



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, February 6, 2024

7:00 PM

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

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Devine called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner
Excused 1 - Ald. Vitale

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Ald. Stefanski.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [O-2023-0088](#) Ordinance to amend zoning code related to certain animal services, rummage sales, and separation distance for narcotic treatment services.

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Manager of Planning & Zoning Schaer presented.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AmyRose Murphy, 1520 S. 76th St., spoke about the City Hall lobby hours.

Tiffany Stark, 6414 W. Burnham St., spoke about concerns with Granite Hills.

Chad Halverson, 1028 S. 77th St., thanked the council and the other city staff for work they have done and spoke about his love for the community.

Doug Gendron, 2261 S. 60th St., spoke about Longfellow School Redevelopment.

Sagar Tolani, 7059 W. Stuth Pl., thanked Ald. Lajsic for his service and introduce himself as a candidate for District 4.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECESS MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mayor Devine announced that the following Standing Committees would meet during recess: Administration, Economic Development, Public Safety and Public Works.

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Devine

**spoke about traffic safety near Irving Elementary*

** thanked attendees of the West Allis Police Department Community Partnership meeting*

**spoke about the West Allis Women's Club Queen for the Day luncheon*

**spoke about Coffee with the Mayor and the Hit & Run at 68th & Lincoln and encouraged community support of the 2 businesses effected*

**recognized that February is Black History Month*

**spoke about the Burger King demolition*

H. ALDERPERSON'S REPORT

Ald. Kuehn announced the Friends of La Follette Park will be hosting their annual Empty Bowls event 2/17/24 from 3-6p.m.

Ald. Grisham wished Ald. Kuehn a happy birthday.

Ald. Turner spoke about the Milwaukee Business Journal listed this area as being a desirable market for 1st time home buyers.

Ald. Reinke thanked the staff at the West Allis Health Department and spoke about receiving an award for maintaining a Level III Health Department Certification.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2. [2024-0045](#) January 16, 2024 Common Council Minutes.

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

J. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

K. ITEMS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (CONSENT AGENDA)

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve the Consent Agenda, items #3 - #26, Ald. Kuehn seconded, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner

No: 0

- 3. [O-2024-0003](#) Ordinance to create Neighborhood Services Specialist (Grade G1), adjust Market Attendant pay, and retitle Supply Chain Purchasing Manager to Supervisor.

Sponsors: Alderperson Haass

Passed

4. [R-2024-0042](#) Resolution relating to authorizing the execution of a contract with HCC for stop loss coverage for the plan year from March 1, 2024, to February 28, 2025.
Adopted
5. [R-2024-0048](#) Resolution accepting work of MJ Construction for water main relay and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2021 Project No. 16 for final payment in the amount of \$1,861.
Sponsors: Public Works Committee
Adopted
6. [R-2024-0049](#) Resolution accepting work of Lalonde Contractors for street construction and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2022 Project No. 4 for final payment in the amount of \$800.
Sponsors: Public Works Committee
Adopted
7. [R-2024-0050](#) Resolution accepting work of Lalonde Contractors for street construction and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2022 Project No. 6 for final payment in the amount of \$4,523.
Sponsors: Public Works Committee
Adopted
8. [R-2024-0051](#) Resolution accepting work of Cudahy Roofing & Supply Inc. for DPW Roof Replacement and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2021 Project No. 13 for final payment in the amount of \$500.
Sponsors: Public Works Committee
Adopted
9. [R-2024-0052](#) Resolution Authorizing Economic Development (FIRE) to fund \$16,000 for Bublr Bikes Operation in 2024 Calendar Year.
Adopted
10. [R-2024-0053](#) Resolution authorizing the Manager of Planning and Zoning to enter into a professional services agreement with Community Planning and Development Advisors, LLC.
Adopted

