

CITY OF CHEVIOT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
February 24, 2015

President of Council, Deborah Slaughter, called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. In attendance were Council members Jim Sunderhaus, Bill Clark, Dennis Dinkelacker, Jim Martin, Amy Richter, and Leslie Ronan. Also in attendance were Safety/Service Director Tom Braun, Fire Chief Bob Klein, and resident Steve Greenbaum.

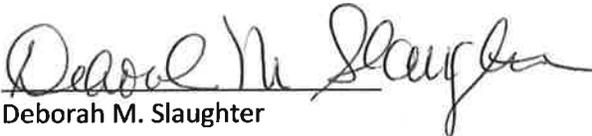
Ms. Slaughter first suggested that the standing committees be reorganized to better reflect current issues and to reduce the number of committees. She suggested Finance, Laws Rules and Ordinances, Safety, Housing, Planning and Development, Public Relations and Community Events. Mr. Sunderhaus suggested that Municipal Facilities be added. The intention is to implement them at the start of the new year. The suggestions will be revised and presented again before the end of the year. Residents should once again be encouraged to attend.

Ms. Slaughter presented the information obtained from Much in Common and the formation of a Vision 2020 Task Force. The charge is to develop a detailed cohesive plan on what we want Cheviot to look like in 5 years; identify all obstacles and offer solutions. Instead of just passing ordinances reactively, putting out fires, we should have a unified vision and be proactive so that every piece of legislation we pass is aligned with a plan we develop. Once we are well into the process we will have two public hearings – one with the business owners, and one with the residents. Ms. Slaughter requested Councilwomen Zech and Roden serve on the task force along with the Mayor, Safety Service Director, and the Economic Development Director. Two residents and one business owner will be invited to participate. Several names were suggested. Steve Greenbaum agreed to serve.

The reports of the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force have been turned over to the Finance committee to develop strategies.

The committee discussed two proposed legislation regarding RENU and the mutual aid agreement and supported both.

The committee meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.


Deborah M. Slaughter
Council President