

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on March 10, 2020 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, March 10, 2020 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Council President Kate Ullman, in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Holly George, Matthew MacKenzie, Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman (5:35), Ana Tochtermann, Wahsayah Whitebird, Kevin Haas, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore

ABSENT: Charlie Ortman (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Maror Debra Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, and City Clerk Denise Oliphant.

2. Council President's Report

Ullman made mention of a few upcoming items for discussion including a report from Chief Gregoire, and an update regarding Coronavirus contingency plans. The Public Works Director is looking into the City's sidewalk special assessment procedure and plans to bring his report to Council. Thank you to John and Sara for the recent grants received. Ullman has been talking with the Administrator and the Fire Chief about the firefighting foam regulations.

3. Administrator's Report

Kucera is working on an RFP for a facilitator for the City's Strategic Plan and a construction manager for the new Police Facility.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moore moved, seconded by Haas to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Committee Reports

Harbor Commission - Lewis: no report.

Plan commission- MacKenzie: no report.

Police & Fire Commission - Lewis: discussed hiring of PT officers for PD and 2 new firefighters

Library Board - Jackson: no report.

Housing Authority - Franek: discussing spending reserves.

Housing Committee - Tochterman: approved final recommendations for housing, moving forward with rental unit rating system, looking into potential for selling City lots for small homes construction. Lewis added a grant has been awarded for an area housing study.

Parks - Haas: moving forward with ore dock items, Superfund fencing coming down in 2021, Maslowski Beach work in progress, talked about the importance of the tree committee in reference to the Vaughn Avenue reconstruction project, working to get bouldering wall up and running, looking at starting a summer Pickleball program, planning on events to coincide with Farmers' Market, discussed reinforcing ball field users to pay for use, establishing committee to look at Bike Plan to integrate needed pedestrian language, discussing improvements to East end skating rink/tennis court lot.

Public Works Committee - moore: no report

Sustainability - Ullman: discussed Farmers' Market plans, rain barrel sale, and World Water Day speaker at Northland College on March 19, 2020.

Historic Preservation - Franek: no report

Disabled Parking - Whitebird: no report

Source Water Protection Committee - Whitebird: proposed an event for Earth Day.

6. Discussion Items

A. Discussion and Possible Action on a Proposed Ordinance to Ban Conversion Therapy in the City of Ashland (*Councilor Whitebird*)

Whitebird moved, seconded by Moore to approve and move forward to Council for final approval. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Update Regarding the 2020 Census and Redistricting (*Councilor Ullman*)

Discussion only.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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