

City of West Allis Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Mayor Dan Devine, Chair Alderpersons: Suzzette Grisham, Kimberlee Grob, Kevin Haass, Chad Halvorsen, Danna Kuehn, Patty Novak, Marissa Nowling,

Daniel J. Roadt, Ray Turner and Martin J. Weigel

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Ald. Roadt.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. <u>2025-6648</u>

Conditional Use Permit for SoNa Lofts Phase 2, Lot 3, a proposed 5+ Unit Dwelling, at 1600 S. 66th St.

Steve Schaer, Manager of Planning & Zoning, presented.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jeff Dillman, 3300 S. Wollmer Rd. shared his thoughts regarding access to the City's municipal yard.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECESS MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Devine thanked the West Allis Women's Club for displaying purple ribbons around City Hall and throughout the downtown area to raise awareness regarding domestic violence. He also congratulated the Southwest Suburban Health Department on their national accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The Health Department has been recognized previously, but this is the first time since their merge that they have been awarded.

H. ALDERPERSONS' REPORT

None.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. 2025-8478 September 16, 2025 Common Council Minutes.

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

J. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

K. ITEMS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (CONSENT AGENDA)

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Haass moved to approve the Consent Agenda, items #3 - #21, Ald. Kuehn seconded, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

No: 0

3. O-2025-0399 Ordinance to amend the salary schedule by creating the position of

Electrical Worker and by retitling the Public Health Specialist Coordinator

position to Public Health Strategist.

Sponsors: Alderperson Weigel

Passed

4. Resolution authorizing City Attorney to employ and compensate special

counsel to assist in or take charge of defending claims by VJS

Construction Services regarding concealed or unknown conditions at 1906

S. 53rd St.

Adopted as Amended

5. Resolution granting a Privilege to GG 003 LLC for property located at 7020

W. National Ave. (Tax Key No. 453-9001-000).

Adopted

6. R-2025-3811 Resolution granting a Privilege to ABC Management Inc for property

located at 7232-36 W. Greenfield Ave. (Tax Key No. 440-0346-000).

Adopted

7. Resolution granting a Privilege to Amy Elizabeth Thompson for property

located at 5630 W. Lincoln Ave. (Tax Key No. 474-0464-000).

Adopted

8. Resolution to authorize the single source proposal of R.N.O.W., Inc. for

furnishing and delivering one 2025 Super Products Mud Dog 1200

Vacuum Hydro-Excavation Truck for a total sum of \$618,002.

Adopted

9. Resolution approving a contract with Crowley Construction Corporation to

install railroad crossing pavement marking on S. 57th St. for an amount not

to exceed \$15,000.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Adopted

10.	R-2025-4080	Resolution approving the purchase of Latex printing equipment and supplies for a total sum not to exceed \$50,000.
		Adopted
11.	2025-6585	August 2025 Municipal Judge Report, consisting of all fines, costs and fees collected by the City of West Allis in the sum of \$79,543.45.
		Placed on File
12.	2025-7738	Claim by Jose Coria for property damage on August 27, 2025 at 8422 N. Orchard St.
		Referred to City Attorney
13.	2025-7951	Claim by Sixt Rent A Car, LLC for general liability compensation made to a customer for personal injury and distress related to a traffic stop on March 23, 2025 in Madison, WI.
		Referred to City Attorney
14.	2025-8338	Claim by Torrance T. Norman for civil rights violations that occurred on September 20th, 2023 at 11301 W. Lincoln Ave.
		Referred to City Attorney
15.	2025-8348	Claim by Jason Andujar for personal injuries and damages that occurred on March 11th, 2024 at 11301 W. Lincoln Ave.
		Referred to City Attorney
16.	2025-8300	Communication regarding the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District 2026 operating plan and special assessment method.
	Sponsors:	Public Works Committee
		Placed on File
17.	2025-8020	Lawsuit by VJS Construction Services, Inc. regarding the new Department of Public Works facility at 1906 S. 53rd Street. Case no. 2025CV008353.
		Referred to City Attorney
18.	2025-8246	Finance Director/Comptroller submitting report for September 2025 indicating City of West Allis checks issued in the amount of \$9,646.778.89.
		Placed on File
19.	2025-7000	Reappointment by Mayor Devine of Ald. Weigel, Eric Berglund, and Molly Rowbottom to the Tourism Commission for 1-year terms to expire October 7, 2026.
		Approved
20.	2025-8331	Reappointments by Mayor Devine of Barbara Jones and Alex Geiger to the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District Board of Directors, with a 3-year term to expire October 10, 2028.
		Approved

21. 2025-8334

Appointment by Mayor Devine of Jarice Taliaferro to the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District Board of Directors, with a 3-year term to expire October 10, 2028.

