

# Meeting Minutes

## Common Council

*Mayor Dan Devine, Chair*

*Alderspersons: Suzzette Grisham, Kimberlee Grob, Kevin Haass,  
Chad Halvorsen, Danna Kuehn, Patty Novak, Marissa Nowling,  
Daniel J. Roadt, Ray Turner and Martin J. Weigel*

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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

7:00 PM

City Hall, Common Council Chambers  
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

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### REGULAR MEETING

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Devine called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

#### B. ROLL CALL

**Present** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel  
**Excused** 1 - Ald. Roadt

#### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ald. Grisham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [2026-05955](#) Conditional Use Permit for The Tennyson, a proposed Event Space (5,000 or more sq. ft.) use, at 6601 W. National Ave.  
*Patrick Schloss, Economic Development Director, presented.*
2. [2026-06127](#) Conditional Use Permit for The Black Rose, a proposed Restaurant use, at 6601 W National Ave.  
*Patrick Schloss, Economic Development Director, presented.*
3. [R-2026-5047](#) Resolution approving a Substantial Amendment to reallocate prior years unused Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$159,523 from 2020-2025 unprogrammed funding activities toward completing the 65th & National Ave. pedestrian improvements project activity.  
*Patrick Schloss, Economic Development Director, presented.*  
*Melinda Dejewski, City Engineer, provided comments.*
4. [R-2026-5049](#) Resolution approving the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan Community Development Block Grant program (#b26-mc-55-0011) anticipated available funding of \$1.4 million.  
*Patrick Schloss, Economic Development Director, presented.*

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*None.*

**F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECESS MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES****G. MAYOR'S REPORT**

*Mayor Devine:*

- 1) Congratulated Tony Warkoczewski on his retirement and thanked him for his service.*
- 2) Thanked those who participated in last Saturday's city-wide cleanup.*
- 3) Acknowledge Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders for AAPI Heritage Month.*
- 4) Acknowledged DPW workers for National Public Works Week.*
- 5) Acknowledged emergency medical services professionals for National EMS Week.*
- 6) Reminded drivers to slow down in light of a recent incident where a 4-year-old was struck in a crosswalk.*

**H. ALDERPERSONS' REPORT**

*Ald. Turner congratulated Bob Leischow, Health Commissioner, for being awarded Health Officer of the Year by the WI Public Health Association and WI Association of Local Health Departments.*

*Ald. Kuehn reminded residents of the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25.*

*Ald. Nowling thanked community members who attended District 2 office hours.*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5. [2026-06774](#) May 5, 2026 Common Council Minutes.

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/westalliscitychannel/videos>

**Ald. Haass moved to approve the minutes. Ald. Grisham seconded. Motion carried.**

**J. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

6. [2026-06237](#) Operator's License (Bartender/Class D Operator) renewal application for Jennifer Pierce. (BART-433)

**The Public Safety Committee recommended denial due to conviction record and being a habitual law offender.**

**Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

**No:** 0

**K. ITEMS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (CONSENT AGENDA)****Passed The Block Vote**

**Ald. Haass moved to approve the Consent Agenda, items #7 - #22. Ald. Kuehn seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

**No:** 0

7. [O-2026-0406](#) Ordinance to make corrections to various parts of the municipal code - Spring 2026.

**Sponsors:** Alderperson Haass

**Passed**

8. [R-2026-4407](#) Resolution acknowledging the Common Council's support of the efficient financial management and operation of the City's Sanitary Sewer Utility and authorizing the Principal Engineer to submit the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**Adopted**

9. [R-2026-4885](#) Resolution granting a Privilege to Milwaukee Area Labor Council, AFL-CIO for property located on the public right of way on the northeast corner of S. 70 St. and W. Greenfield Ave. just north of Bublr bikes (Tax Key No. 439-0001-007).

**Adopted**

10. [R-2026-4488](#) Resolution accepting the work of Level Up Construction, Inc. for constructing the Liberty Height Park Pavilion and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2024 Project No. 32 for final payment of \$108,705.87.

**Sponsors:** Public Works Committee

**Adopted**

11. [R-2026-5043](#) Resolution to approve a two-year extension amendment for the disposal of solid waste by and between Waste Management and the City of West Allis.

**Adopted**

12. [R-2026-5046](#) Resolution to create a Professional Service Contract with Benesh to provide construction inspection of water and sewer installation on W. National Ave. for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

**Sponsors:** Public Works Committee

**Adopted**

13. [R-2026-5048](#) Resolution approving Intergovernmental Agreement for Provision of Emergency Medical Services with Milwaukee County.  
**Adopted**
14. [R-2026-5051](#) Resolution authorizing entering into a Grant Agreement with AARP for a Community Challenge Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to install pedestrian safety improvements on Beloit Road, including a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB), a median refuge island, and high-visibility pavement markings.  
**Sponsors:** Public Works Committee  
**Adopted**
15. [2026-06751](#) Temporary Public Entertainment Permit request for Third Space Brewing's Beer Garden at Liberty Heights Park, 6101 W. Orchard St., for a seasonal event on Friday & Saturdays starting June 5, 2026, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., ending August 29, 2026. Applicant: Kara Olds. (TEMP-26-15)  
**Granted**
16. [2026-06764](#) Application for a new Secondhand Article Dealer license by Zachary Reno DBA Cosmic Sounds at 7415 W. Becher St. (PNSH-26-3)  
**Granted**
17. [2026-06767](#) Application for a new Secondhand Article Dealer license by Julianna Jackson DBA 414 Art Revival at 8004 W. National Ave. (PNSH-26-2)  
**Granted**
18. [2026-06048](#) Class A/B/C Alcohol License Renewal Applications without changes.  
  
