

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

May 8, 2023
Conference Room #119
6:00 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Coughlin, Betsy Artz, Ron Draayer, Clarkston Morgan, Jessica Ann Tyson, and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Staff present: Finance Director Tom Chase, Executive Assistant Stephanie Fox, Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, DPW Director Chad Griffin, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Police Chief Bryan Litwin, Fire Chief Brent Looman, Parks & Recreation Director Val Romeo, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, City Attorney Jeff Sluggett, and Sabo Representative Anna Kendall.

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

A. USE OF FACILITIES POLICY DISCUSSION.

Deputy City Administrator Gallagher began referencing a red-line version of the proposed policy with City Attorney Sluggett and Parks & Recreation Director Romeo providing background and additional information. The discussion focused on the language of the policy related to first amendment rights. Specific discussion on the fourth of July Parade and what is the intended purpose of the parade. The committee also discussed other items such as alcohol use, insurance and if taxes are owed by a person requesting use of a facility. City Attorney Sluggett stated after hearing the concerns and suggestions of the committee, he will revise the proposed policy, work with the Mayor's Office and Parks and Recreation Department and bring it back for review.

Police Chief Litwin want to bring to the attention of the Committee two bills pending in the legislature Senate Bills 119 through 123 and House Bills 4160 through 4164 regarding the change to sentencing, if a person who is under the age of nineteen, they can not be sentenced to a life term. He also noted an automatic parole allowance after ten years. He asked the committee to reach out to legislators regarding these proposed bills. He stated the phase "defunded the Police" has changed to have "Police Accountability."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Robert Coughlin
Mayor Pro-Tem