

September 10, 2020

Members of the Common Council West Allis, Wisconsin

RE: Recommendations of the Structure Deficit Workgroup

Dear Members of the Common Council:

The 2020 Budget Process was one of the most challenging thus far in my tenure. The funding gap that existed after the department submittals was monumental. It was due to the collaboration and cooperation of the departments that we were able to close the gap in the short term. Realizing that that our structural deficit will continue to grow each year I commenced a Structural Deficit Work Group. Over the past few months, the members of this work group have review closed to 300 recommendations made to help reduce the structural deficit. Included with this communication are the recommendations of the work group.

I would like to thank the members of the group for their diligent work and attention to this important task. In addition to me, members included:

Sagar Tolani Capital Improvement Committee Citizen Representative

Kurt Kopplin Police and Fire Commission Representative

Kari Southern Library Board Representative
Michael May Citizen Representative
Ald. Tom Laisic Common Council President

Ald. Kevin Haass Administration and Finance Committee Chair

Ald. Vince Vitale Capital Improvement Committee Chair

Kris Moen Interim Finance Director

Kail Decker City Attorney
Rebecca Grill City Administrator

Please let me or Rebecca Grill know if you have any questions or require further information. We will be present at the Administration and Finance Committee recess meeting to provide an overview of the recommendations.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Devine

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