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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 5:30 PM

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, May 10, 2022 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie 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.

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Sarah Jackson, Ana Tochtermann, Eric Lindell, Laura Graf, Charlie Ortman, Dick Pufall

ABSENT:None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 19, 2022 City Council Reorganizational Meeting Minutes

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Clerk read the Rules for Citizen Participation, and the following offered their comments to the Council:

Jeanne Olbekson, PO Box 786, representing Ashland Homeless Help, asked for Council's consideration to revisit allowing tent camping in parks, and asked for information regarding the City's position on Air B&Bs, rental units, etc.

Zygmund Jablonski, 916 6th Avenue West, commented on the resolutions of special assessments as noted in Item 7C.

Don Jaskowiak, 121 Willis Avenue North, commented on the ore dock walkway proposed in Item 7G.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Mayor MacKenzie said that agenda items will be reviewed to better follow Ordinance Chapter 51.26. He will be working on appointments to various standing committees, and is considering to propose forming a special committee to address public outreach and communications. He also asked councillors to check the member's terms of their committees for reappointment. He may look to increase the number of members on the Housing Committee as he has been getting requests from volunteers to serve on this committee. Finally, he recently signed a permit for fireworks to be held on Saturday, July 2, 2022.

B. Mayor's Appointments

Lindell moved, seconded by Ortman to approve to reappoint Matt Horning to the Police and Fire Commission, whose term is to expire on May 1, 2027. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Committee Minutes

MacKenzie noted corrections to the Board of Canvass meeting minutes. Ortman moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the committee meeting minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve a Resolution to Establish Polling Places and Combine Wards for the August 9, 2022 Partisan Primary Election and the November 8, 2022 General Election (Clerk) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Approve an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 705 (1415) Water Utility Rules, Rates and Regulations, Ashland City Ordinances (Clerk) Roll

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

C. Approve Repeal and Recreate Resolutions No. 17666, No. 17667, and No 17668 to Reflect the Change to the Special Assessment Repayment Terms as Approved by Council (Clerk) Roll

Wickman recommended to approve to amend the resolutions instead of repealing and recreating them. Ortman moved, seconded by Tochterman to approve. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Approve to Accept a Bid from Ritola, Inc. and Award a Contract for the 2021 Alley Sewer Replacement Project (Public Works) Roll

Pufall moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the contract bid from Ritola, Inc. for \$275,577.80. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Approve to Waive the Advertisement Requirement Set Forth in Chapter 194.04, Procurement of Goods and services, Ashland City Ordinances, and Award the Bid for the 2022 Crushed Aggregate Contract to Mika Construction (Public Works) Roll

Ortman moved, seconded by Graf to approve the contract bid from Mika Construction for \$49,960.00. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Approve to Accept Bid from Angelo Luppino and Award a Contract for the Bike & Pedestrian Facility Improvements Project (Public Works) Roll

Lindell moved, seconded by Seefeldt to approve the contract bid from Angelo Luppino for \$571,380.76. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Approve to Award Bid to Kraemer North America, LLC for the Ashland Oredock Phase 2 (Diamond Access) Project (Parks) Roll

Hudson answered questions from Council. Seefeldt moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the alternate contract bid from Kraemer North America, LLC for \$1,937,800.00. The motion passed 4-2-1 by roll call vote; Ortman and Pufall opposed, Seefeldt abstained.

H. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 501 3rd Street West (Administration)

Kucera offered an update to Council regarding the potential purchase of the 501 3rd Street West property. Ortman motioned, seconded by Graf to deny the counter offer and maintain the purchase price of \$38,000.00. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote; Pufall opposed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Jackson moved, seconded by Seefeldt to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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