

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, June 9, 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-via Zoom, Richard Johnson, Dr. Mark Rinne, Scott Roybal, Tom Segrave and Jeff White. Absent: Pete Laybourn.

CITY STAFF: Michael O'Donnell, City Attorney; Charles Bloom, Planning & Development Director; Tom Cobb, City Engineer; Chief John Kopper, Fire & Rescue Department; Darrin Hass, Human Resources Director; Teresa Moore, Community Recreation & Events Director; Chief Mark Francisco, Police Department; Robin Lockman, City Treasurer; Vicki Nemecek, Public Works Director; Eric Fountain, Compliance Director; Andy Worshek, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Jason Sanchez, Community Recreation & Events Deputy Director; Ashley Miller, Board of Public Utilities (BOPU) Administration Manager; Matt Buelow, BOPU Water Reclamation Manager; Jay Sullivan, Youth Alternatives Director; Dee Determann, City/County Health Department Administrative Director; and Jennifer McClelland, Executive Assistant to the City Council.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Patrick Collins; Amber Ash, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director; Nathan Banton, Cheyenne Regional Airport General Manager; Gunner Malm, Laramie County Commissioner; Susan Casteneda and Richard Mincer, Cheyenne Animal Shelter; Margaret Austin, Wyoming Tribune Eagle; Lynn Huyler, Safe Harbor; and Amber Trevizo.

AGENDA ITEMS

28. **ORDINANCE –3rd 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)

Mr. Roybal moved to approve on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Dr. Aldrich moved to amend by increasing the Planning Department payroll budget by \$81,000.00 for a fulltime Planning Code Enforcement Officer and by increasing the projected sales tax in the same amount, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Robin Lockman, City Treasurer, provided clarification of the salary and benefit amount for the proposed position to be an annual total of \$79,324.00. Following confirmation from Robin Lockman, City Treasurer, Dr. Aldrich confirmed the amount of the amendment to be \$79,324.00. Motion to amend carried with Dr. Aldrich, Mr. Cook, Mr. Segrave and Mr. Roybal voting "YES" and Mr. Esquibel, Mr. Johnson and Dr. Rinne voting "NO". Main motion, as amended, carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION: Upon inquiry, Charles Bloom, Planning and Development Director, provided information relating to enforcement of the Unified Development Code (UDC) and need of additional staff and confirmed the position would be primarily for enforcement of the UDC. Discussion included: moving the proposed position to the Compliance Division, number of additional general fund fulltime staff for fiscal year 2022, Planning Department staffing levels and UDC enforcement process. It was noted that the Animal Shelter had requested an amount of supplemental budget funding that the City is unable to provide at this time and upon inquiry, Mayor Patrick Collins advised that research is currently underway to establish the cost of operating an animal shelter and reported once the research is complete, he would provide the information to members of the City Council.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kris Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kris Jones,
City Clerk