



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Mayor Dan Devine, Chair

Alderperson Thomas G. Lajsic, Council President

*Alderpersons: Suzzette Grisham, Kevin Haass, Danna Kuehn, Thomas G. Lajsic, Rosalie L. Reinke,
Daniel J. Roadt, Tracy Stefanski, Ray Turner and Vincent Vitale*

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

7:00 PM

City Hall, Common Council Chambers
7525 W. Greenfield Avenue

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Devine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Mayor Devine, Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner, Ald. Vitale, Ald. Weigel

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Ald. Reinke.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [2023-0695](#) Conditional Use Permit for Bars & Recreation, a proposed Recreation (indoor) and Tavern use, at 6325 W. National Ave.

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Manager of Planning & Zoning Schaer presented.

2. [2023-0696](#) Conditional Use Permit for Las Cazuelas Chilaquiles & Taco Bar, a proposed restaurant, at 6738 W. Greenfield Ave.

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Manager of Planning & Zoning Schaer presented.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

*Megan Nigh, 1565 S. 56 St, spoke in regards to reckless driving in her neighborhood.
Patty Novak, 9730 W. Montana Ave. and Jamie Donald, 1423 Greenway Terrace,
Waukesha, spoke in regards to Novak Manor.*

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Devine thanked the Christmas parade committee, school groups, and Festival Foods for their contributions in making the Christmas parade a success. He also mentioned he and Ald. Roadt attended a swearing in ceremony for 6 new police officers at the West Allis Police Department. He wished them a long and successful career.

H. ALDERPERSON'S REPORT

Ald. Vitale (District 1), Weigel (District 2), Lajsic (District 4) and all announced their non-candidacy for the 2024 Aldermanic election.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3. [2023-0698](#) November 14, 2023 Common Council Minutes.

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve, Ald. Stefanski seconded, motion carried.

J. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

K. ITEMS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (CONSENT AGENDA)

Passed The Consent Vote

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve the Consent Agenda, items #4 - #41, Ald. Grisham seconded, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner, Ald. Vitale, Ald. Weigel

No: 0

- 4. [O-2023-0077](#) Ordinance to adopt parking restrictions on the south side of the 8800 Block of W. Greenfield Ave.

Sponsors: Alderperson Grisham and Alderperson Kuehn

Passed

- 5. [O-2023-0081](#) Ordinance to Modify Traffic Control Devices at the W. Grant St. Intersections with S. 65th St. and S. 66th St.

Sponsors: Alderperson Vitale and Alderperson Turner

Passed

- 6. [O-2023-0082](#) Ordinance to Rescind Parking Restrictions on both sides of S. 61st St. from 200' North of W. Madison St. to W. Madison St.

Sponsors: Alderperson Vitale and Alderperson Turner

Passed

- 7. [O-2023-0083](#) Ordinance to update night parking rules and repeal parking rules differentiating major and minor snow emergencies.

Sponsors: Alderperson Grisham and Alderperson Kuehn

Passed

8. [O-2023-0089](#) Ordinance to adopt parking restrictions on the north side of W. National Ave. from S. 82nd St. to 50' east of S. 82nd St.
- Sponsors:** Alderperson Stefanski
- Passed**
9. [O-2023-0093](#) Ordinance to amend salary schedule to increase pay for certain non-represented employees 2% and to update titles for various positions.
- Sponsors:** Alderperson Haass
- Passed**
10. [R-2023-0721](#) Resolution amending the fees for ambulance services provided by the West Allis Fire Department, effective January 1, 2024.
- Sponsors:** Alderperson Haass
- Adopted**
11. [R-2023-0722](#) Resolution accepting work of Musson Brothers, Inc. for sanitary sewer connection liners and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2022 Project No. 18 for final payment in the amount of \$14,831.25.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
12. [R-2023-0723](#) Resolution to accept the 5-year proposal from CliftonLarsonAllen for audit services.
- Sponsors:** Alderperson Haass
- Adopted**
13. [R-2023-0728](#) Resolution Granting a Privilege to Grebes' Bakeries, Inc. for property located at 5132-5202 W. Lincoln Ave. Tax Key No. 474-0008-003.
- Adopted**
14. [R-2023-0729](#) Resolution declaring the "West Allis Downtown Soup-Er Wednesday Soup Crawl" scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024 as a Community Event.
- Adopted**
15. [R-2023-0730](#) Resolution establishing the 2024 Sanitary Sewer User Charge-MMSD Portion.
- Adopted**
16. [R-2023-0731](#) Resolution relative to authorizing the intradepartmental transfer in excess of \$10,000 because of one-time budget deficiencies in various accounts.
- Adopted**

17. [R-2023-0741](#) Resolution approving the terms & conditions for an Economic Development Loan to Las Cazuelas LLC d/b/a Las Cazuelas Restaurant to be located at 6738 W. Greenfield Ave. under the National Avenue Commercial Corridor InStore Forgivable Loan Program in an amount up to \$50,000.
- Sponsors:** Economic Development Committee
- Adopted**
18. [R-2023-0742](#) Resolution to consider a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of West Allis and First-Ring Industrial Redevelopment Enterprise, Inc. for the Capital Catalyst Grant Program.
- Sponsors:** Economic Development Committee
- Adopted**
19. [R-2023-0745](#) Resolution to repeal policy related to water utility billing. (Repealing Policy 1209)
- Sponsors:** Alderperson Haass
- Adopted**
20. [R-2023-0748](#) Resolution relating to reauthorization of Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance for the three-year period (2024-2026).
- Adopted**
21. [R-2023-0749](#) Resolution to approve bid of Visu-Sewer for sanitary sewer lining, spot lining, & grouting in various locations in the City of West Allis in the amount of \$409,863.25.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
22. [R-2023-0750](#) Resolution to approve bid of BLD Services LLC for sanitary sewer connection liners in various locations in the City of West Allis in the amount of \$164,715.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
23. [R-2023-0763](#) Resolution to declare the use of the fieldhouse and a portion of Liberty Heights Park by the Liberty Heights Park Neighborhood Association for ice skating on various dates in January through March of 2024, as a community event.
- Adopted**

- 24. [R-2023-0765](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of Placer.ai software platform from Placer Labs, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 relative to economic development and planning activities.

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Adopted
- 25. [R-2023-0766](#) Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Works to amend an existing agreement with Mead & Hunt Inc. (formerly Symbiont Inc.) for GIS support services related to the creation of various GIS applications in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 and to authorize the transfer of salary funds from account number 100-4218-531.11-01.

Adopted
- 26. [R-2023-0769](#) Resolution to authorize a transfer of \$35,000 from the Street Salary and Wages 100-4218-535.11-01 account to various Public Works maintenance accounts as specified.

Adopted
- 27. [R-2023-0770](#) Resolution to amend Policy No.1410 and 1413 relating to years of employment eligibility and maximum coverage duration for retiree health insurance benefits.

Adopted
- 28. [2023-0673](#) Re-Appointment by Mayor Devine of Tom Miller, Don Falk and Jackie Ellington to the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District for a 3-year term to expire October 30, 2026.

Approved

29. [2023-0697](#) Renewal applications for Pawn Shop, Secondhand Stores, and Secondhand Jewelry Dealers for:
- Amy Craig d/b/a Amy Renee's Kreative Touch, 7217-19 W. Greenfield Ave. (PNSH-22-4)
- Mark Haymond Robinson d/b/a GameStop #569, 6838 W. Greenfield Ave. (PNSH-22-37)
- Jerri Landry d/b/a The Weathered Shed, 10236 W. National Ave. (PNSH-22-10)
- Jerry Dutscheck d/b/a Military Collectibles Shop, 9707 W. Greenfield Ave. (PNSH-22-3)
- Benjamin Frinzi d/b/a ReNew Sports and Fitness Supply, 1704 S. 108th St. (PNSH-22-12)
- Alan Derzon d/b/a David Derzon Coin Company, 2069 S. 108th St. (PNSH-22-9)
- Dean Shallow d/b/a Shallow Jewelers, 8919 W. Greenfield Ave. (PNSH-22-29)
- Robert Thimm d/b/a Boring Bobs Tours/Surplus Stuff Store, 7829 W. Greenfield Ave. (PNSH-22-32)
- Karlene Clark d/b/a Within Reason Resale and Consignment, 7532 W. Becher St. (PNSH-22-26)
- Scott Heifetz d/b/a Record Head, 7045 W. Greenfield Ave. (PNSH-22-24)
- Jay Dietz d/b/a Imperial Trading Cards, 8633 W. Greenfield Ave. Lower. (PNSH-22-18)
- Mircea Prejbeanu d/b/a Paul's Jewelers, 10822 W. National Ave. (PNSH-22-17)
- Granted**
30. [2023-0701](#) Election Inspectors and Special Voting Deputies appointment list for the 2024-2025 term.
- Approved**
31. [2023-0714](#) Finance Director/Comptroller submitting report for November 2023 indicating City of West Allis checks issued in the amount of \$3,849,386.88.
- Approved**

