

MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, March 31, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

The Tuesday, March 31, 2026 City of Ashland Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by Council President Charlie Ortman at 7:28 PM.

1. **Roll Call**

PRESENT: Kevin Seefeldt, Shawn Brede, Andrew Goyke, James Gregoire, Charlie Ortman, Nancy Szyndor

ABSENT: Peter Levi (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Matthew MacKenzie, City Administrator Brant Kucera, City Clerk Denise Oliphant, City Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Steven Wiley, Event Director Jennifer Fanucci, and other interested citizens.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Ortman requested moving Item 4B to the beginning of discussion. A motion by Goyke, seconded by Szyndor to approve the amended agenda, passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Council President's Report**

Ortman spoke to the City's 25 x 25 Plan and encouraged continued use of renewable energy.

4. **Items for Discussion and Possible Action**

- A. **Introduction of Resolution to Discontinue Undeveloped City Right-of-Way Including Undeveloped 21st Avenue East Right-of-Way Adjacent to Parcel Nos. 201-03768-0000 and 201-03717-0000, and Undeveloped Right-of-Way Adjacent to Parcel Nos. 201-03717-0000 and 201-05077-0200, per Chapter 618.03, Process for Discontinuing City Rights-of-Way Initiated by the City, Ashland City Ordinances (*Planning & Development*)**

Wiley introduced the item and answered questions from Council. There was no formal action taken at this time.

- B. **Continued Discussion Regarding Proposed Amendments to Chapter 888 (2022-1962) Transient Vendors, Transient and Permanent Merchants and Door to Door Solicitors, and Chapter 889 (2022-1963) Mobile Food Establishments, Concessions and Food Vendors, Ashland City Ordinances (*Clerk*)**

Mac Kenzie began discussion asking Wickman for legal advice. Gregoire moved, seconded by Szyndor to forward the item to Council for formal approval. The motion carried 4-2 by voice vote; opposed were Goyke and Seefeldt.

- C. **Update on Sewer Rates (*Public Works*)**

Butler introduced the item and answered questions from Council. No formal action was requested at this time.

5. **Adjournment**

Prior to adjournment, Ortman thanked Gregoire for his time serving on City Council as this was his last meeting.

A motion by Gregoire and seconded by Sztynodor to adjourn was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk