



**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, on **Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and will also be broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. If a member of the public wishes to access this meeting live via Zoom audio conferencing, you must contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting to coordinate your access. This meeting is also available after its conclusion on the City's Facebook page and Community Media's YouTube page, which can be accessed at [www.wr-cm.org](http://www.wr-cm.org). It is possible that members of the Committee may appear remotely via video or audioconferencing for this meeting.

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Review and discuss the Wisconsin Rapids Rail Feasibility Study
3. Consider eliminating standing committees, and having 2 Council meetings per month
4. Adjourn.

Dean Veneman, Council President

The City of Wisconsin Rapids encourages participation from all its citizens. If participation at any public meeting is not possible due to a disability, notification to the city clerk's office at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. Call the clerk at (715) 421-8200 to request accommodations.

### 3. Consider eliminating standing committees, and having 2 Council meetings per month

11/08/2022

In an attempt to streamline and bring efficiency to this local government I have put forth the referral of having 2 working council meetings per month and eliminating all standing committees. This will help in new businesses joining our community to be able to get their building projects heard and approved in a much more timely manner. This will help current businesses who are expanding. This will help residents who want to have their voices heard on certain concerns be able to do so rapidly as opposed to the current system. This will help the council in having every member hear the same information at the same time and make their decisions based on that instead of rehashing certain line items over and over again. Also, each council member will be equal and have the same opportunity to make motions and vote on each line item.

I propose this as a starting point, but I am open to suggestions

1. All standing committees are eliminated
2. Meetings will be held 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month
3. Each department and commission will have the opportunity to present at each meeting, (but)
4. There will be a standing of 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday is Public Works and HR and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is Finance and any other committees we have such as legislative, ethics ... among others as well as planning commission – as agreed upon
5. Agenda items are set by the Mayor, but an item may be brought forth to the council by a majority vote through the referral process (Agenda items can be brought forth by the Mayor or a simple majority or tied vote from a prior meeting. If the council approves a referral or item for a common council meeting it will be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting unless voted to be held over to a later meeting which may take place no more than 30 days after the item is approved via simple majority vote)