

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

The Ashland Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Chambers on the 3rd floor of the Ashland City Building, 1700 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the hour of 5:00 PM. Those present were Commissioners: Marty Gute, Richard "Sonny" Martin, Tim Renfroe, David J. (D.J.) Rymer, II, and Mayor Chuck D. Charles, who presided. Also present: Tony D. Grubb, City Manager; Andrew K. Wheeler, Corporation Counsel; Susan W. Maddix, City Clerk; Wm. Todd Kelley, Chief of Police; Erika Bonner, Public Information Officer; Steve Alley, Fire Chief; Will McKenzie, Deputy Fire Chief; Major Ryan Conley, Ashland Police Department; Sean Murray, Director of Public Services; Mark Hall, Director of Utilities; Michelle Veach, Assistant Chief Financial Officer; Chris Pullem, Director of Community & Economic Development; Mike Adkins, Risk Management; Samantha Salyers, Human Resources; Steve Corbitt, Department of Engineering; and Reporters.

AGENDA

City Manager Grubb presented the agenda of February 11, 2025. Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to receive & file the agenda. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to dispense with reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings held on January 9 and 23, 2025 and the Recessed Meetings held on January 10 and 22, 2025. Upon voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

HEARINGS AND REPORTS

Mayor and Commissioners' Comments

Mayor Charles welcomed the audience to the first meeting held at 5:00 PM. He welcomed Steve Corbitt back to the city. Mr. Corbitt, former City Engineer and City Manager, has agreed to assist the city as an Engineer. Mayor Charles stated he is looking forward to reporting on cost-saving initiatives. The Conference Center Committee is scheduled to meet on February 18 at 12:00 PM. Mayor Charles informed the Board about a possible work session with Strand Associates regarding an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant followed by a tour of the plant. Collection bins have been placed on the 1st and 3rd floors of the City Building for a food drive in cooperation with United Way.

Commissioner Renfroe attended a bid opening at the Housing Authority (Scope Towers/Debord Hill) for the 3rd phase of refurbishing the apartments on Debord Hill. Only one bid was received. It was not opened, and the plan is to re-bid the project. At the regular meeting of the Housing Authority Board, Mike Miller, the Housing Authority Director, advised the occupancy rate is 98% with 103 people on the waiting list at Scope Towers and 151 families on the waiting list at Debord Hill. Mr. Miller is reviewing the possibility of constructing additional units at Debord Hill. Commissioner Renfroe attended the Gravy Bowl on Saturday and enjoyed the Ashland Fire Department's "bananas foster gravy."

Commissioner Rymer reported he was unable to attend the Gravy Bowl but understood there was great food, and the event was well attended.

Commissioner Martin expressed special thanks to Brandy Clark and her staff for putting together materials relating to the conference center project and posting them on the Visit Ashland website. Commissioner Martin noted the tremendous amount of information available to the public. He is grateful for another example of Visit Ashland supporting the work of the city. Commissioner Martin thanked members of the public attending the open Conference Center Committee meetings and offering their input. The new Board is playing catch-up and the staff and AP3 have been very willing to respond to the Board's inquiries.

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HEARINGS AND REPORTS CONTINUED

Commissioner Martin noted the city cannot lose sight of the effort that was made by former Mayor Matt Perkins, the previous Board, City Manager and staff working to procure the \$25,000,000 appropriation, the AMLER grant and the Woodlands Foundation grant for the project. Commissioner Martin welcomed Steve Corbitt back to the city. He's agreed to provide consulting engineering services at a critical time for the city with the Winchester Avenue project, Conference Center and \$70,000,000+ Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. Commissioner Martin expressed thanks and pride for city staff, the City Manager and departments for operating at a high level.

Commissioner Gute welcomed the audience. He attended the Gravy Bowl and thanked Brandy Clark and her staff at Visit Ashland for organizing the event. Commissioner Gute thanked employees for their work, especially employees out in the weather. He commended Parks & Recreation employees on the work remodeling the restrooms and noted how the city has numerous skilled workers. Commissioner Gute also welcomed Steve Corbitt. Commissioner Gute announced Sara Marks, UK King's Daughters President & CEO, will attend the first meeting in March to give an update on the hospital construction.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Grubb introduced Public Services Director Sean Murray to report on the status of Dawson Pool.

