



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL
FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020
4:30 P.M.
VIA REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE

A Special Meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held via remote videoconferencing on Friday, July 24, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. The public was invited to listen to the audio of the meeting. The meeting was also streamed LIVE on the City's Facebook page. Members of the public who wished to submit comments to the Council regarding an agenda item were directed to contact the Mayor. No comments were received by the Mayor.

Present in the Council Chambers at City Hall were Mayor Blaser and Alderpersons Zurfluh, Veneman, Rayome, Koth, Kubisiak, and Bemke. Also present were Jennifer Gossick, Joe Terry, Paul Vollert, and Tyler Mickelson.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Blaser called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

All Alderpersons were present, except Alderpersons Kellogg and Cattnach, who were excused.

3. Consider a request by Alderperson Bemke to rescind the action of the Council on July 21, 2020, wherein the council restricted access to the Wisconsin Rapids Aquatics center effective July 25 by limiting access to only City residents, and those non-residents who purchased season passes by July 21, as well to residents of municipalities who have partnered with the City and have contributed towards the aquatics center.

Motion by Bemke, second by Zurfluh to rescind the action of the Council on July 21, 2020, wherein the council restricted access to the Wisconsin Rapids Aquatics center effective July 25 by limiting access to only City residents, and those non-residents who purchased season passes by July 21, as well to residents of municipalities who have partnered with the City and have contributed towards the aquatics center.

Motion carried, 6 ayes and 0 nays.

4. If the motion for rescission passes, discussion and possible action on restricting access to the aquatics center

Motion by Veneman, second by Kubisiak to increase the capacity to 450 with the georestrictions that are already in place. Veneman made a request to amend his motion to make the increase contingent on Health Department approval. There was no objection, and the motion was so amended. The vote resulted in a tie with 3 ayes and 3 nays. Mayor Blaser voted in the affirmative to break the tie, and the motion carried, 4 ayes and 3 nays, with Zurfluh, Rayome, and Koth voting in the negative.

5. Adjourn

Motion by Kubisiak, seconded by Zurfluh to adjourn. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 1 nay, with Rayome voting in the negative. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk