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MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Gra	A meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 6:00 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.						
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	Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes			
	Patrick J. Delaney	7		\boxtimes			
	Jay Bemke	8	Second	\boxtimes			
5.	Common Council a	appointm	ent of Election In	specto	rs for th	e 2024-2	2025 term:

A. Democratic Party Nominees

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Zacher to appoint the Election Inspectors for the 2024-2025 term from the Democratic Party as presented. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Alderperson</u>	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
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Jay Bemke	8	Motion	\boxtimes		
Second Reading of an	Ordinar	nce amending p	ortions	of Section	on 8, Sewage Regulations, regarding

7. g limitations on mercury discharge

It was moved by Austin, seconded by Bemke to approve an Ordinance amending portions of Section 8, Sewage Regulations, regarding limitations on mercury discharge as presented. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1 nay. Ordinance No. MC 1359:

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes		
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7			\boxtimes	
Jay Bemke	8	Second	\boxtimes		

8. REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 4. 2023:

Date of Meeting: December 4, 2023 Reported to Council: December 19, 2023

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. on December 4, 2023 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. It was also streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. Members present in the Chambers included Chairperson Shane Blaser, Ryan Austin, Jeff Marutz, Lee Thao, Ben Goodreau and Eric Daven. Thad Kubisiak was absent. Also present in the Chambers were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns, Associate Planner Carrie Edmondson, Alderpersons Dennis Polach and Tom Rayome as well as others indicated on the meeting sign-in sheet. Kelly Wendorf and John Kastner attended via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of the report from the November 6, 2023, Planning Commission meeting Motion by Marutz to approve the report from the November 6, 2023, Planning Commission meeting; second by Goodreau. Motion carried (6 - 0)
- 2. 23-001108; Badger Land Survey, LLC. request for a Certified Survey Map to create one lot from two lots addressed at 1212 Snyder Street (Parcel ID 3409102) and 1220 Snyder Street (Parcel ID 3409100) Kyle Kearns provided a brief synopsis of the request, recommending approval for the request, including the street dedications on Snyder Street and Daly Avenue.

Motion by Daven to approve the request for a Certified Survey Map to create one lot from two lots addressed at 1212 Snyder Street (Parcel ID 3409102) and 1220 Snyder Street (Parcel ID 3409100), including the street dedication on Snyder Street and Daly Avenue; second by Austin. Motion carried (6 - 0)

3. 23-001067; John Kastner – public hearing and action on a request for an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan, specifically map 7-2 Future Land Use Map, to reclassify a portion of 1501 24th Street South (Parcel ID 3409200) from a Commercial land use classification to an Industrial land use classification.

Mr. Kearns provided background information and a review of agenda item 3 in conjunction with item 4. Denial was recommended, as the proposals are not consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan or the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Public hearing opened at 4:09 p.m.

Speaking against: none

Speaking in favor: Brandon Locke, Kelly Wendorf and John Kastner

Public hearing closed at 4:15 p.m.

Chairperson Blaser expressed his concerns regarding potential future uses of the identified property and Mr. Daven asked about the zoning classifications for other storage unit locations in the City, to which Kyle Kearns responded. Mr. Kearns also discussed alternatives to the proposal including a use variance through the ZBA, Planned Unit Development or the possibility of an ordinance amendment. Mr. Blaser

stated that it might make more sense if within the Zoning Code storage units were allowed in other districts besides Industrial, to which Carrie Edmondson and Kyle Kearns replied. Ryan Austin, Eric Daven and Ben Goodreau agreed with Shane Blaser's comments. It was suggested that Community Development draft an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would address personal storage based on the feedback received, which would be brought to the January 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Blaser to approve the request for an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan, specifically map 7-2 Future Land Use Map, to reclassify a portion of 1501 24th Street South (Parcel ID 3409200) from a Commercial land use classification to an Industrial land use classification; second by Daven. Motion failed (0 – 6)

4. 23-001067; John Kastner – public hearing and action on a request for a zoning map amendment, specifically to rezone a portion of 1501 24th Street South (Parcel ID 3409200) from a R-2 Mixed Residential District to an M-1 General Industrial District (approx. 9.897 acres) Public hearing opened at 4:36 p.m.

Speaking against: none Speaking in favor: none

Public hearing at 4:37 p.m.

Motion by Blaser to approve the request for a zoning map amendment, specifically to rezone a portion of 1501 24th Street South (Parcel ID 3409200) from a R-2 Mixed Residential District to an M-1 General Industrial District (approx. 9.897 acres); second by Austin. Motion failed (0 – 6)

5. 23-001092; Howald, LLC. – Tweet Garot Mechanical, Inc. - request for Site Plan Review to perform site improvements at 2810 Jefferson Street (Parcel ID 3400696)

Carrie Edmondson provided a review of the request. Approval was recommended with the conditions outlined in the staff report.