Mr. Murray reported that work started approximately one year ago to bring the pool up to code. A new drainage system, new plumbing and a new filtration system. Installation of the electrical conduit and electrical system is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks, weather permitting. The contractor will pour concrete in the pool. Once the filtration system is operational, a new concrete deck will be poured. The new liner will be the last thing installed. Mr. Murray advised the pool is on schedule to open Memorial Day weekend.

The Commission recognized Mike Adkins, Risk Management Director, who is retiring at the end of February. The Commission thanked him for his service.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

James Darin Scherer, 4332 Ridgeway Avenue, appeared before the Commission regarding a sanitary sewer issue between him and his neighbor. Corporation Counsel Wheeler advised Mr. Scherer he would look into the situation and contact Mr. Scherer by the end of the week.

Mike Maynard, Hillcrest-Bruce Mission Director, 1829 Eloise Street, appeared before the Commission to report on the Mission's accomplishments with the help of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Opioid Settlement funds. Mr. Maynard thanked the city for their support and informed the Commission about the programs offered by the Mission. He included statistics on the number of people serviced by the Mission including the Toys for Tots Christmas program, Adopt a Child Christmas program, Senior Citizen Christmas gifts, the Christmas store and Thanksgiving food boxes. Mr. Maynard provided the Commission with a written report of accomplishments for 2024.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7, 2025

OLD BUSINESS
SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 7, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET AND THE CITY OF ASHLAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WINCHESTER AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT FROM 13TH STREET TO 18TH STREET FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000.00 IN FEDERAL SAH FUNDS WITH A LOCAL MATCH OF \$62,500.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

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WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), through the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, approved \$320,000.00 in federal reimbursement funding for the Winchester Avenue Streetscape Project from 13th Street to 18th Street known as Federal Project Number 3004-064 and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 20.205 – Highway Planning and Construction, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet by Ordinance No. 38, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland adopted Supplemental Agreement No. 1 by Ordinance No. 92, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the project requires additional funds for the construction phase and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has authorized \$300,000 in 100% reimbursable SAH federal funds and \$250,000 in 80% reimbursable federal SAH funds for a total amount of \$550,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Chuck D. Charles, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Kentucky, be and is hereby authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the City of Ashland, Kentucky for the Winchester Avenue Streetscape Project from 13th Street to 18th Street/Item No. 09-00307.00, Federal Project Number 3004-064 for \$550,000.00 SAH funds with a match of \$62,500.00 to be paid by the City of Ashland's General Fund. A copy of said Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all other documents relating to said project.

SECTION 3. All ordinances of the City of Ashland and any parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 5. It is hereby authorized that publication of this ordinance be in summary form.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

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ORDINANCE NO. 7, 2025 CONTINUED

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	January 23, 2025
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	February 11, 2025
PUBLISHED:	

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Ordinance No. 7, 2025, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 8, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CHUCK D. CHARLES, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE TASK ORDER NO. 25-01 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL 2024 COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW REPORTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Chuck D. Charles, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute Task Order #25-01 in the contract authorized by Ordinance No. 67, Series of 2005, between the City of Ashland, Kentucky and Strand Associates, Inc. regarding the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) for preparation of the 2024 Annual Combined Sewer Overflow Reports for the City of Ashland in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. A copy of said Task Order No. 25-01 is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 4. It is hereby authorized that publication of this ordinance be in summary form.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	January 23, 2025
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MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. 8, 2025, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

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ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2025

SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND,
KENTUCKY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 103,
SERIES OF 2024, WHICH APPROVED MINORITY
LOAN NO. 2024-M-004 TO BROADWAY BOOKS, LLC.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 103, Series of 2024, authorized Minority Loan
No. 2024-M-004 to Broadway Books, LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 103, Series of 2024, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith,
to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and
after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 4. It is hereby authorized that publication of this ordinance be
in summary form.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	January 23, 2025
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PUBLISHED:	

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Rymer, to adopt Ordinance No. 9, 2025, at this its
second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Rymer and
Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Abstain – Commissioner Renfroe. Motion passed.

SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND,
KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED
POSITION LISTING AND ADOPTING THE REVISED,
UPDATED AND CORRECTED JOB DESCRIPTIONS
FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY
OF ASHLAND OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND
COMPENSATION PLAN AS ADOPTED BY
ORDINANCE NO. 31, SERIES OF 2023, AS
PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY BY
ORDINANCE NO. 82, SERIES OF 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

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ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2025 CONTINUED

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 31, Series of 2023, as previously amended, being an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY PROPOSED AND RECOMMENDED BY BAKER TILLY LLP CONSULTANTS; INCREASING THE PAY FOR EMPLOYEES MAKING BELOW THE MINIMUM RATE TO THE MINIMUM OF HIS/HER NEW GRADE; GRANTING A .5% INCREASE PER YEAR OF SERVICE IN POSITION TO ALL EMPLOYEES EXCEPT FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES IN GRADES 13 AND ABOVE WHO SHALL NOT RECEIVE IN EXCESS OF 3%; AND REPEALING THE SALARY CHART AND AUTHORIZED POSITIONS AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 51, SERIES OF 2017, AND PREVIOUSLY AMENDED,” be and said ordinance is hereby amended. The Amended Authorized Position listing is hereby adopted. The revised, updated and corrected job descriptions for various department within the City of Ashland are hereby adopted. A copy of said revised, updated and corrected job descriptions is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. A copy of the amended Authorized Position Listing is also attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 4. It is hereby authorized that publication of this ordinance be in summary form.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	January 23, 2025
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MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Ordinance No. 10, 2025, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 11, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 32, SERIES OF 2015.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That the Rules and Regulations of the Ashland Police Department being a document separate and apart from this ordinance, are hereby adopted in full, by reference, as an ordinance of the City of Ashland, Kentucky, as fully to all intents and purposes as if set out at length herein.

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ORDINANCE NO. 11, 2025 CONTINUED

SECTION 2. That the Rules and Regulations may be waived, altered or suspended only by ordinance.

SECTION 3. That Ordinance No. 32, Series of 2015, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 4. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 6. It is hereby authorized that publication of this ordinance be in summary form.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	January 23, 2025
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MOTION

Motion was made by Renfroe, seconded by Martin, to adopt Ordinance No. 11, 2025, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE COURSE OF ACTION PRESENTED BY THE CITY MANAGER ON THE ITEMS APPEARING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF **FEBRUARY 11, 2025**.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. The Board of City Commissioners hereby adopts, authorizes and approves the action presented by the City Manager on each item appearing on the "Consent Agenda" for the regular meeting, **February 11, 2025**, attached hereto and incorporated herein, as if set out in full, is a copy of the "Consent Agenda" hereby adopted, authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, as required by law.

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN MADDIX
CITY CLERK

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CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: February 11, 2025

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Resolution No. 7, 2025. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. City Manager recommends approval to pay Invoice #6 dated January 8, 2025 in the amount of \$6,816.25 to Hazen and Sawyer for engineering services for program management of the EPA Lead and Copper Rule requirements for the Department of Engineering.
2. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #10866 dated January 28, 2025 in the amount of \$49,500.00 to Linebach Funkhouser, Inc. for environmental consulting services for the Department of Community and Economic Development.
3. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #101 dated October 15, 2024 in the amount of \$35,006.00 to AP3, LLC for the Development, Design, and construction of the City of Ashland Conference Center Project.
4. City Manager recommends approval to pay invoice #1200692259 dated January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$29,850.00 to HDR Engineering, Inc. for engineering services associated with design of the 13th Street Tank Rehabilitation Project for the Department of Engineering.
5. City Manager recommends invoice #02199849 dated January 13, 2025 in the amount of \$18,484.77 to Strand Associates, Inc. for final design and bidding engineering services associated with the City of Ashland WWTP Expansion and Improvement Project for the Department of Engineering.
6. City Manager recommends approval to pay request #9 dated February 4, 2025 in the amount of \$77,082.85 to Leighty Contracting, LLC for the Sidewalk Replacement Project Phase II for the Department of Engineering.
7. City Manager recommends the appointment of Barry Adkins to the position of Director of Engineering, Grade 18, in the Department of Engineering.

NEW BUSINESS
FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE 26TH STREET PUMP STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT INCREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,749.00 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2025 CONTINUED

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Rymer, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2025, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED POSITION LISTING, THE SALARY CHART, ADOPTING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, AND ADOPTING THE REVISED, UPDATED AND CORRECTED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF ASHLAND OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 31, SERIES OF 2023, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY BY ORDINANCE NO. 82, SERIES OF 2023.

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2025, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Abstain – Commissioner Rymer. Motion passed.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AND LIGHT'S ENTERPRISES, INC TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$1,600.00 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 2414 BEECH STREET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

MOTION

Motion was made by Gute, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2025, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

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FIRST READING AND ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 151, SERIES OF 2023, PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 6, SERIES OF 2025, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE ASHLAND CONFERENCE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY.

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Gute, to adopt Ordinance No. _____, 2025, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay – none. Motion passed.

READING AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, OPPOSING ANY BILLS BROUGHT FORTH DURING THE 2025 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION BY ANY MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE, IN FULL OR IN PART, THAT PROVIDES FOR THE MANDATED CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL FEES/TAXES BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY OR OTHER THIRD PARTIES.

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WHEREAS, under Section 181 of the Kentucky Constitution, the Commonwealth of Kentucky cannot impose or require a state-wide occupational license fee/tax for local purposes; and

WHEREAS, many cities and counties across the Commonwealth of Kentucky have enacted and imposed local occupational license requirements; and

WHEREAS, the receipts affiliated with these funds are recorded into the general fund of the local government and allocated towards providing critical services, including police, fire and emergency management services, public infrastructure improvements, and other critical programs and services to citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland provides clear, transparent, and efficient payment/reporting services to those impacted by occupational license fees/taxes, which is best accomplished at the local level by professionals who have local experience and local knowledge of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland strongly believes that mandated state or third party collection of local occupational license taxes and fees would be detrimental, ineffective, and would have a severely adverse effect on the fiscal condition and economic development of Ashland and all local government entities if mandated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ashland strongly opposes the adoption of any bills into law, in whole or in part, by the Kentucky General Assembly that provide for the mandated centralized collection of local occupational license fees/taxes and urges all members of the General Assembly to vote against proposals of this nature.

This resolution shall have the full effect and force of the law upon passage according to the Laws and Ordinances of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and under my signature this 11th day of February, 2025.

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RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2025 CONTINUED

/s/CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: February 11, 2025

MOTION

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Renfroe, to adopt Resolution No. 8, 2025. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT – Code Enforcement Board

Motion was made by Martin, seconded by Renfroe, approving the Mayor's appointment of David Young to the Code Enforcement Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Phillip Richardson which expires on March 1, 2027. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Renfroe, seconded by Gute, to go into Executive Session at 5:40 PM to discuss property acquisition. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

RECONVENED

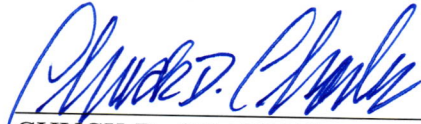
The meeting reconvened at 5:53 PM and Mayor Charles announced the only item discussed was property acquisition with no final action taken.

MOTION

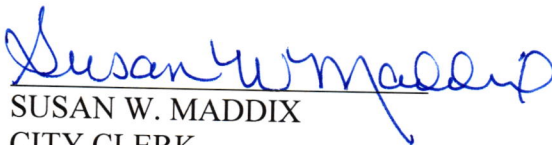
Motion was made by Rymer, seconded by Martin, authorizing Corporation Counsel Wheeler to continue negotiations on a piece of property. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Gute, Martin, Renfroe, Rymer and Mayor Charles. Nay - none. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Charles declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.


CHUCK D. CHARLES
MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSAN W. MADDIX
CITY CLERK

