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**ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021 – 5:30 PM**

**Ashland City Hall Council Chambers**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Tuesday, May 25, 2021 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**

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

Mayor Lewis requested to focus thoughts on those who have been effected by drug overdoses in the community. Councilor Franek requested to dedicate the Moment of Silence to education about Police Violence for the one year anniversary of the death of George Floyd.

**PRESENT:** Laura Graf, Sarah Jackson, Anne Whiting, Ana Tochterman, Eric Lindell, Kevin Haas, Charlie Ortman, Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore

**ABSENT:** Holly George

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Deb Lewis, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Planning Director Megan McBride, Deputy Clerk Chelsea List, and other concerned citizens.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **A. May 11, 2021 City Council Meeting minutes**

Lindell moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the minutes amended to include the omitted moment of silence dedication. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

There were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

### **5. MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **A. Announcements**

Mayor Lewis reported that high rainfall across the City did not result in any sewer overflow. The Homelessness Task Force is currently working on securing an appropriate site for temporary housing in the City and that the City will apply for federal funding for a potential site on behalf of Northwest Community Works. City crews have begun working on Maslowski Beach improvements. Finally she stated that Ashland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their traditional 4th of July celebration. The City Administrator, Brant Kucera gave a COVID-19 update. Council President Kevin Haas gave an update regarding Mobile Vendor fees and community input. Haas stated that he would be meeting with the City Clerk and Director of Parks and Recreation about possible fee changes.

### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Approve the Mayor's Appointments to a Census AdHoc Committee-**

Franek moved, seconded by Haas to approve the Census AdHoc Committee of Ella Teague, Ed Monroe, Dale Chesley, Mary Kay Muse, and Mari Kay Nabozny. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Approve a Resolution to Approve to Fill Ward 1 City Council Member Vacancy (Mayor) Roll**

Lindell moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the resolution. Ortman offered a friendly amendment to extend the deadline for applicants through June 23, 2021 to be reviewed the last meeting in June; Pufall seconded this motion. A roll call vote failed 3-7. The motion to approve the resolution as presented passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **B. Approve to Award a Contract to Managing Results, LLC as the Strategic Planning Consultant for the City of Ashland (Administrator) Roll**

Moore moved, seconded by Tochterman to approve to award a contract with Managing Results, LLC for \$19,662 as a Strategic Planning Consultant. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**C. Approve a Resolution to Set a Public Hearing Date for Vacation of ROW, Applicant: Ogilvie (Planning) Roll**

Haas moved, seconded by Lindell to approve a resolution to set a public hearing date of July 13, 2021 for vacation of ROW permit. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**D. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 201.35 Ashland City Ordinances, General Conduct, to Modify or Revoke the Emergency Order Regarding Face Covering Requirements during the COVID-19 Pandemic and to Modify or Revoke the Declaration of Emergency by Mayor, dated March 17, 2020 and Ratified by Council on March 31, 2020 (Mayor) Roll**

City Attorney Tyler Wickman recommended that Council makes 2 motions for this item. Haas moved, seconded by Graf to approve the ordinance to amend Chapter 201.35 to repeal the mask mandate. The motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote, Jackson opposed. Haas moved, seconded by Graf to rescind the Emergency Declaration dated March 17, 2020. Lindell offered a friendly amendment to include the CDC advisory and encourage those working with members of the public to continue safe practices, seconded by Tochterman, and was accepted by Ortman and Whiting. The motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote, Jackson opposed.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Enter into Closed Session (Roll)**

Pufall moved, seconded by Haas to enter into Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**B. CLOSED SESSION per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data on any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise of responsibility" City Attorney Contract (Administrator)**

**C. Return to Open Session (Voice)**

Haas moved, seconded by Lindell to return to Open Session. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**D. Report of Action Taken During Closed Session**

Mayor Lewis reported that Council approved unanimously of the two-year contract with the City Attorney, Wickman, Anich & Lindsey.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Pufall moved, seconded by Franek to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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