

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on October 29, 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:

The Tuesday, October 29, 2019 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Council President Kate Ullman in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Holly George, Matthew MacKenzie, Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochtermann, Wahsayah Whitebird, Kevin Haas, Liz Franek, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall, and Jackie Moore.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Public Works Director John Butler, Public Works Administrative Manager Sharon Campbell, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, Police Chief Jim Gregoire, and Parks and Recreation Director Sara Hudson.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Discussion Items

A. Budget Work Session - Continued Presentation and General Discussion Regarding the 2020 Budgets and Approve a Recommended 2020 Budget for Council Approval and Public Budget Hearing at the November 19, 2019 Council Meeting

Vaillancourt reviewed the preliminary 2020 budgets of the updated Budget Summary, General Fund, Salary/Hourly Wage Schedule, Debt Payment Detail, Debt Service Funds, Special Revenue Funds, and the Water Utility Enterprise Fund. Kucera worked through the remaining department explanations for Public Works, JFK Airport, and Marina.

Ortman moved, seconded by Haas to forward all budgets as presented, to the November 19, 2019 Council Public Hearing meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ullman moved to increase the budget by \$5,000 for Line Item 810, Fire and Ambulance Capital Equipment; seconded by Franek. The motion passed 6-5 by voice vote; opposed were George, Jackson, MacKenzie, Ortman and Moore.

Tochterman offered a friendly amendment to Ortman's motion, to allow the Administrator to find \$5,000 to balance the budget due to the passed amendment. Ortman and Haas accepted this amendment. The motion to forward all budgets to include the amendment, to the November 19, 2019 City Council Public Hearing for final approval. The motion passed 9-2 by voice vote; opposed were Pufall and Moore.

4. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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