

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL**  
held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,  
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

**Roll Call**

4/26/2022 6:37:48 PM

Roll Call indicated all 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Present</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

**Proclamations**

Mayor Rosenberg noted May 2022, as Aging and Disability Resource Center Month and as Mental Health Awareness Month; May 6, 2022, as Provider Appreciation Day; and April 28, 2022, as Workers Memorial Day.

**Presentations: Policing Task Force Preliminary Recommendations**

John Robinson, Chair of the Policing Task Force and Mayor Rosenberg presented a PowerPoint on the work of the task force and its preliminary recommendations. It can be viewed online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6o3soOzmWac>  
These recommendations will be taken to a public hearing on May 18, 2022, after which they will re-evaluate the recommendations and develop a plan of action to present to the Council.

**Public Comment for Pre-registered citizens for matters appearing on the agenda and other public comment**

- 1) Amanda Ladecki, 616 Sumner St, Outreach Director with the Community Outreach Task Force, spoke on homelessness due to the lack of affordable housing and the housing shortage.
- 2) Sandy Kelch, 802 Augusta Ave, spoke regarding the root cause of homelessness and criminalizing homelessness.
- 3) Curt Deininger, 224125 Arrowhead Trl, Ringle, President of the Community Outreach Task Force Board of Directors, commented on homelessness and the problems associated with it.
- 4) Benjamin Ericksen, 2702 Merrill Ave, addressed the increasing complaints of business regarding the homelessness in the downtown and suggested an increase of CSO's.

**Consent Agenda**

4/26/2022 7:18:05 PM

Motion by Watson, second by Rasmussen to adopt all the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

**22-0401** Minutes of the previous meetings (4/12/2022)

**22-0408** Initial Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Setting a public hearing regarding vacating and discontinuing a public walkway abutting 3317 Polzer Drive, 3311 Polzer Drive, 3312 Wildwood Lane and 3318 Wildwood Lane

**12-0707** Ordinance of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.10.020 Permitted deviations

**12-0213** Joint Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission Accepting dedication of right-of-way for Timber Trail Drive

**22-0206** Final Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission Vacating and discontinuing excess public right-of-way located on the east side of 17th Avenue, abutting the west property line of 1607 Chellis Street, the south property line of 1427 Lake Street, and a portion of the south property line of 1425 Lake Street.

**21-0414** Resolution of the Public Health & Safety Committee Designating the Month of May, 2022, as "No Mow May" and suspending enforcement of W.M.C. §6.48.010 Mowing Required and §6.48.040 Penalty from May 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**22-0403**

4/26/2022 7:19:22 PM

Motion by Watson, second by Tom Kilian to confirm the Mayor's Appointments.

Chris Filz; - Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee; and John Kroll - Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Commission

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**22-0407**

4/26/2022 7:20:24 PM

Motion by Larson, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Capital Improvements & Street Maintenance Approving Detour Agreement with Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**21-1109**

4/26/2022 7:20:46 PM

Motion by Diny, second by Rasmussen to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving the Adoption of the Standard Allowance of Revenue Loss Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**21-1109**

4/26/2022 7:22:45 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects. (LED Project)

Gary Gisselman requested the resolution be split into two separate resolutions for voting, one for the LED Project and one for the Skateboard Park Project). There was no objection to voting separately on the two projects.

Lou Larson agreed the city needs more lights but was disappointed that District 10 was left out because there is high crime in the area and areas without sidewalks or mid-block lighting. Tom Kilian questioned how the streets/areas for the lights were selected.

Eric Lindman explained this is for the city's street lighting that we own, operate, and maintain. There is also WPS lighting throughout the city that is not our responsibility. It was his understanding these are all the remaining existing lights the city owns that will be retrofitted to LED, not adding any new ones, just converting to LED. Rick Pergalski noted the metal polls are city owned and the wood poles on corner blocks are WPS owned, however WPS is slowly changing over to LED also.

Maryanne Groat pointed out the savings in energy the LED lights will provide as well as the maintenance savings that will help future budgets.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**21-1109**

4/26/2022 7:31:05 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Watson to adopt the Resolution Approving and Adopting the Budget for American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Funded Projects. (Skateboard Park Project)

Gary Gisselman stated although he supports a skateboard park, he felt there were other urgent needs in the community, such as public restrooms downtown. He believed the City Council needs to be diligent in looking at the needs of the community.

