

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

April 11, 2022

Conference Room #119

5:30 P.M.

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

Staff present: Deputy Finance Director Bhama Cairns, Finance Director Tom Chase, Director of Public Works Chad Griffin, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Hipp, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Police Chief Bryan Litwin, Deputy Administrator Mark Rambo, Parks and Recreation Director Val Romeo, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, City Attorney Jeffrey Sluggett, and Sabo Representative Lisa Taylor.

CITY ATTORNEY:

A. CITY COMMISSION LEGAL TRAINING.

City Attorney Sluggett covered several items pertaining to the Open Meetings Act noting the handout provided in their packets that included what a meeting is, notices, restrictions and what is allowed. He stated Closed Session must be noticed and the reasons allowed and only that topic can be discussed within the session.

Attorney Sluggett reviewed Freedom of Information requests, noting all emails are public information and cautioned the use of twitter, facebook or any other kind of social media, reminding them, that they should not represent the city as an individual because only the group of city commissioners represent the view of the city, but can repost items of the city on their private social media accounts. He answered questions and clarified items for the commission.

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

A. CITY COMMISSION PRIORITIES DISCUSSION.

Deputy City Administrator Rambo spoke of the one-five- and ten-year goals. Expressing the need to ensure these goals are what the commission agrees with or did changes need to be made. He explained the objectives that were broken down into a granular level by each project and the process or timeline of that project. The committee discussed some items and requested a handout be distributed with the old business/future agenda review items on a regular basis to be able to see the progress of priorities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Morgan spoke on how we can support our youth and families experiencing homelessness throughout the summer working with the Kentwood Public Schools.

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Commissioner Artz spoke of her concern with trash along 52nd Street by the CityLine Project and requested staff to find a solution.

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

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Robert Coughlin
Mayor Pro-Tem