

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2023

1. Vice-President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 8:00pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. VP McLaughlin asked the Clerk to call the roll to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, President McMenimen, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and VP McLaughlin were present in-person. Councillor O'Brien was absent.
3. President McMenimen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2023. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting were approved.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the appointment of Debra Vautour as a member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners. A motion to hear from the Mayor and Ms. Vautour was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor gave a brief introduction of Ms. Vautour and spoke of her background. Upon questions from Councillor Harris, Ms. Vautour explained her reasons for wanting to serve. Councillor Harris moved to approve the confirmation of the appointment of Ms. Vautour. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. President McMenimen reminded the Committee of the need to approve the FY2024 Budget request of the City Council. After a brief discussion, it was moved to approve the salary budget request with the percentage increase as provided in the compensation ordinance; the operating expense accounts level funded, and the funding for the Ritcey Award be increased from \$250 to \$325. The motion to approve the FY2024 Budget request for the City Council was adopted on a voice vote.
6. Councillor LaCava moved to take the matter of the CIP split tax rate (12/12/2022) from the table. Councillor LaCava requested that the City Assessor attend the COW meeting of April 18 or the next available meeting thereafter to provide and discuss his analysis of a split CIP tax rate. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LaCava moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. A motion by Councillor Harris to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and VP McLaughlin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Committee of the Whole