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October 27, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings
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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, October 27, 2020 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis, virtually via GoTo Meetings at 5:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Holly George, Matthew MacKenzie (6:00), Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochtermann, Wahsayah Whitebird, Kevin Haas, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Planning Director Megan McBride, Public Works Director John Butler, Finance Director, interim Police Chief Bill Hagstrom, Fire Chief Dave Wegener, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 24, 202 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session Minutes

B. September 29, 2020 City Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

C. October 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session Minutes

D. October 15, 2020 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session Minutes

Ortman moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve all minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Eric Lindell, 204 1/2 Main Street West and member of the Housing Committee, spoke in favor of the proposal received for housing units at the Timeless Timber site.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Recognition of Beautification Council Appreciation and Beauty Spot Award Winners

Mayor Lewis offered her appreciation to the Beautification Council members, and congratulated winners of the Beauty Spot Awards for 2020.

B. Announcements

Lewis spoke to the current spike in COVID cases in the region and reiterated the Health Department's advisory to work from home when able to minimize contact. It was advised to discourage the community from large gatherings during Halloween this year, and offered suggestions to enjoy the holiday despite the COVID pandemic. Chapple Avenue would not be hosting their annual celebrations. Due to the influx of in-person absentee voting for the November 3 General Election, the Clerk's office had offered extended hours for appointments. Extensive precautions were taken for both pre-Election Day voting and for the day of the Election regarding both safety and security. Ashland had been asked to participate as a pilot community by WHEDA, and a housing survey should be going out soon to residents. At a recent meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, it was noted that the downtown businesses are hurting as a result of the COVID pandemic, and shoppers were encouraged to shop the local businesses during the upcoming holiday season. The Chamber will be putting out a promotion in support of the community businesses.

C. Appointments

The Mayor requested approval of the following appointment to the Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers: Heidi Knoke, Sara Beadle, and Cheryl Tveit. Haas moved, seconded by Moore to approve the Mayor's appointments. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve an Application for a Class B Combination Alcohol Beverage License for Spot Bar at 220 Main Street East, Ashland, WI, and its Agent Freddie Monkelien *(Clerk)***

B. Miscellaneous Meeting Minutes

Franek moved, seconded by Moore to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation and Discussion of City of Ashland 2019 Audit

Kimberly Shult, CPA with Baker Tilly, offered a presentation and answered questions from Councilors regarding the 2019 City of Ashland Audit.

B. Approve the Revised Local Roads Improvement Program State Municipal Agreement (SMA), Dated August 25, 2020 for the Waterfront Access Road Reconstruction Project and Approve a Resolution to Authorize the establishment of Pedestrian Facilities for the Waterfront Access Road Reconstruction Project *(Public Works)* Roll

Tochterman moved, seconded by Haas to approve the resolution and agreement for a total estimated project cost of \$1,600,000. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Approve Administration to Amend the Employee Handbook Policy Related to Compensatory and Overtime Policies *(Administration)* Voice

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

D. Approve Acceptance of Commercial Proposal for Redevelopment of the Northern Portion of the Timeless Timber Site from El Tarasco, LLC *(Planning)* Roll

Franek moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve the proposal. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve to Accept a Residential Proposal for Redevelopment of the Southern Portion of the Timeless Timber Site from The Commonwealth Companies *(Planning)* Roll

George moved, seconded by Tochterman to approve the proposal. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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