

**Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce  
Candidate Questionnaire**

**Lori Palmeri –  
Responses to questions - Spring Election/Oshkosh City Council**

1. Background Information for Candidate - Lori Palmeri, Consultant at Self Employed – Palmeri and Associates Planning Support – providing planning support to non-profits and small business in the Upper Midwest. Also employed by the Oshkosh Area School District as a part time substitute for K-12. She also has a hobby business reclaiming and restoring wood/leather furniture.
2. I have been asked by community members to seek re-election to continue efforts that I have initiated and supported over the first term. While it has been a challenging two years, there have been encouraging moments of positive change. However, the Council continues to evolve and needs continued servant leadership, with ego put aside. If the Council were to vote “Yes” on everything, there would be no need for Council review and decision making. While positive support on some issues is needed, there are times when filters and selective screening out of other matters is equally necessary.
3. There are no specific issues that an at large Councilmember can devote their attention to. However, there are multiple areas of focus I have an affinity for. Those include family supporting wage jobs, not just adding service sector minimum wage employment. Affordable and safe housing is a critical area the community has to act on, along with strong interest in transportation equity among auto, bike, pedestrian, and transit.
4. In addition to the areas of concern above, I also see a continued need for improvement in timely and accurate information coming from City Hall.
5. The question of what can the City of Oshkosh do to significantly improve quality of life and strengthening local economy is not simply answered by a magic bullet single effort. The City of Oshkosh does not operate in a vacuum, meaning it takes all the moving parts of the community to partner and engage. With that said, there are a number of areas that could go a long way towards improving quality of life not just for a few, but for many. Inclusion of those individuals that have been overlooked, I believe can both strengthen the economy and quality of life.
6. City of Oshkosh government improvement occurs when held accountable through having the courage to raise the expectation of staff and programming, as well as citizens in the community. My vision for this next Council is to improve its communication and modeling the way to effect change in an adult manner.

