



# City of West Allis 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, April 16, 2024

7:00 PM

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

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## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

### A. CALL TO ORDER

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

### B. RECOGNITION OF OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE - MAYOR DEVINE

*None.*

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Led by Ald. Reinke (Retired).*

### D. FINAL ROLL CALL OF THE 2020-2024 COMMON COUNCIL

*Present: Ald. Lajsic, Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, and Turner.  
Excused: Ald. Vitale*

### E. REMARKS BY 2020-2024 OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIALS

*Mayor Devine presented Ald. Stefanski with a proclamation, thanking him for his years serving as District 2 Alderperson.*

*Ald. Lajsic congratulated Mayor Devine and other elected officials on winning the term. He also thanked City employees for their dedicated service to West Allis.*

*Ald. Reinke expressed her gratitude for her 32 years on the Council, serving under 4 Mayors and 2 City Administrators. She thanked City employees and her fellow council members for their years of support and service.*

*Ald. Stefanski shared a memory of taking Ald. Reinke on her first motorcycle ride.*

### F. MOTION BY ALDERPERSON LAJSIC TO ADJOURN SINE DIE

*Ald. Lajsic motioned to adjourn sine die, Ald. Stefanski seconded. Mayor Devine adjourned Council at 7:12 p.m.*

### G. ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2024-2028 MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL - JUDGE PAUL MURPHY

*Mayor Devine reconvened Council at 7:17 p.m.*

### H. OATH OF OFFICE

*Administered by Judge Murphy.*

**I. FIRST ROLL CALL OF 2024-2028 COMMON COUNCIL**

**Present** 11 - Mayor Devine, Ald. Grisham, Ald. Grob, Ald. Haass, Ald. Halvorsen, Ald. Kuehn, Ald. Novak, Ald. Nowling, Ald. Roadt, Ald. Turner, Ald. Weigel

**J. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT BY SECRET BALLOT**

*Ald. Haass appointed to Council President by unanimous vote.*

**K. REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

*Mayor Devine and Ald. Haass spoke.*

**L. REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE 2024-2028 COMMON COUNCIL**

*Ald. Grisham, Weigel, Nowling, Kuehn, Halvorsen, Turner, Novak and Grob spoke.*

**M. ANNOUNCEMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR**

**Administration Committee:**

*Ald. Weigel - Chair  
Ald. Nowling - Vice Chair  
Ald. Grob  
Ald. Kuehn  
Ald. Novak*

**Public Works:**

*Ald. Roadt - Chair  
Ald. Turner - Vice Chair  
Ald. Grisham  
Ald. Haass  
Ald. Halvorsen*

**Economic Development:**

*Ald. Kuehn - Chair  
Ald. Grob - Vice Chair  
Ald. Novak  
Ald. Nowling  
Ald. Weigel*

**Public Safety:**

*Ald. Grisham - Chair  
Ald. Halvorsen - Vice Chair  
Ald. Haass  
Ald. Roadt  
Ald. Turner*

**N. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. [R-2024-0172](#) Resolution to confirm and adopt the report of the City Engineer containing the schedule of proposed assessments for improvement of various streets by concrete reconstruction.

*City Engineer Dejewski and Assistant City Engineer Hutter presented.*

**O. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*None.*

**P. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECESS MEETINGS****Q. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

2. [2024-0173](#) March 19, 2024 Common Council Minutes.

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

**R. REGULAR MEETING STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*None.*

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

**Ald. Haass moved to approve the Consent Agenda, items #3 - #7, 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. [2024-0160](#) Claim by Terese Zunker regarding alleged property damaged in the 1000 BLK of 100th St. on May 11, 2023.

**Referred to City Attorney**

4. [2024-0217](#) Claim by Bryan Kainz regarding excessive force and personal injuries sustained on December 17, 2023.

**Referred to City Attorney**

5. [2024-0161](#) December 2023 Municipal Judge Report, consisting of all fines, costs and fees collected by the City of West Allis in the sum of \$61,954.85.

**Placed on File**

6. [2024-0228](#) March 2024 Municipal Judge Report, consisting of all fines, costs and fees collected by the City of West Allis in the sum of \$148,917.16.

