COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
City Hall, 220 Clay Street
July 06, 2026

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole met at City Hall at 5:25 p.m. on July 06, 2026, with the following Committee persons in attendance: Mayor Danny Laudick, Gil Schultz, Chris Latta, Tom Nagle, Aaron Hawbaker, Craig Fairbanks, Hannah Crisman, and Kelly Dunn. Staff members from all City Departments and members of the community attended in person.

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Mayor Laudick called the meeting to order and introduced the first item on the Agenda, College Hill Zoning Text & Map Amendments Overview, and introduced Planning & Community Services Manager Karen Howard. Howard gave background on the project, the public outreach that occurred, and the four phases that the process has gone through since January 2026. Howard then introduced Principal of Codametrics Inc. Leslie Oberholtzer. Oberholtzer gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the scope and goals of the College Hill Zoning Update Project; recommendations; current zoning structures; new code structures; new regulations; and revised regulations for the College Hill area. Mayor, Council, Howard, and Oberholtzer discussed various aspects of the zoning amendments, including updating the color to represent park open spaces on the zoning map; building types allowed in N-1 and N-2 Districts; areas where redevelopment is encouraged with variety of new building types and where the goal is to preserve and stabilize the neighborhood; consistency with Vision Plan; changes to the design and review processes; landlord compliance; front-loaded garages; potential future changes to expand retail along 22nd Street, fee-in-lieu of on-site parking compared to other cities; parking requirements; whether there is a need for a resident-only parking district; tracking changes over time; conditional use possibilities. Council members praised the effort and the amount of public outreach and noted looking forward to seeing the results of the project. The Public Hearing date will be set at the next City Council meeting.

There was no further Council discussion and no public comment.

Mayor Laudick introduced the second item on the Agenda, Data Center & Crypto Currency Mining Text Amendment Update and introduced Director of Community Development Stephanie Sheetz. Sheetz provided a brief update on the May referral from Council. City staff recently attended a session regarding data centers at the National American Planning Association Conference in Detroit, MI. The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy is creating a guide on data center use, and the draft is expected to be complete in August with a final draft released about three months later. Staff proposes a discussion with Council in October based on review of the draft information expected. Mayor noted that nothing would move forward in the meantime as these centers are not an allowed use at this time. Council requested the draft report when it is received.

There was no further Council discussion and no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.
Minutes by Lyndzy Murtha, Administrative Assistant