

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in Council Chambers and via electronic meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held a week early due to council member availability. Those in attendance were as follows:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Tom Segrave, Council President and Chairman; Dr. Michelle Aldrich; Dr. Kathy Emmons; Ken Esquibel; Pete Laybourn; Mark Moody; Dr. Mark Rinne; Lawrence Wolfe; and Jeff White.

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### **AGENDA ITEMS**

17. RESOLUTION – Establishing the City of Cheyenne’s prioritized list of projects proposed for potential inclusion on the One Percent (1%) Specific Purpose Sales and Use Tax Ballot proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of Laramie County at the Primary Election on August 18, 2026. (SPONSOR – MR. SEGRAVE)

Dr Aldrich moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. White.

Mr. Moody moved to amend by substitute dated January 13, 2026, which included increasing “City Street Maintenance Project” from nine million dollars (\$9,000,000.00) to twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) and replacing (#10) “Municipal Building Remodel Project” at twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000.00) with “Fire Station #6 Replacement and Relocation Project” at eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000.00), seconded by Dr. Aldrich. Mr. Moody moved to amend the substitute to remove “Fire Station #6 Replacement and Relocation Project” and re-insert “Municipal Building Remodel Project” at eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000.00), seconded by Mr. Esquibel. Motion to amend the substitute failed with all members voting “NO” except for Mr. Moody who voted “YES.” Motion to amend by substitute failed with all members voting “NO.”

Dr. Rinne moved to amend by removing “City Street Maintenance Project” at nine million dollars (\$9,000,000.00), seconded by Dr. Emmons. Motion to amend failed with all members voting “NO” except for Dr. Rinne who voted “YES.”

Dr. Rinne moved to amend by removing “Police Digital Equipment” at three million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000.00) and “Fire Equipment and Communications Replacement Project” at one million fifty-two thousand one hundred twenty dollars (\$1,052,120.00), seconded by Dr. Emmons. Motion to amend failed with all members voting “NO” except for Mr. Esquibel and Dr. Rinne who voted “YES.”

Dr. Aldrich moved to amend by replacing “Downtown Improvements Project” with “Reed Avenue Corridor Project,” seconded by Mr. Esquibel. Motion to amend failed with Dr. Emmons, Mr. Moody, Dr. Rinne, Mr. Wolfe, and Chairman Segrave voting “NO” and Dr. Aldrich, Mr. Esquibel, Mr. Laybourn and Mr. White voting “YES.”

Main motion carried with all members voting “YES” except for Dr. Rinne who voted “NO.”

Mayor Patrick Collins provided a brief overview of proposed 6<sup>th</sup> Penny projects to be supported for the upcoming ballot. Mayor Collins also reviewed projects that were presented but are not funded through this resolution. Upon inquiry, Tom Cobb, City Engineer, provided additional information related to road maintenance and the Reed Avenue Corridor project. Public comments were made by Steve Melia, Jim Ridgeway, John Thomas, Jim Walter, on the proposed resolution.

Mr. Moody spoke in support of the amendment dated January 13, 2026. Mayor Collins, spoke against the amendment to partially fund the “Municipal Building Remodel Project” and Tom Cobb, City Engineer, provided information related to the amount of road maintenance that can realistically be completed yearly. Vicki Nemecek, Public Works Director, spoke in support of the complete remodel of the Municipal Building noting the deficiencies of the current building. Committee members Aldrich, Emmons, Esquibel, Rinne, White and Wolfe commented on the amendment. Public Comment was made by Steven Melia in support of the amendment.

Dr. Rinne spoke in support of the amendment to remove “City Street Maintenance Project” from the ballot noting it is a reoccurring expense, potential funding from the 5<sup>th</sup> Penny and funds for road maintenance are currently available. Mayor Collins and Tom Cobb, City Engineer, provided information related to current funding for road maintenance. Committee members Aldrich, Emmons, and Esquibel commented on the amendment.

Dr. Rinne spoke in support of removing “Police Digital Equipment” and “Fire Equipment and Communications Replacement Project” noting these are also reoccurring expenses. Mayor Collins and Chief Mark Franscisco, Police Department, provided information related to the funding of technology and equipment. Committee members Aldrich, Emmons, Esquibel and Moody, commented on the amendment.

Dr. Aldrich spoke in support of replacing “Downtown Improvements Project” with “Reed Avenue Corridor Project.” Tom Cobb, City Engineer, provided information related to the Reed Avenue Corridor Project. Committee members Emmons, Esquibel, Laybourn, White, and Wolfe commented on the amendment. Public comment on the amendment was made by Jim Ridgeway.

Additional discussion included the language and groupings on the ballot.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. McClelland".

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