Lisa Rasmussen commented they look at projects through the Covid relief lens and try to make sure the projects selected fit that profile. One of the things recommended to consider was how to create or improve new active public spaces. The skateboard park has needed attention for some time, as well as address some safety concerns and offer new amenities. This will get people outdoors and active and is something for young people to do.

Tom Kilian questioned if there might be a composite of fund sources to pursue outside of ARPA or the possibility of an alternative source or sponsorship. Jamie Polley, Parks Director, stated that is part of the plan and what she is asking for ARPA was a portion of the project. She indicated she had a pretty good size group of citizens that are very excited about the skate park and have been for a couple of years. She stated she submitted it as a CIP project two years ago and prior to that as a CDBG project, but it didn't qualify because it is the only one in the city. She was hoping for a portion of it with ARPA funds and then will work with citizen groups to raise other funds through applications to foundations and sponsorships. She pointed out the quality of the skate park and what needs

to be done is a significant upgrade because the surfacing is not suitable for the current conditions. Kilian questioned how much of the ARPA funds were about enhancement versus bringing it up to a safe and useable skate park. Polley stated of the \$225,000 requested the majority is to replace the surfacing and refurbishing the current equipment. *Discussion continued.*

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 0      Result: PASS

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gissleman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

**21-1109**

4/26/2022 7:46:32 PM

Motion by Larson, second by Herbst to adopt the Resolution of the Finance Committee Approving Modification of the 2022 Budget -- General Fund and Capital Project Funds for projects in process and other obligations

Yes Votes: 10      No Votes: 1      Abstain: 0      Not Voting: 0      Result: PASS

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gissleman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

**Suspend Rule**

4/26/2022 7:47:02 PM

Motion by Watson, second by Diny to suspend Rule 12(A) Filing Referral of Resolutions

Yes Votes: 11      No Votes: 0      Result: PASS

**22-0409 Amendment**

4/26/2022 8:13:06 PM

Motion by Watson, second by Rasmussen to Amend the Resolution of the Common Council Creating Executive Committee – to add to third Whereas: "The Committee will be made up of a minimum of six (6) unduplicated members. If there are duplicate chairpersons, the vice chair of the standing committee will serve in place of the chair. The replacement chair will be selected by chronological order of regularly scheduled committee meetings."

Anne Jacobson explained the Executive Committee would be created as a new Standing Committee of the Common Council replacing the Legislative Committee and the Coordinating Committee. There was a thought of also replacing the Administrative Review Board, however, that is required by statute and by ordinance we adopted the state statute, and it is to review decisions or appeal decisions made by staff or other committees, commissions, or boards of the city. Rasmussen commented the Coordinating Committee rarely meets; in her 14 years on the Council, she could only recall two meetings.

Lou Larson pointed out the committee is supposed to be the chairs of all the Standing Committees, but you could end up with only two or three people on the committee if they serve as chair on multiple committees. He didn't feel the Executive Committee was necessary. Mayor Rosenberg suggested the Vice Chair step up in the case of a multiple chairperson. Larson stated you could get six alders on the committee that way, but the rest are still left in the dark.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the duties of the Executive Committee. Full discussion can be viewed on the website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6o3soOzmWac>

Vote on Amendment:

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**22-0409**

4/26/2022 8:15:01 PM

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Henke to adopt the Resolution of the Common Council Creating Executive Committee, as Amended on Council floor.

