

MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

City Hall, 220 Clay Street

February 5, 2024

The meeting of Standing Committees met at City Hall at 5:15 p.m. on February 5, 2024, with the following Committee persons in attendance: Mayor Laudick, Councilmembers Gil Schultz, Chris Latta, Daryl Kruse, Aaron Hawbaker, Dustin Ganfield, Hannah Crisman, and Kelly Dunn. Staff members from various City Departments and members of the community attended in person.

Committee of the Whole:

Chair Latta called the meeting to order and introduced the first item on the Committee of the Whole Agenda, City Council Training Update. Kristine Stone, Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. provided an overview of City Council roles, along with open meeting and open records requirements. Councilmembers discussed definitions of a City Manager versus a City Administrator, what constitutes a public record in regard to social media, email inquiries to personal accounts and what is required by law in meeting minutes. Stone responded that the minutes of a public meeting must include the agenda, who is in attendance, what items were voted on, who voted and how they voted.

Chair Latta introduced the second item on the Committee of the Whole Agenda, Hearst Project Update. Cory Hurless, Cultural Programs Supervisor and Heather Lynxwiler, Project Architect from OPN Architects provided an overview of the Hearst Master Plan Study Final Report that provides a working document from which to develop options and make decisions for the facility structure with the intention of building and site longevity of at least 30 years. Two options were presented: renovation and new construction. Councilmembers discussed questions about parking, removal of the red house (224 Seerley Blvd), fundraising, and longevity of building for the two options presented.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Minutes by Kristin Thomas, Administrative Supervisor