

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 2024 – 6:00 PM**  
**Ashland City Hall Council Chambers**

**1. Roll Call**

The Wednesday, October 16, 2024 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting Budget Work Session was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Andrew Goyke, Jim Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, and Nancy Sztynдор  
EXCUSED: Sarah Jackson and Ana Tochterman.

The Clerk noted that a quorum of the Council was present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matt Mac Kenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Finance Director Julie Vaillancourt, Library Director Sarah Adams, Public Works Director John Butler, Treasurer Jacey Dean, and Parks Director Sara Hudson.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion made by Sztynдор and seconded by Seefeldt to approve the agenda passed unanimously by voice vote.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed 2025 General Fund Budget and Proposed 2025 Capital Projects Budget**

Kucera reviewed the proposed 2025 budget with Council including general government, public safety, health and social services, public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development budgets. He also reviewed and answered questions from Council regarding revenues, internal revenue service fund and proposed capital projects.

**B. Discussion and Consideration to Approve 2025 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Internal Service Funds, and Enterprise Funds Budgets for Public Hearing and Council Approval at the November 12, 2024 Council Meeting**

A motion made by Goyke and seconded by Seefeldt to forward the proposed 2025 Budget to Council for a public hearing and formal approval, and to hold additional budget meetings before the public hearing meeting on November 12, 2024, was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Resolution to Exempt the City of Ashland from the Ashland County Library Levy (*Finance*)**

A motion by Seefeldt and second by Goyke to forward the resolution to the October 29, 2024 Council meeting for formal approval, was approved unanimously by voice vote.

4. **Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn made by Goyke and seconded by Gregoire, passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise Oliphant, City Clerk