

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on March 26, 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. Discussion Items
 - A. **Discussion Regarding Process of Creating a New Police Facility**
6. Adjournment

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SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding Process of Creating a New Police Facility

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Administrator, Mayor, Council President

CLEARANCES: Administrator, Mayor, Council President

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NA

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Under state statute, individual alderpersons are not empowered to act or speak on behalf of the City, and the voice of the City Council is exercised by the majority vote when a quorum of the Council is present. On numerous occasions in the past three years, the City Council has acted by voting to move forward in a process to construct a new police station at the 11th Avenue West site in Ashland. The City, per Council directive, has expended considerable time and money to achieve shovel-ready, State approved plans to construct a new police station. The City has applied for and secured a \$100,000 grant to pay for the installation of solar panels which is projected to generate all of the electrical use needs at the new facility. To date, there have been at least seven discussions at properly noticed public meetings since November 2018 in an attempt to educate the City Council, to answer questions and to discuss financing options.

This discussion item is meant to allow an opportunity for the Council to re-group and allow each individual Councilor to express their opinion as to how to move forward so that City Staff and Administration can receive information from the Council as a whole about what additional information is needed or required.

This is a *discussion only* item and there will be no motions or votes accepted. Councilors will be given, in Ward order, the opportunity to express the entirety of their thoughts and concerns.