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11. [R-2024-0054](#) Resolution to approve a Commercial Facade Improvement Project Contract by and between the City of West Allis and Andrew Lopac, owner of the property located at 9700 W. National Ave., in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.
- Adopted**
12. [R-2024-0055](#) Certified Survey Map to split the existing parcel at 11** block S. 70th St. into two parcels (Tax Key No. 439-9002-000)
- Adopted**
13. [R-2024-0056](#) Resolution to accept the proposals of various nurseries for furnishing and delivering 434 trees for 2024 spring planting for a total net sum of \$42,297.50.
- Adopted**
14. [R-2024-0057](#) Resolution to accept the proposal of Complete Landscape Supply, providing 4% Emamectin Benzoate, an Emerald Ash insecticide treatment, for a total net sum of \$42,086.84.
- Adopted**
15. [R-2024-0058](#) Resolution Approving an Agreement with MMSD to receive \$55,000 in funding through the MMSD Green Solutions Program for the installation of Trees in 2024.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
16. [R-2024-0067](#) Resolution to authorize the purchase of protective glass laminate and installation from Safe Haven Defense.
- Sponsors:** Alderperson Haass
- Adopted**
17. [2024-0044](#) Appointment by Mayor Devine of Minerva Roman de Gibilian to the Commission on Aging for a 3-year term to expire February 6, 2027.
- Approved**
18. [2024-0078](#) Appointment by Mayor Devine of Ald. Ray Turner to the Aldermanic position on the Community Development Block Grant Committee for a 2-year term to expire February 6, 2026.
- Approved**
19. [2024-0046](#) Renewal application for Pawn Shop, Secondhand Stores, and Secondhand Jewelry Dealers for:
- Essam Rhmoun, d/b/a JRS Jewelry, 7239 W. Greenfield Ave.
(PNSH-22-33)
- Granted**

20. [2024-0057](#) Application for Temporary Class B Beer / Wine License (aka Picnic License) for St. Augustine Parish located at 6762 W. Rogers St. on Friday, February 9, 2024. (SB-24-1)
Waived 300-foot Restriction and Granted
21. [2024-0075](#) Finance Director/Comptroller submitting report for January 2024 indicating City of West Allis checks issued in the amount of \$3,697,114.95.
Placed on File
22. [2024-0048](#) Claim by James Matthias for alleged property damage at 77th St. and Rogers St., on January 13, 2024.
Referred to City Attorney
23. [2024-0054](#) Claim by Raistlin Jacobs for alleged property damage at 1653 S. 62nd St., on January 12, 2024.
Referred to City Attorney
24. [2024-0062](#) Claim by Landmark Harmony Housing, LLC for 2023 unlawful tax at 1441 S. 68th St. (453-0002-001) and 69th and Orchard St. (453-0001-009).
Referred to City Attorney
25. [2024-0064](#) Claim by Charmion Robinson for alleged property damage and personal injuries at W. Lincoln Ave. and W. National Ave., on January 23, 2024.
Referred to City Attorney
26. [2024-0067](#) Claim by Amir Al-Majid for alleged property damage and personal injuries at N. 35th St. and W. Highland Blvd., on April 7, 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 7:37 p.m. and returned at 8:12 p.m.

M. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 7:41 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Haass moved to approve items #27 - #30, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner

No: 0

- 27. [R-2024-0059](#) Resolution to establish a multiple municipal local health department called the Southwest Suburban Health Department (SWSHD) jointly with the City of Greenfield.

Committee Action:

Ald. Lajsic moved to hold, Ald. Kuehn seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Held

- 28. [2024-0072](#) January 30, 2024 Administration Committee Minutes.

Committee Action:

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

Council Action: Approved

- 29. [2024-0077](#) Appointment of Jenny Kosek for the position of Marketing and Communications Director.

Committee Action:

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

Council Action: Approved

- 30. [R-2024-0068](#) Resolution to approve the Employment Contract for the position of Marketing and Communications Director for Jenny Kosek.

