

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

1. **Roll Call**

The Tuesday, May 13, 2025 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 7:05 PM.

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Shawn Brede, Peter Levi, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Sztynдор

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, Public Works Director John Butler, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion by Goyke, seconded by Seefeldt to approve, passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman noted he was pleased with the process and results of the Strategic Plan for the next five years.

4. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING:**

A. **Presentation from Charmaine Swan, a Specialist for Public Policy and Advocacy at the American Lung Association**

Charmaine Swan did a presentation for Council in support of creating an ordinance regulating vape shops. Council agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

B. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Ashland and Ashland Rotary Regarding the Splashpad Project (*Public Works*)**

The item was introduced by Butler, and Denise Kontny of Ashland Rotary was available for questions from Council. Seefeldt moved, seconded by Levi to forward the MOU to Council for formal approval. The motion carried 5-2 by voice vote; Goyke and Gregoire opposed.

C. **Development of an Ordinance for Vacant Homes in the City of Ashland (*Administrator*)**

Kucera requested to move this item to the next Committee of the Whole agenda to better present examples to Council.

D. **Development of a Municipal Court System (*Administrator*)**

The item was introduced by Kucera who offered pros and cons for proceeding with an ordinance. Council determined to return this item to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with more information for discussion.

5. **Items for Future Discussion**

Council agreed to continue conversation regarding a proposed vape shop ordinance. It was determined that this item be discussed at the Plan Commission level before coming back to the Committee of the Whole.

Sztyndor requested that the City Heights Road comment made during the Council Citizen Participation Period, be addressed by the Public Works Committee.

6. **Adjournment**

A motion by Goyke and seconded by Seefeldt to adjourn passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk