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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: The regular Committee of the Whole meeting was opened Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers by President Pro Tempore Cheyane Thacker in the absence of Council President Bridget Boyle. Attending were Councilmembers Aaron Jones, Kevin Roessner, Dennis Snay, Cheyane Thacker, John Hays and Kyle Daugherty; Scott Hoernemann was absent. Also attending were Director of Law Zachary Fowler, City Administrator Nick Dutro, Director of Finance Kathy Kaufman and Fire Chief Rob Chappell.

Director of Law Fowler requested suspension of Res. 2025-21 in support of the preservation of the federal tax exemption on municipal bonds because Congress is moving fast on the Budget. Councilmember Hays added that we want to support this tax exemption because it keeps costs to the City lower. Fowler also requested suspension of Res. 2025-22 for appointment of an Acting Mayor while Mayor Wilkinson is out of the country. He explained that per the Charter, in the Mayor’s absence the position goes to the Council President. In this case, both the Mayor and Council President are out, and Council needs to fill the gap since there is currently nothing in the Charter for this situation. He added that he has made a note to address this during the next Charter Review in 2030.

President Pro Tempore Thacker stated that Finance Committee Chair Roessner would like to address the further use of opioid funds during another Committee of the Whole meeting and suggested starting the next one on March 17 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Forrest, Clerk of Council.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2025

Presiding Officer of Council

Attest: _____ Clerk of Council