Committee Action:

Ald. Lajsic moved to adopt, Ald. Kuehn seconded, motion carried.

Ald. Lajsic moved to adjourn at 7:49 p.m., Ald. Kuehn seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Adopted

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 7:42 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Roadt moved to approve items #31 - #33 motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner

No: 0

- 31. [O-2024-0002](#) Ordinance to allow board of Public Works to approve wider driveways in commercial areas.

Sponsors: Alderperson Turner and Alderperson Vitale

City Engineer Melinda Dejewski provided information regarding the ordinance.

Committee Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to pass, Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Passed

- 32. [R-2024-0060](#) Resolution naming street to be constructed between S. 60th St. and the eastern terminus of W. Washington St. (approx. 1450 ft. east of east right-of-way line of S. 70th St.) W. _____.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Committee Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to name street Chalmers Way, Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried with Nays from Ald. Roadt and Ald. Turner.

Council Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to hold and refer to committee at next meeting, Ald. Lajsic seconded, motion carried.

- 33. [R-2024-0069](#) Resolution renaming W. Washington St. Between S. 70th St. and its eastern terminus.

Committee Action:

Ald. Stefanski moved to adopt, Ald. Grisham seconded, motion carried with Nays from Ald. Roadt and Ald. Turner.

Ald. Grisham moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried.

Council Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to hold and refer to committee at next meeting, Ald. Lajsic seconded, motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 7:49 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Lajsic moved to pass item #34 motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner

No: 0

Public Hearing Items (Economic Development Committee)

- 34. [O-2023-0088](#) Ordinance to amend zoning code related to certain animal services, rummage sales, and separation distance for narcotic treatment services.

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Committee Action:

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

Ald. Kuehn moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m., Ald. Haass seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Passed

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 7:53 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Grisham moved to approve items #35 - #40, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Haass, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Lajsic, Ald. Reinke, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Stefanski, Ald. Turner

No: 0

- 35. [O-2024-0004](#) Ordinance to exempt operator's license applications from 6-month waiting period after denial.

Sponsors: Alderperson Grisham

City Attorney Kail Decker spoke about ordinance.

Committee Action:

Ald. Turner moved to pass, Ald. Stefanski seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Pass

36. [R-2024-0059](#) Resolution to establish a multiple municipal local health department called the Southwest Suburban Health Department (SWSHD) jointly with the City of Greenfield.

Committee Action:

Ald. Turner moved to hold, Ald. Stefanski seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Held

37. [2024-0079](#) Appointment by Mayor Devine of Michelle Sutinen on the Police and Fire Commission for a 5-year term to expire February 6, 2029.

Committee Action:

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

Council Action: Approved

38. [2024-0043](#) 2023-2025 New Operator's License (Bartender/Class D Operator) application for Dale Widuk, Jr. (BART 1027) (First appearance)

Committee Action:

Ald. Stefanski moved to deny due to non-appearance, conviction record and insufficient evidence of rehabilitation, Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Denied

39. [2024-0009](#) 2023-2025 New Operator's License (Bartender/Class D Operator) application for Doreen Gaster. (BART 1002) (Second appearance)

Committee Action:

Ald. Stefanski moved to deny due to non-appearance and conviction record, Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Denied

40. [2024-0019](#) 2023-2025 New Operator's License (Bartender/Class D Operator) application for Joshua Coleman. (BART 994) (Second appearance)

Committee Action:

Ald. Stefanski moved to grant, Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried.

Ald. Stefanski moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Granted

N. ADJOURNMENT

Ald. Lajsic moved to adjourn at 8:21 p.m., Ald. Stefanski seconded, motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting is March 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

YouTube Meeting Links for February 6, 2024:

Common Council Part 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-J_5B5prfDM

Recess - Administration & Economic Development

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFy1xu3xsnI>

Recess - Public Works & Public Safety

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e23n7zInnoQ>

Common Council Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5b8rquFUOU>



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