

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, May 22, in Council Chambers and via electronic meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

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

AGENDA ITEMS

21. **ORDINANCE –2nd READING –** Appropriating moneys for the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming for the 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (SPONSOR – MR. ESQUIBEL)

Mr. White joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:03 p.m.

Mr. Roybal moved to approve on 2nd reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Roybal moved to increase the City Council Department’s Ward I Discretionary Account by \$11,666.67, the Ward II Discretionary Account by \$11,666.67 and the Ward III Discretionary Account by \$11,666.66. I also move to decrease the Miscellaneous Department’s Insurance and Bonding line item by \$35,000.00, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion to amend carried with Dr. Rinne, Mr. Segrave, and Mr. White voting “NO”. Main motion, as amended carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Patrick Collins provided a brief overview of the proposed fiscal year 2025 budget noting various revenues, expenses, and the addition positions. Mayor Collins thanked Wyoming State Representative Dan Zwonitzer for leading the charge in raising the State distribution from \$105 million to \$146 million that passed the legislature. Mayor Collins also thanked all the departments and City Treasurer, Robin Lockman, and her team for their work on the budget and the presenting document. Dr. Aldrich voiced appreciation to staff for their transparency during the budget process and continued diligence in seeking out grant opportunities. Robin Lockman provided information related to the number of operating days in reserves which currently is 227 days. Committee members Rinne and Johnson commented on the proposed budget and discussion included the recent salary study and salary increases; payment of employees out of the Capital Project Funds; preparing the City for a recession; and parking revenue decreases. Following the motion to increase Ward discretionary funds, Robin Lockman, City Treasurer, provided information related to the over budgeting of funds in the insurance and bonding line item and advised that discretionary funds not used from FY 2024 would be carried over to FY 2025. Committee members Aldrich, Johnson; Laybourn, Rinne, Roybal, Segrave, and White commented on the amendment. Discussion included: funds expended in FY 2024; projects from FY 2024; and the need for funds beyond \$20,000.00. Additional discussion included that related to the Transit Fund.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. McClelland".

Jennifer McClelland
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