**Placed on File**

7. [2024-0202](#) Finance Director/Comptroller submitting report for March 2024 indicating City of West Allis checks issued in the amount of \$3,443,497.85.

**Placed on File**

**T. COMMON COUNCIL RECESS**

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

**The Council recessed at 7:50 p.m. and returned at 8:08 p.m.**

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

Committee convened at 7:50 p.m.

8. [2024-0226](#) Update from Assessor's Office on 2024 Citywide revaluation.

*City Assessor Williams presented.*

Committee adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Committee convened at 7:55 p.m.

**Passed The Block Vote**

**Ald. Kuehn moved to approve items #9 - #12, Ald. Nowling 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

9. [R-2024-0172](#) Resolution to confirm and adopt the report of the City Engineer containing the schedule of proposed assessments for improvement of various streets by concrete reconstruction.

**Committee Action:**

**Ald. Grisham moved to adopt, Ald. Haass seconded, motion carried.**

**Council Action: Passed**

10. [R-2024-0171](#) Final Resolution authorizing public improvement concrete construction, concrete reconstruction and/or asphalt resurfacing in various locations and levying special assessments against benefited properties.

**Sponsors:** Public Works Committee

**Committee Action:**

**Ald. Grisham moved to adopt, Ald. Haass seconded, motion carried.**

**Council Action: Passed**

11. [R-2024-0173](#) Resolution to approve bid of LaLonde Contractors, Inc. for Street Construction in W. Rogers St. from S. 76th St. to S. 84th St. in the City of West Allis in the amount of \$2,062,478.40.

**Sponsors:** Public Works Committee

**Committee Action:**

**Ald. Grisham moved to adopt, Ald. Haass seconded, motion carried.**

**Council Action: Passed**

- 12. [R-2024-0174](#) Resolution to approve an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad to close and remove the at-grade public road crossing for S. 55th St.

**Sponsors:** Public Works Committee

**Committee Action:**

**Ald. Grisham moved to adopt, Ald. Halvorsen seconded, motion carried.**

**Committee adjourned 7:59 p.m.**

**Council Action: Passed**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Committee convened at 7:59 p.m.**

**Passed The Block Vote**

**Ald. Haass moved to approve item #13, 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

- 13. [R-2024-0170](#) Resolution approving a Certified Survey Map to combine the existing parcels at 5520 W. Lincoln Ave. and 55\*\* W. Lincoln Ave. into 1 parcel. (Tax Key Nos. 474-0491-000 and 474-0490-000).

**Committee Action:**

**Ald. Weigel moved to adopt, Ald. Nowling seconded, motion carried.**

- 14. [2024-0213](#) Discussion relative to the sale of 6400 W. Greenfield Ave. and 1351 S. 64th St. for a proposed development by JJH3 Group.

**Discussion Purposes Only**

**Committee adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Committee convened at 8:05 p.m.**

**Passed The Block Vote**

**Ald. Grisham moved to approve items #15 - #17, motion carried by voice 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

15. [2024-0196](#) Class B Tavern Temporary Premise Extension and Temporary Public Entertainment Premise request for Studz Pub, 6833 W. National Ave. for a one-day event, St. Jude's Fundraiser, on June 8, 2024 from 12PM - 4PM with a DJ. Agent: Dean Ratas.

**Committee Action:**

Ald. Haass moved to grant, Ald. Halvorsen seconded. Motion carried.

**Council Action: Passed**

16. [2024-0195](#) Change of Agent for a Class B Beer/Class C Wine License for Flour Girl and Flame at 8121 W. National Ave. New Agent: Dana Spandet.

**Committee Action:**

Ald. Haass moved to grant, Ald. Halvorsen seconded. Motion carried.

**Council Action: Passed**

17. [2024-0205](#) Change of Agent for a Class B Liquor License for The Gage at 1139 S. 70th St. New Agent: Christina Timber.

**Committee Action:**

Ald. Haass moved to grant, Ald. Halvorsen seconded. Motion carried.

Committee adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**Council Action: Passed**

**V. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

Ald. Haass moved to adjourn at 8:11 p.m., Ald. Kuehn seconded, motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting is April 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**YouTube Meeting Links for April 16, 2022:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSiQmb1TzUQ)

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