



**Report of the Finance and Property Committee**

Matt Zacher, Chairperson  
Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson  
Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: December 5, 2023  
Reported to Council: December 19, 2023

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at [www.wr-cm.org](http://www.wr-cm.org) or via WRCM's Roku app and was streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page.

All members of the Finance and Property Committee were present.

1. Call to Order

**Chairperson Zacher called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

2. Review and consider for approval a Shared Ride Taxi Operating Contract and Public Transit Lease Agreement between the City of Wisconsin Rapids and Running, Inc.

**It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Zacher to approve a Shared Ride Taxi Operating Contract and Public Transit Lease Agreement between the City of Wisconsin Rapids and Running, Inc. Motion carried, 2-1, with Bemke voting in the negative.**

3. Consider a request from the Community Development Department to utilize \$50,000 in Tax Increment District 7 for the creation of a Downtown Development Master Plan

**It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve a request from the Community Development Department to utilize \$50,000 in Tax Increment District 7 for the creation of a Downtown Development Master Plan. Motion carried, 3-0.**

4. Consider a request to amend the Community Development Department Fee Schedule

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a request to amend the Community Development Department Fee Schedule. Motion carried, 3-0.**

5. Consider a request from E-Ways Sales LLC, d/b/a E-Ways Sales, Jonathan Ruder, agent, located at 2660 8<sup>th</sup> Street South #105 for renewal of Pawnbroker, Secondhand Article Dealer and Secondhand Jewelry Dealer licenses

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a request from E-Ways Sales LLC, d/b/a E-Ways Sales, Jonathan Ruder, agent, located at 2660 8<sup>th</sup> Street South #105 for renewal of Pawnbroker, Secondhand Article Dealer and Secondhand Jewelry Dealer Licenses. Motion carried, 3-0.**

6. Consider a request from GameStop, Inc. d/b/a GameStop #3254, Mark Haymond Robinson, agent, located at 930 Kuhn Avenue for renewal of a Secondhand Article Dealer license

**It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve a request from GameStop, Inc. d/b/a GameStop #3254, Mark Haymond Robinson, agent, located at 930 Kuhn Avenue for renewal of a Secondhand Article Dealer license. Motion carried, 3-0.**

7. Audit of the bills

**This item will be considered at the January 2024 Finance and Property Committee meeting. No action was taken.**

8. Set next meeting date

**The next meeting of the Finance and Property Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**

9. In open session, the Committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session".

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to go into closed session. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried, 3-0, and the Committee went into closed session.**

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10. The Committee may adjourn in closed session, or may return to open session.

**It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Zacher to adjourn in closed session. Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.**