32. [2023-0715](#) New application for Pawn Shop, Secondhand Stores, and Secondhand Jewelry Dealers for Eddie Silas d/b/a Prolific Arms, 2192 S. 60th St. (PNSH-23-8)
Granted
33. [2023-0756](#) Temporary Public Entertainment Premises Permit request for Liberty Heights Park Neighborhood Association, 6101 W. Lapham St., on January 20, 2024. (TEMP-23-21)
Granted
34. [2023-0757](#) Special Event, Block Party & Tent Application request for Liberty Heights Park Neighborhood Association, 6101 W. Lapham St., on January 20, 2024. (SPEV-23-74)
Granted
35. [2023-0758](#) Temporary Class "B" Beer/Wine Permit Application for Liberty Heights Park Neighborhood Association, 6101 W. Lapham St., on January 20, 2024. (PIC-23-13)
Granted
36. [2023-0700](#) Claim by Mary Thomas regarding alleged personal injury on 9218 W. Lincoln Ave. on September 9, 2023.
Referred to City Attorney
37. [2023-0704](#) Claim by Elliott Bingham for accident at 2103 S. 71 St. Apt. 104, on May 16, 2023.
Referred to City Attorney
38. [2023-0708](#) Claim by Isaiah McVey for alleged injuries on KK Parkway on August 18, 2023.
Referred to City Attorney
39. [2023-0716](#) Claim by Renee Graf regarding alleged property damage at 2176 S. 75th St. on August 14th, 2023.
Referred to City Attorney
40. [2023-0724](#) Claim by Progressive on behalf of Maria Fortis, regarding vehicle damage at 108th and Cleveland Ave. on August 10, 2023.
Referred to City Attorney
41. [2023-0731](#) Claim by Matt Keup regarding alleged property damage at 1643 S. 63rd St. on October 26th, 2023.
Referred to City Attorney

L. COMMON COUNCIL RECESS

Ald. Lajsic moved that the Council recess until completion of the Standing Committee meetings, Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried.

The Council recessed at 7:29 p.m. and returned at 8:07 p.m.

M. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 7:33 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Haass moved to approve items #42 - #43, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner, Ald. Vitale, Ald. Weigel

No: 0

- 42. [R-2023-0746](#) Resolution to create policy for administration of fund balances. (Creating Policy 1215)

Sponsors: Alderperson Haass

Committee Action:

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve, Ald. Vitale seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Approved

- 43. [O-2023-0091](#) Ordinance to authorize Finance Director/Comptroller to administer fund balance policy.

Sponsors: Alderperson Haass

Committee Action:

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve, Ald. Vitale seconded, motion carried.

Committee Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Council Action: Approved

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

None.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 7:36 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve items #44 - #46, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner, Ald. Vitale, Ald. Weigel

No: 0

44. [O-2023-0087](#) Ordinance to create minimum distance between premises for retail alcohol licensees.

Sponsors: Alderperson Vitale

Committee Action:

Ald. Kuehn spoke against the proposal. Ald. Haass moved to place on file, Ald. Weigel seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Placed on File

45. [2023-0705](#) New Class B Tavern License, Cigarette License and Public Entertainment License for Burnsies LLC., d/b/a Burnsies Bar & Grill, 9646 W. Greenfield Ave. Agent: David Burns. (ALC-23-33)

Committee Action:

Applicant updated business hours to 6 a.m. - Close. Ald. Haass moved to grant, Ald. Weigel seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Granted

46. [2023-0706](#) New Class B Tavern License, Cigarette and Electronic Cigarette License, and Public Entertainment License for Seyferth Hospitality LLC., d/b/a Flappers, 7527 W. Becher St. Agent: Blake Seyferth. (ALC-23-34)

Committee Action:

Ald. Haass moved to grant, Ald. Kuehn seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Granted

Public Hearing Items (Economic Development Committee)

47. [2023-0695](#) Conditional Use Permit for Bars & Recreation, a proposed Recreation (indoor) and Tavern use, at 6325 W. National Ave.

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Committee Action:

Ald. Kuehn moved to approve, Ald. Weigel seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Approved

48. [2023-0696](#) Conditional Use Permit for Las Cazuelas Chilaquiles & Taco Bar, a proposed restaurant, at 6738 W. Greenfield Ave.

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Committee Action:

Ald. Haass moved to approve, Ald. Weigel seconded, motion carried.

Committee Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Council Action: Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

49. [O-2023-0076](#) Ordinance to amend special event permit regulations.

Sponsors: Alderperson Stefanski

Committee Action:

Ald. Roadt opposed of the ordinance. Ald. Stefanski moved to pass, Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried with one no from Ald. Roadt.

Council Action:

Passed with the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner, Ald. Vitale, Ald. Weigel

No: 2 - Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Roadt

50. [2023-0753](#) 2023-2025 Renewal Operator's License (Bartender/Class D Operator) application for Nahum Pestana-Morales (BART 987) (First appearance)

Committee Action:

Ald. Turner moved to grant, Ald Reinke seconded. Motion carried with Ald. Grisham in favor, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Stefanski opposed.

Committee Adjourned at 8:01p.m.

Council Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to grant, motion carried by following role call vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Devine, Ald. Grisham, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Turner

No: 5 - Ald. Haass, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Vitale, Ald. Weigel

N. ADJOURNMENT

Ald. Lajsic moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., Ald, Stefanski seconded, motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting is January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



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It is the policy of the City of West Allis to provide language access services to populations of persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) who are eligible to be served or likely to be directly affected by our programs. Such services will be focused on providing meaningful access to our programs, services and/or benefits.