Approved

L. COMMON COUNCIL RECESS

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

The Council recessed at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

M. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 8:00 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Weigel moved to approve items #22 - #26, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

No: 0

22. R-2025-3284

Resolution to approve the acceptance of a traffic mitigation grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the amount of \$29,585.22 for the IH-94 East-West freeway project.

Committee Action:

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

Council Action: Adopted

23. R-2025-3520

Resolution to adopt the Milwaukee County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 to meet applicable FEMA mitigation planning requirements.

Committee Action:

Ald. Nowling moved to adopt, Ald. Novak seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Adopted

24. R-2025-3972

Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement with the West Allis Professional Fire Fighter's Association, Local 342, IAFF, for 2026-2029.

Committee Action:

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

Council Action: Adopted

25. Resolution to approve settlement with Robert Gendrich regarding worker's compensation claim.

Ald. Weigel motioned at 8:07 p.m. to move into closed session, Ald. Nowling seconded, motion carried with the following voice vote:

Yes - 5 - Ald. Weigel, Kuehn, Grob, Novak and Nowling No - 0

Ald. Kuehn motioned at 8:34 p.m. to move into open session, Ald. Nowling seconded, motion carried with the following voice vote:

Yes - 5 - Ald. Weigel, Kuehn, Grob, Novak and Nowling No - 0

Committee Action:

Ald. Kuehn motioned to approve sending the appeal to Circuit Court, Ald. Nowling seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Approved

26. 2024-1214 Claim by Cedric Banks regarding alleged personal injury in West Allis on May 9th, 2024.

Committee Action:

Ald. Kuehn motioned to direct the City Attorney to act on what was decided upon in closed session, Ald. Nowling seconded, motion carried.

Ald. Grob motioned to adjourn at 8:36 p.m., Ald. Kuehn seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Approved

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 7:28 p.m.

27. 2025-4982 Update from the Public Works Department on the City's Recycling Program.

Dave Wepking, Director of DPW, and Sara Diebitz, Sanitation Supervisor, presented.

Discussion Purposes Only

28. 2025-8133 Final summary from Director of Public Works for Aug. 9, 2025 flood event.

Dave Wepking, Director of DPW, and Sara Diebitz, Sanitation Supervisor, presented.

Discussion Purposes Only

Ald. Grisham moved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m., Ald. Halvorsen seconded, motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 7:27 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Aye: 10 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

No: 0

29. 2025-7802 New Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment License for Beloit Ave LLC DBA Sir Frank's, 7534 W. Beloit Rd. Agent: Frank Orcholski. (ALC-25-33)

Committee Action:

Ald. Weigel moved to grant upon agent updating the floor plan, Ald. Grob seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Granted as amended

30. 2025-8360 New Public Entertainment Premise License for West Allis FP, LLC, d/b/a Fat Patty's, 2865 S. 108th St. Agent: Lisa McIntyre. (PEP-25-2)

Committee Action:

Ald. Grob moved to grant, Ald. Novak seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Granted

31. 2025-6648 Conditional Use Permit for SoNa Lofts Phase 2, Lot 3, a proposed 5+ Unit Dwelling, at 1600 S. 66th St.

Committee Action:

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

Council Action: Approved

32. 2025-8116 Communication introducing Amendment of Tax Incremental District No. 7 - Summit Place & the Project Plan for Tax Incremental District No. 21 - 92nd & Greenfield Ave.

Discussion Purpose Only

33. 2025-8117 Communication from Plan Commission relative to approval of Tax Incremental District project area 7 (Summit Place Business Park) and project area 21 (S. 92 & W. Greenfield Ave) being in conformance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Discussion Purpose Only

34. 2025-8234 Review Annual PE-300 Reports and the performance and status of the City's active Tax Incremental Districts.

Discussion Purpose Only

35. R-2025-3904

Resolution to approve the Year 2026 Operating Plan for the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District and to adopt the special assessment method as stated therein.

Committee Action:

Ald. Kuehn moved to hold until October 21st, 2025 meeting, Ald. Nowling seconded, motion carried.

Ald. Grob moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., Ald. Nowling seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Held until October 21st, 2025 meeting

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Ald. Haass moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., Ald. Grisham seconded, motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting is October 21st, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



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The City of West Allis does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, age, marital or veterans' status, sex, national origin, disability or any other legally protected status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs or activities.

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Upon reasonable notice the City will furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and to enjoy the benefits of a service, program or activity provided by the City.

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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.