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, February 24, 2026 | **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 7:01 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

Ald. Kuehn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS & PRESENTATIONS

1. O-2026-0020 Ordinance to amend front setback for accessory dwelling units and further define other residential accessory structures.

Sponsors: Alderperson Turner

Steve Schaer, City Planning Director, presented.

2. R-2026-1466 Final Resolution authorizing public improvement concrete construction, concrete reconstruction and/or asphalt resurfacing and replacement of private side lead water service laterals in various locations and levying special assessments against benefited properties.

Melinda Dejewski, City Engineer, and Rob Hutter, Assistant City Engineer, presented.

Public comments:
- Charles Rooney, 1668 S. 60th St.
- Janet Johnson, 2554 S. 78th St.
- Donald Gall, 2630 S. 78th St.
- Jackie Wild, 2610 S. 78th St.

3. 2026-02931 Presentation by Third Space Brewing regarding proposal to host a Beer Garden at Liberty Heights Park.

Andy Gehl, Co-founder & President of Third Space Brewing, and Kara Olds, Event Manager at Third Space Brewing, presented.

Public comments:
- Citlali Mendieta-Ramos, Antigua Restaurant
- Neil Steffek, 1902 S. 68th St.
- Jean Hansen, 974 S. 57th St.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Katie Wagner, 2174 S. 69th St., provided comments on West Allis Police Department standard 2.2.8.

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

For Black History Month, Mayor Devine provided a brief biography of Thurgood Marshall, the first black U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

H. ALDERPERSONS' REPORT

Ald. Nowling reminded District 2 residents that her and Ald. Halvorsen will hold office hours at Story Keepers Books on February 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. 2026-03160 February 10th, 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

K. ITEMS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (CONSENT AGENDA)

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Haass moved to approve the Consent Agenda, items #5 - #27. 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

5. O-2026-0079 Ordinance to increase compensation rate for Election officials.

Sponsors: Alderperson Nowling and Alderperson Halvorsen

Passed

6. R-2026-1331 Resolution to amend the Health department organizational chart to realign full-time and part-time positions between Public Health Nurse and Environmentalist classifications.

Adopted

7. R-2026-1301 Resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement virtual server and backup system from CDW-G for $100,020.

Sponsors: Alderperson Haass

Adopted

8. R-2026-1662 Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Voya for stop loss coverage for the plan year from March 1st, 2026, through February 28th, 2027.

Adopted

9. R-2026-1573 Resolution accepting the proposal of Visual Impact Lighting for furnishing and delivering luminaires with shorting caps for a total of $70,930.

Adopted

10. R-2026-1203 Resolution accepting the work of Globe Contractors, Inc. for storm sewer spot relay and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2025 Project No. 9 for final payment of $500.00.

Adopted

11. R-2026-1309 Resolution accepting the work of LaLonde Contractors, Inc. for street reconstruction and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2024 Project No. 5 for final payment of $2,000.

Adopted

12. R-2026-1319 Resolution accepting the work of LaLonde Contractors, Inc. for street reconstruction and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2025 Project No. 7 for final payment of $500.

Adopted

13. R-2026-1378 Resolution accepting the work of LaLonde Contractors, Inc. for street reconstruction and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2024 Project No. 6 for final payment of $2,000.

Adopted

14. R-2026-1451 Resolution accepting the work of State Contractors for traffic calming and pedestrian improvements and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2025 Project No. 3 for final payment of $2,405.85.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Adopted

15. R-2026-1297 Resolution granting a Privilege to Z's Bar, LLC for property located at 6309-11 W. National Ave. (Tax Key No. 454-0093-000).

Adopted

16. R-2026-1298 Resolution granting a Privilege to Juan Sendejo for property located at 6402-04 W. National Ave. (Tax Key No. 454-0186-001).

Adopted

17. R-2026-1299 Resolution granting a Privilege to Odd-E's Pub LLC for property located at 8812 W. Greenfield Ave. (Tax Key No. 442-0547-000).

Adopted

18. R-2026-1300 Resolution granting a Privilege to 7913 Becher LLC for property located at 7911-21 W. Becher St. (Tax Key No. 477-0211-001).

Adopted

19. 2024-0595 Claim by SS Land LLC for a money judgment at 2121 S. 55th St. (474-0264-005).

Placed on File

20. 2025-3346 Claim by Aurora-West Allis Memorial for property damage on April 26th, 2025 at 8901 W. Lincoln Ave.

Placed on File

21. 2025-4979 Claim by Schaff Funeral Home regarding property damage at 5920 W. Lincoln Ave. on June 4th, 2025.

Placed on File

22. 2025-6466 Claim by Jessica and Heidi Doering for property damage at 2202 S. 82nd St. on August 16th, 2025.

Placed on File

23. 2026-02606 Claim by Maria Espinoza regarding property damage at 8227 W. Becher St. on December 14th, 2025.

Referred to City Attorney

24. 2026-03185 Claim by Travelers Insurance on behalf of LaLonde Contractors regarding property damage at 643 S. Oak Park Ct. on October 23rd, 2025.

