

Council Business Meeting

August 6, 2019

Agenda Item	Appointment of the Cost Review Ad Hoc Committee	
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SUMMARY

Before the Council is the Mayor's recommendation for appointments to the Cost Review Ad Hoc Committee. The focus of this committee is to investigate programs and operational expenditures including compensation and benefits with the goal of improving long-term financial sustainability.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

City Council Goals:

- Goal 1: Develop current and long-term budgetary resilience
 - Continue to improve the budget process: transparency, rigor, innovation, community involvement, and collaboration
- Goal 2: Analyze City departments/programs to gain efficiencies, reduce costs and improve services
 - Implement a cost recovery plan and analysis for each department that coincides with the annual review of fees and charges and revenues
- Goal 3: Enhance and improve transparency & communication
 - Develop a robust program to engage with Ashland citizens about City priorities and our progress on those priorities, public input opportunities and processes, how individual citizens can help meet City goals, budgeting and decision-making processes, etc.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

The Council has before it a Resolution approving the scope of work and the timeline for the Cost Review Ad Hoc Committee.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On May 22, 2019, the Citizens' Budget Committee recommended that the City Council form an Ad Hoc Committee that would look at options for long term financial sustainability and resiliency for the City of Ashland. On July 8, 2019, the City Council approved the creation of the aforementioned Ad Hoc committee.

This request of Council is to approve the Mayor's recommended appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee.

- Councilor Dennis Slattery
- Councilor Stefani Seffinger
- Budget Committee member Mike Morris
- Budget Committee member Jim Bachman
- Budget Committee member Pam Lucas
- Budget Committee member Shane Hunter
- Citizen Roberta Stebbins

Currently, there is a vacancy on the Budget Committee. The City is currently advertising for applicants. Once the vacancy is filled the new Budget Committee member will have the opportunity to participate in this Ad Hoc Committee.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The primary cost will be staff time. Therefore, the costs are budgeted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Cost Review Ad Hoc Committee appointments.

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

1. I move to approve the Cost Review Ad Hoc Committee appointments as shown.
2. I move to amend the Cost Review Ad Hoc Committee appointments as follows: (... state changes ...).

ATTACHMENTS & REFERENCES

See item 5 underneath agenda item XIV. Ordinance, Resolution and Contracts for Resolution No. 2019-24; a Resolution Approving the Scope of Work and the Timeline for the Cost Review Ad hoc Committee.