

AMENDED AGENDA

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, October 8, 2019 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis, in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, a Moment of Silence was held, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Holly George (arrived at 5:35), Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochterman, Wahsayah Whitebird, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore

ABSENT: Matthew MacKenzie (excused), Kevin Haas (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Police Chief James Gregoire, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, Parks and Recreation Director Sara Hudson, Human Resources Director Jennifer Boulley, and other concerned citizens.

B. Moment of Silence

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Whitebird moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Clerk read the Rules for Citizen Participation, and the following offered their comments to the Council:

Jim Miller, introduced himself as the former outreach officer for Representative Duffy, and presently for Senator Ron Johnson.

Eric Lindell, Ward 6, commented that the community homeless have been loitering at his place of business as the colder weather has already started. He offered an alternative as a potential solution, to create a "warming shelter" in the City of Ashland for those in need during the winter months. He also feels that the City could make better use of some of the green space that it owns.

Clark Shroeder, introduced himself as the new Ashland County Administrator.

Betsey Harries, 910 Ellis Avenue, announced that enrollment has begun for the new childcare center, Evergrow Learning Center which is opening on November 4, 2019.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

The Mayor was visited by members of the National Guard who are being deployed to the Middle East in the near future. There will be a send-off at the National Guard Armory on October 17, 2019 followed by an escort out of town by the police and fire departments. Lewis invited Councilors to the next Housing Committee Meeting on Wednesday October 9, 2019 to discuss the homelessness issue. There are current openings on the Historic Preservation Committee for a Council Representative and one citizen, and one opening on the Library Board. Whistlestop festivities are this coming weekend and Lewis welcomed all the visitors to the area. America Legion Post recently held their 100th Anniversary, and Lewis commended the Ashland Fire Department on their well-attended Open House held on Monday, October 7, 2019.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

George moved, seconded by Pufall approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A. Operators' Licenses

Summary Statement: The following individuals applied for an Operator's license: Nathan A. Baron, Thomas A. Bierman, Delores E. Janes, Joshua M. Lozano, Mary L. McPhetridge, John S. Mihalak, and Maribeth Monroe.

B. Miscellaneous Minutes

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve a Class B Combination Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application for Anchor Islands LLC (Officer Anthony Jennings and Agent Michele Tegen) for Anchor Islands at 315 Turner Road (*Clerk*) Voice**

Franek moved, seconded by Pufall to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- B. Approve a Resolution Accepting the Workmanship of Ashland Construction, Inc, and Approval of Final Payment for the 2018 Main Street East and 14th Avenue East Resurfacing and Utility Replacement Project (*Public Works*) Roll**

Moore moved, seconded by Tochterman to approve the resolution and final payment in the amount of \$16,285.92 . The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **File #17526**

- C. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 351 (963), Ashland City Ordinances, Licensing, Regulating, and Maintenance of Dogs and Cats (*Police Department*) Voice**

Tochterman moved, seconded by Moore to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. **File #17527**

- D. Review and Approve 2020-2021 Health Insurance Contract with Medica Health Insurance (*Human Resources*) Roll**

Human Resources Director Jennifer Boulley, and David Martinsen of Great Lakes Insurance were present to discuss and answer questions.

George moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve Medica Health Insurance plan as recommended for 2020-2021 City of Ashland staff health insurance in the amount of \$1,492,853.23 as budgeted. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- E. Approval of the Updated City of Ashland Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), 2019-2024 (*Parks and Recreation*) Voice**

Tochterman moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve. The motion passed 8-0 by voice vote; Pufall abstained.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Whitebird moved, seconded by Ortman to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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