\*See attachment for the lists.  
**Granted**
19. [2026-06752](#) Claim by Opulence Salon Suites, LLC for damages at 2665 S. 108th St. on and after February 10, 2026.  
**Referred to City Attorney**
20. [2026-06754](#) Appointment by Mayor Devine of Elyse Gelinsky to the Commission on Aging, with a 3-year term to expire May 19, 2029.  
**Approved**
21. [2026-06437](#) Finance Director/Comptroller report for April 2026 indicating City of West Allis checks issued.  
**Placed on File**
22. [2026-06543](#) April 2026 Municipal Judge Report, consisting of all fines, costs, and fees collected by the City of West Allis in the sum of \$116,475.14.  
**Placed on File**

**L. COMMON COUNCIL RECESS**

Ald. Haass moved that the Council recess until completion of the Standing Committee meetings. Ald. Grisham seconded. Motion carried.

The Council recessed at 7:40 p.m. and returned at 8:08 p.m.

**M. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS****ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

None.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

None.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Committee convened at 7:43 p.m.

23. [2026-06750](#) New Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment License for The Monarch Events LLC, d/b/a The Monarch Events, 6922 W. Orchard St. Agent: Victoria Lopez. (ALC-26-10)

**Committee Action:** Ald. Nowling moved to grant. Ald. Novak seconded. Motion carried.

**Council Action:** Ald. Kuehn moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

**No:** 0

24. [R-2026-5042](#) Resolution to amend daily fee for approval of full-service retail outlet (unlimited transfer).

**Sponsors:** Alderperson Kuehn

**Committee Action:** Ald. Nowling moved to adopt, retroactive to all of 2026. Ald. Weigel seconded. Motion carried.

**Council Action:** Ald. Kuehn moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

**No:** 0

25. [2026-05955](#) Conditional Use Permit for The Tennyson, a proposed Event Space (5,000 or more sq. ft.) use, at 6601 W. National Ave.
- Committee Action:** Ald. Weigel moved to approve. Ald. Nowling seconded. Motion carried.
- Council Action:** Ald. Kuehn moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:
- Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel
- No:** 0
26. [2026-06127](#) Conditional Use Permit for The Black Rose, a proposed Restaurant use, at 6601 W National Ave.
- Committee Action:** Ald. Novak moved to approve. Ald. Nowling seconded. Motion carried.
- Council Action:** Ald. Kuehn moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:
- Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel
- No:** 0
27. [R-2026-5047](#) Resolution approving a Substantial Amendment to reallocate prior years unused Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$159,523 from 2020-2025 unprogrammed funding activities toward completing the 65th & National Ave. pedestrian improvements project activity.
- Committee Action:** Ald. Weigel moved to adopt. Ald. Grob seconded. Motion carried.
- Council Action:** Ald. Kuehn moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:
- Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel
- No:** 0
28. [R-2026-5049](#) Resolution approving the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan Community Development Block Grant program (#b26-mc-55-0011) anticipated available funding of \$1.4 million.
- Committee Action:** Ald. Nowling moved to adopt. Ald. Novak seconded. Motion carried.
- Council Action:** Ald. Kuehn moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:
- Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel
- No:** 0

29. [R-2026-5052](#) Resolution to approve a purchase and sale and development agreement between the City of West Allis and Sona II, LLC for the property located at 6616 W. Mitchell St. and 66\*\* S. Six Points Crossing.

**Committee Action:** Ald. Weigel moved to adopt. Ald. Nowling seconded. Motion carried.

**Council Action:** Ald. Kuehn moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

**No:** 0

30. [R-2026-5053](#) Resolution approving a \$500,000 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund from the City of West Allis U.S. EPA Revolving Loan Fund Grant to SONA II, LLC, for the property located at 6616 W. Mitchell St. and 66\*\* Six Points Crossing.

**Committee Action:** Ald. Novak moved to adopt. Ald. Weigel seconded. Motion carried.

**Council Action:** Ald. Kuehn moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

**No:** 0

Ald. Weigel moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Ald. Nowling seconded. Motion carried.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 7:44 p.m.

31. [2026-06861](#) May 12, 2026 Public Safety Committee Minutes.

**Committee Action:** Ald. Halvorsen moved to approve. Ald. Turner seconded. Motion carried.

**Council Action:** Ald. Grisham moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

**No:** 0

32. [O-2026-0410](#) Ordinance to adopt state law regulating the operation of drones over school property and certain utility facilities.
- Sponsors:** Alderperson Grisham
- Committee Action:** Ald. Halvorsen moved to pass. Ald. Turner seconded. Motion carried.
- Council Action:** Ald. Grisham moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:
- Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel
- No:** 0
33. [2026-06759](#) Discussion regarding police background check procedures for license applicants residing outside Wisconsin.
- Discussion Purposes Only**
34. [2026-06049](#) Class A/B/C Alcohol License Renewal Applications with changes.
- \*See attachment for the lists.
- Committee Action:** Ald. Halvorsen moved to grant. Ald. Turner seconded. Motion carried.
- Council Action:** Ald. Grisham moved to act in accordance with the committee report. Motion carried by roll call vote:
- Aye:** 9 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel
- No:** 0
- Ald. Haass moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Ald. Halvorsen seconded. Motion carried.**

## N. ADJOURNMENT

**Ald. Haass moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Ald. Grisham seconded. Motion carried.**

**Next scheduled meeting is June 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

All meetings of the Common Council are public meetings. In order for the general public to make comments at the committee meetings, the individual(s) must be scheduled (as an appearance) with the chair of the committee or the appropriate staff contact; otherwise, the meeting of the committee is a working session for the committee itself, and discussion by those in attendance is limited to committee members, the mayor, other alderpersons, staff and others that may be a party to the matter being discussed.

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