/ Once the Notice of Intent to Apply is completed in late October 2019, John and staff will work to prepare information needed for draft of city responses for the Source Water Protection Plan by end of 2019;
- 5/ Goal is to reconvene Source Water Protection Plan Committee at beginning of 2020 with goal of finalizing as soon as possible thereafter.

John has indicated that this is a reasonable timeline given the other demands being made of the department and has agreed to have a phone conversation with Andrew Aslesen to touch base with him on this.

SUBJECT: Homelessness in Ashland

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Councilors Franek and Ortman

CLEARANCES: Council President

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A number of council members have expressed concern about homelessness in Ashland, and two councilors have formally asked that this item be included on the Committee of the Whole agenda. This will be an initial discussion to map out future areas for discussion or action related to homelessness and related issues.