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 3 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASS

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	NO
5	Gissleman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Henke, Chad	YES

**82-1250**

4/26/22 8:21:38 PM

Motion by Watson, second by Diny to adopt the Ordinance of the Common Council Amending Section 2.56.010 Public records; Repeal and recreate Section 2.56.020 Records retention.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**02-0432**

4/26/2022 8:23:12 PM

Motion by Herbst, second by Watson to adopt the Ordinance of the Common Council Amending Chapter 2.16, Standing Rules of the Common Council Rule 13 Committees, Section 2.60.010 Boards and commissions enumerated -Appointment and Section 2.74.020 Objectives of the department and repealing Section 2.60.250 Legislative Committee

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**02-0432**

4/26/2022 8:25:19 PM

Motion by McElhaney, second by Michael Martens to adopt the Ordinance of the Common Council Amending Chapter 2.16 Standing Rules of the Common Council Rule 2 - Quorum Required and Rule 4 - Absence of Members and Rule 5 - Order of Business

Anne Jacobson explained the remote technology option had a sunset, however, we found that Municode doe keep record of sunset dates, so this cleans up the ordinance. Lisa Rasmussen clarified WebEx is no longer in use and members appear in person for Council and committee meetings. Jacobson stated Rule 5 – Order of Business was also changed to allow a place on the agenda for two alderpersons requesting a Committee of the Whole.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Result: PASS

**Public Comment & Suggestions**

None

**Adjournment**

4/26/2022 8:27:57 PM

Motion by Watson, second by Larson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor  
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE OF COMMON COUNCIL**

Amending Chapter 2.16, Standing Rules of the Common Council Rule 13 Committees, Section 2.60.010 Boards and commissions enumerated – Appointment and Section 2.74.020 Objectives of the department and repealing Section 2.60.250 Legislative Committee

Committee Action: Pending

**Ordinance Number:**

Fiscal Impact: None

**File Number:** 02-0432

**Date Introduced:** April 26, 2022

The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

Delete (———)

Section 1. That Chapter 2.16, Standing Rules of the Common Council, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.16

STANDING RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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RULE 13 COMMITTEES

- A. Appointments. The Mayor shall appoint members to each of the Standing Committees at the organizational meeting of the newly elected Council conducted on the third Tuesday of April.
- B. Standing Committees. The Standing Committees of the Council shall be:
  - 1. Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance;
  - 2. ~~Coordinating (made up of Chairpersons of other Standing Committees);~~
  - 3. Executive;
  - 4. Finance;
  - 5. Human Resources;
  - 6. Park and Recreation;
  - 7. Public Health and Safety.
- C. *Committee of the whole.* The Mayor, the ~~Coordinating~~ Executive Committee or Council President may call for a meeting of the entire Council as a committee of the whole for discussion and consideration on any matter. The Mayor shall be an

ex officio, non-voting member of the committee, and the Council President shall be the Chairperson of the committee of the whole. In the absence of the Council President, the Mayor shall preside as Vice-Chair.

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H. ~~Coordinating committee. The coordinating committee shall be composed of all of the chairpersons of the standing committees. The coordinating committee shall be chaired by the Council President. The coordinating committee shall meet as necessary to coordinate the agenda items to be taken up by the Council and its committees.~~ Executive committee. The executive committee shall be composed of the chairperson of each of the city council standing committees and Council President and will be chaired by the Council President.

Section 2. That Section 2.60.010 Boards and commissions enumerated-Appointment, is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.60.010 Boards and commissions enumerated – Appointment

Citizen members of the following boards and commissions shall be appointed by the Mayor; such appointments shall be confirmed by the Common Council:

- (a) Board of Review;
- (b) Board of Zoning Appeals;
- (c) Building Advisory Board;
- (d) Police and Fire Commission;
- (e) Wausau Waterworks Commission;
- (f) Plan Commission;
- (g) Community Development Authority;
- (h) Airport Committee;
- (i) Veterans Committee;
- ~~(j) Legislative Committee;~~
- (k) Neighbor to Neighbor Committee;
- (l) Room Tax Commission;
- (m) Wausau Arts Commission;
- (n) Sustainability, Energy and Environment Committee

Section 3. That Section 2.60.250 Legislative Committee is hereby repealed.

Section 4. That Section 2.74.020 Objectives of the department, is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.74.020 Objectives of the department

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(d) In the event those department personnel specifically charged with the duties enumerated in subsections (a), (b), and (c) are unable to provide the Common Council in a timely and efficient manner with advice, expertise, plans or programs to implement the general objectives enumerated above, private persons, companies or others may be retained by the City, who shall

inform, report to, advise, take direction from or otherwise and in all possible ways, be of service to the department, Common Council, City officers or officials, and where appropriate the general population of the City. To those ends the Common Council delegates to the ~~coordinating~~ executive committee the following duties and authority:

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

Adopted:  
Approved:  
Published:  
Attest:

Approved:

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Katie Rosenberg, Mayor

Attest:

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Kaitlyn A. Bernarde, Clerk



# OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

of a meeting of a City Board, Commission, Department, Committee, Agency, Corporation, Quasi-Municipal Corporation, or sub-unit thereof.