Referred to City Attorney

25. 2026-02935 Renewal applications for Pawn Shop, Secondhand Stores, and Secondhand Jewelry Dealers for:

MAS LLC, DBA Mass Musik, 10220 W. Greenfield Ave., Agent: Michael Soiney.
Shallow Jewelers LLC, DBA Shallow Jewelers, 8919 W. Greenfield Ave., Agent: Dean Shallow.
Diane's Designs, 7344 W. Greenfield Ave., Agent: Diane Latinovich.

Granted

26. 2026-03184 Reappointment by Mayor Devine of Sagar Tolani to the West Allis Capital Improvement Committee for a 3-year term to expire February 24th, 2029.

Approved

27. 2026-03110 Reappointment by Mayor Devine of Eric Torkelson and Sagar Tolani to the Capital Improvement Parks Subcommittee for a 2-year term to expire February 24th, 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 8:13 p.m. and returned at 9:07 p.m.

M. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 8:39 p.m.

28. R-2026-1517 Resolution to approve an intergovernmental agreement establishing a joint fire department between West Allis and Wauwatosa.

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

Council Action: Ald. Weigel moved to act in accordance with the committee report. 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

29. 2023-0549 Claim by Eugene Faust for alleged physical injury at S. 124th and National Ave. on or about July 11, 2023.

Committee Action: Ald. Kuehn moved to convene into closed session at 8:44. Ald. Novak seconded. Motion carried.

Ald. Kuehn moved to reconvene into open session at 9:00 p.m. Ald. Nowling seconded. Motion carried.

Ald. Nowling moved to approve the City Attorney to act as directed in closed session. Ald. Kuehn seconded. Motion carried.

Council Action: Ald. Weigel moved to act in accordance with the committee report. 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

Ald. Kuehn moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Ald. Nowling seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 8:29 p.m.

30. O-2026-0017 Ordinance to create two-hour parking limits on the 5200-5400 Blocks of West Hayes Avenue and West Rita Drive.

Sponsors: Alderperson Turner

Committee Action: Ald. Turner moved to pass. Ald. Grisham seconded. Motion carried.

Council Action: Ald. Roadt moved to act in accordance with the committee report. 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

31. R-2026-1466 Final Resolution authorizing public improvement concrete construction, concrete reconstruction and/or asphalt resurfacing and replacement of private side lead water service laterals in various locations and levying special assessments against benefited properties.

Committee Action: Ald. Grisham moved to adopt. Ald. Haass seconded. Motion carried.

Council Action: Ald. Roadt moved to act in accordance with the committee report. 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

32. R-2026-1610 Resolution authorizing the conveyance of temporary easement interests to the City of West Allis for the National Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Committee Action: Ald. Grisham moved to adopt. Ald. Halvorsen seconded. Motion carried.

Council Action: Ald. Roadt moved to act in accordance with the committee report. 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

33. R-2026-1682 Resolution authorizing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to acquire and use portions of a City-owned parcel for the National Avenue reconstruction project.

Committee Action: Ald. Haass moved to adopt. Ald. Turner seconded. Motion carried.

Council Action: Ald. Roadt moved to act in accordance with the committee report. 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

Ald. Grisham moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Ald. Haass seconded. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 8:17 p.m.

34. 2026-01664 New Class B Tavern License for Deco Venue, LLC, DBA The Emerald, 7546 W. Greenfield Ave. Agent: Noreen Higginbothem. (ALC-26-1)

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

No: 0

35. 2026-01096 New Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment License for The Liquor Room LLC DBA The Liquor Room, 7100 W. National Ave. Agent: Joseph Vagnini. (ALC-26-2)

Committee Action: Ald. Weigel moved to grant with hours amended to reflect state law. 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: 10 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

No: 0

36. O-2026-0020 Ordinance to amend front setback for accessory dwelling units and further define other residential accessory structures.

Sponsors: Alderperson Turner

Committee Action: Ald. Nowling moved to pass. 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: 10 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

No: 0

37. R-2026-1583 Resolution approving the dissolution of Tax Incremental District Number Seven (Summit Place) of the City of West Allis.

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

No: 0

38. R-2026-1584 Resolution approving the dissolution of Tax Incremental District Number Ten (former Yellow Freight truck terminal) of the City of West Allis.

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

No: 0

39. 2026-02932 Discussion regarding proposal by Third Space Brewing to host a Beer Garden at Liberty Heights Park.

Discussion Purposes Only

Ald. Weigel moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Ald. Kuehn seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 8:18 p.m.

40. 2026-02923 Summons and complaint against Hayley Negron for the suspension or revocation of the Class D Operator License. (BART-1634.)

Committee Action: Ald. Haass moved to dismiss the summons and complaint. Ald. Halvorsen seconded. Motion carried, with Ald. Grisham and Ald. Roadt voting no.

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

Aye: 6 - Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Turner

No: 4 - Ald. Grisham, Ald. Novak, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Weigel

Ald. Haass moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Ald. Halvorsen seconded. Motion carried.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Ald. Haass moved to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Ald. Grisham seconded. Motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting is March 10, 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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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.