Motion by Austin to approve the request for Site Plan Review to perform site improvements at 2810 Jefferson Street (Parcel ID 3400696) with the recommended conditions in the staff report:

- 1. A revised landscape plan must be submitted to Community Development Department staff for review and approval.
- 2. Light from the parking area shall not exceed 0.2 foot-candles at neighboring property lines.
- 3. The drainage swale located above the storm sewer within the public right-of-way along Jefferson Street shall be maintained.
- 4. All applicable right-of-way and stormwater permits must be obtained through the Engineering Department.
- 5. All applicable permits through the City shall be obtained.
- 6. Community Development Department staff shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans.

Second by Daven. Motion carried (6 – 0)

6. Discussion on Zoning Ordinance changes to simplify the review process for certain requests, developments, and uses – no action.

Discussion occurred amongst staff and the Commission regarding this item. No action was taken.

7. Discussion on Zoning Ordinance change for mobile vendors to operate in residential zoning districts – no action.

Discussion occurred amongst staff and the Commission regarding this item. No action was taken.

8. Discussion on downtown planning initiatives – no action

Discussion occurred amongst staff and the Commission regarding this item. No action was taken.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Austin to adjourn the meeting; second by Thao. Motion carried (6 – 0). Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Delaney to approve and adopt the actions of the Commission. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

Alderperson	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1		\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5	Motion	\boxtimes		

Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes	
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Second	\boxtimes	
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9. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Standing Committees of the Common Council, as follows:

A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 5. 2023:

Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson Matt Zacher, Chairperson

Date of Meeting: December 5, 2023

Report 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 or via WRCM's Roku app and was streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page.

Jay Bemke

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. Resolution No. 24 (2023)
- 5. Consider a request from E-Ways Sales LLC, d/b/a E-Ways Sales, Jonathan Ruder, agent, located at 2660 8th 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 8th 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. In closed session, the Committee will discuss negotiations and strategy regarding an agreement with the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce for economic development and other services.

In closed session, the Committee discussed negotiations and strategy regarding an agreement with the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce for economic development and other services.

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.

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Veneman to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Alderperson</u>	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
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Dean Veneman	2	Second	\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
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Jake Cattanach	5	Motion	\boxtimes		
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes		

B. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2023:

Tom Rayome, Chairperson

Ryan Austin, Vice-Chairperson

Dennis Polach

Date of Meeting: December 7, 2023

Reported to Council: December 19, 2023

The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, December 7th, 2023 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All members were present. Others attending are listed on file in the Clerk's office.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

2. Review Engineering & Street Department Monthly Activity Report.

The reports were reviewed.

- 3. Review and consider adding a street light at the southeast corner of 16th Street S and Pepper Avenue. Motion by Austin, second by Rayome to add a street light on 16th St S at Pepper Ave. Motion carried (3-0).
- 4. Review and consider adding yield signs at the intersection of 10th St S and Peach St.

Motion by Austin, second by Polach to add yield signs on 10th St S at Peach St. Motion carried (3-0).

Ordinance No. MC 1360

5. Review Referral List.

The referral list was reviewed.

6. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Thursday, January 4th at 5pm.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Rayome, second by Polach to adjourn at 5:28 PM. Motion carried (3-0).

It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Polach to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1		\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4	Motion	\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes		
Dennis Polach	6	Second	\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes		

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Jay Bemke, Chairperson

Jake Cattanach, Vice-Chairperson

Patrick J. Delaney

Reported to Council: December 19, 2023

The Human Resources Committee held a meeting on Thursday December 7, 2023, at 4:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 W. Grand Ave. Alderpersons Bemke and Cattanach were present. Also, present were Alderpersons Polach and Rayome, Recreation Supervisor Dawn Desorcy and HR Manager Hartman.

1. Call to order

Chairperson Bemke called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider for approval the creation of two Assistant Swim Coach positions within the Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion by Cattanach seconded by Bemke to approve the Swim Team positions as presented, including a Swim Coach and two Assistant Swim Coaches, at the pay rates and job responsibilities as outlined. Motion carried 2-0.

3. HR Update

Discussion took place. No action taken.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Bemke, seconded by Cattanach to adjourn. Motion carried 2-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Austin to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

Alderperson	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Second	\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes		
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	\boxtimes		

- 10. Reports of Other Committees, Commissions, Boards, and Department Reports:
 - A. McMillan Memorial Library Personnel Committee held August 10 and September 14, 2023; Services Committee held September 12, 2023; Board of Trustees held September 20, 2023; Building & Grounds Committee held October 11, 2023; Finance Committee held October 11, 2023
 - B. Wisconsin Rapids Housing Authority held August 30, September 27, and October 25, 2023
 - C. Police and Fire Commission held October 11, November 15, and November 30, 2023
 - D. Water Works and Lighting Commission held November 8, 2023
 - E. Park and Recreation Commission held December 11, 2023
 - F. Wastewater Treatment Commission held November 8 and December 13, 2023

Department Reports for November 2023

- G. Engineering Department
- H. Public Works Department
- I. Wastewater Treatment Plant for October and November 2023
- J. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department
- K. Wisconsin Rapids Police Department for October and November 2023

No action was taken on this item. The reports will be placed on file.

11. Referrals to Committees

No referrals were received.

12. Adjournment.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Austin to adjourn. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays, and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.:

<u>Alderperson</u>	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Second	\boxtimes		

Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes	
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes	
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes	
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Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk