

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 in Council Chambers and via an electronic meeting, starting at 6:00 P.M. Those in attendance were as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jeff White, Chairman; Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Bryan Cook, Ken Esquibel, Richard Johnson, Pete Laybourn, Dr. Mark Rinne, Scott Roybal, Tom Segrave and Jeff White.

CITY STAFF: Teresa Moore, Community Recreation & Events Director; Interim Chief John Kopper and Division Chief Byron Matthews, Fire & Rescue Department; Tom Mason, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Director; Chief Mark Francisco, Police Department; Robin Lockman, City Treasurer; Tom Cobb, City Engineer; Vicki Nemecek, Public Works Director; Eric Fountain, Compliance Director; Andy Worshek, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Jason Sanchez, Community Recreation & Events Deputy Director; Kris Jones, City Clerk; Mary Salas, Administrative Assistant City Council; Charles Bloom, Planning & Development Director; Michael O'Donnell, City Attorney; Brad Brooks, Board of Public Utilities (BOPU) Director; Ashley Miller, BOPU Administration Manager; Matt Buelow, BOPU Water Reclamation Manager; Clint Bassett, BOPU Water Treatment Manager; Jay Sullivan, Youth Alternatives Director; Cathy Emmons, City/County Health Executive Director; Alessandra McCoy-Fakelman, Deputy City Attorney; and Michael Skinner, Public Information Officer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Patrick Collins; Betsy Hale, Cheyenne LEADS Chief Executive Officer; Terry Harbick, Honor Guard; and Desiree Brothe, Arts Cheyenne.

AGENDA ITEMS

28. **ORDINANCE –2nd READING –** Appropriating moneys for the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming for various purposes in conducting the municipal government of said City and fixing the amount of general and special taxes as part of the revenue required to meet the said appropriation, all for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. (SPONSOR – MR. WHITE)

Councilman Cook excused himself from the meeting at 6:45 p.m., due to a previously scheduled appointment, prior to approval of the main motion.

Mr. Roybal moved to approve on 2nd reading, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Mr. Segrave moved to amend by increasing the City Attorney Division by \$132,200.00 and decreasing the Miscellaneous Division by the same amount, seconded by Dr. Aldrich. Motion to amend carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Segrave moved to amend by increasing the Clean and Safe Division by \$73,000.00 and decreasing the Miscellaneous Division by the same amount, seconded by Mr. Laybourn. Motion to amend carried with Mr. Johnson and Dr. Rinne voting "NO". Mr. Segrave moved to amend by increasing the Compliance Division by \$18,278.00 and increasing revenue from reserves

in the same amount, seconded by Dr. Aldrich. Motion to amend carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Esquibel moved to amend by increasing the Community Services Support Division by \$6,000.00 and increase revenue from the Skill Based Gaming line item in the same amount, seconded by Mr. Roybal. Motion to amend failed with Dr. Aldrich, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Rinne, and Mr. Segrave voting "NO". The main motion as amended carried by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Patrick Collins provided a staff report and advised that Council has been presented with a balanced budget. Mayor Collins shared an email from Mr. Richard Mincer of the Cheyenne Animal Shelter Board which stated that Board had unanimously voted to cancel the contract with the City of Cheyenne if the City will not agree to the \$850,000.00 proposed contract for the upcoming FY 2022. Desiree Brothe, Art Cheyenne, provided an overview of the Arts Cheyenne program and requested \$50,000.00 to continue the partnership with the City. Upon inquiry, Ms. Brothe provided information on the financials of the organization. Mr. Johnson recommended a future resolution and reappropriation for Arts Cheyenne needs once those are identified. Terry Harbick, American Legion Honor Guard, provided an overview of the local honor guard program and reviewed expenses. Mr. Harbick advised the funding from the State of Wyoming has been cut and requested \$6,000.00 for one year to supplement fund raising efforts. Mr. Johnson clarified the type of insurance funds to be moved to the City Attorney Division. Upon inquiry, Michael O'Donnell, City Attorney, provided information regarding the increase to the City Attorney Division budget to hire an additional attorney including duties and redistribution of workload. Dr. Aldrich spoke in support of the amendment to fund an additional attorney. Mr. Segrave provided a list of repairs to be completed at the Depot Plaza as related to the increase of funds to the Clean and Safe Division. Upon inquiry, Jason Sanchez, Community Recreation & Events Deputy Director, provided additional information on maintenance of the Depot Plaza and the timeline in which the work can be completed. Mr. Johnson and Dr. Rinne voiced concerns with funding maintenance instead of funding positions that may be removed from temporary alternate accounts. Mr. Laybourn, Mr. Esquibel and Dr. Aldrich spoke in support of the amendment. Additional discussion included: Usage of the 6th Penny funding for the Depot Plaza, usage of one-time funds for reoccurring expenses, Botanic Gardens employees funded out of the Operations and Management (O&M) Fund, and the legality of using O&M funds for payroll. Mr. Segrave provided information on need for additional funds for nuisance abatement in the Compliance Division. Robin Lockman, City Treasurer, provided information on rollover accounts. Eric Fountain, Compliance Director, provided information on the Compliance Division including available staffing and usage of the additional funds. Mr. Laybourn spoke in support of this amendment and provided examples of nuisance around the city. Mr. Esquibel proposed the City fund a portion of the Cheyenne Honor Guard that was previously cut from the State's budget and provided additional information on expenses of the Honor Guard. Upon inquiry. Ms. Lockman provided information on the additional revenue through the Skill Based Gaming line item. Dr. Rinne, Mr. Johnson, and Dr. Aldrich acknowledged the importance of the Honor Guard, but all agreed it was not the City's obligation to fund and supported fund- raising efforts instead.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. McClelland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Jennifer McClelland

Executive Assistant to the City Council