Meeting of the:	<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMON COUNCIL* (There is no separate business agenda for the Common Council as a majority of the Council will, or is likely to be present for information gathering purposes.) PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BELOW</b>
Date/Time:	<b>Monday, January 9, 2023 at 5:15 PM</b>
Location:	<b>City Hall (407 Grant Street) - Council Chambers</b>
Members:	Becky McElhaney, Lou Larson, Sarah Watson, Lisa Rasmussen, Dawn Herbst, Doug Diny

## AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / ACTION

- 1 Discussion and possible action by the Executive Committee approving the City of Wausau Strategic Plan
- 2 Education and discussion by the Executive Committee on the Wausau WaterWorks utility commission structure

Adjourn

Becky McElhaney, Chair

**\*Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Common Council will, or is expected to be present at the meeting of the Executive Committee scheduled for January 9, 2023 at 5:15pm to gather information about the noticed agenda items above, subjects over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the common council pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd., 173 Wis.2d 553, 494 N.W.2d 408 (1993), and must be noticed as such, although the Common Council will not take any formal action at this meeting.**

Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may view the meeting live over the internet, live by cable TV, Channel 981, and a video is available in its entirety and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/WausauCityCouncil>. Any person wishing to offer public comment who does not appear in person to do so, may e-mail [kaitlyn.bernarde@ci.wausau.wi.us](mailto:kaitlyn.bernarde@ci.wausau.wi.us) prior to the meeting start. All public comment, either by email or in person, will be limited to items on the agenda at this time. The messages related to agenda items received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Chair.

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STAFF MEMO

TO: Mayor Katie Rosenberg  
Common Council Members

FROM: Anne Jacobson, City Attorney 

RE: Eliminating Legislative and Coordinating Committees and Creating  
Executive Committee

DATE: April 22, 2022

The Mayor is proposing creating the Executive Committee and would replace the Legislative Committee and Coordinating Committee and be comprised of the chairperson of each of the standing committees and council president and would be chaired by the council president.

Various sections of the Wausau Municipal Code would need to be amended including Section 2.74.020 Objectives of the department. This section pertains to the Community Development Department.

Section 2.74.020 states that in the event the department personnel are unable to provide the Common Council with advice, expertise, plans or programs to implement the general objectives of the department, the Common Council would delegate to the Executive Board the following duties and authority:

- (1) To hire, employ, contract with or otherwise retain consultants in all disciplines, including but not limited, to engineers, architects, lawyers, bond, financial or loan advisors, planners, psychologists, advertising or public relations persons, demographers, artists and relocation persons;
- (2) Develop and study plans for the expansion or contraction of boundaries, environs and internal design and order of the City, including but not limited to City-owned land, buildings, streets, parks, sanitary sewers, water mains,

storm drains, public transportation, location, design relocation, redesign, removal, replacement, purchase, sale, condemnation and razing of present or future buildings, public or private, within or without the City;

- (3) Advise the Plan Commission on the implementation of the extraterritorial zoning powers possessed by the City;
- (4) Recommend to the Common Council various and sundry methods by which the finances of the City may be managed (not in conflict with the usual duties and obligations of the Finance Director and the Finance Committee), including but not limited to the desirability of refinancing the present debt load, future long and short term debt financing, note, bond, land contract, purchase, money mortgage, long term land lease, turnkey, tax increment, industrial revenue, revenue, open account and the many forms of special assessment financing permitted by state law;
- (5) Negotiate and discuss with all persons, agencies, companies and governments for the betterment, improvement, health, well-being and general welfare of the citizens of the City, including the application for the acceptance of gifts, grants, loans, easements, help, advice, counsel and all other forms of assistance now existing or legislated or arising in the future.