



**MINUTES**  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020  
5:00 P.M.  
VIA REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE

A Special Meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held via remote videoconferencing on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 5:00 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. 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 Veneman, Kellogg, Rayome, Cattanach, and Bemke. Appearing via videoconference were Alderpersons Zurfluh and Kubisiak. Alderperson Koth was excused. Also present were Jennifer Gossick, Kyle Kearns, and Angel Whitehead from the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce. Sue Schill, Tim Desorcy, and Morgan Tauschek appeared via videoconference.

1. Roll Call – All Alderpersons were present except Koth, who was excused.
2. Call to Order - Mayor Blaser called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
3. Consider for approval the implementation of a COVID-19 Small Business Response Grant Program to assist small businesses located in the City who were affected by closures ordered because of COVID-19.

Motion by Cattanach, seconded by Veneman, to approve the implementation of a COVID-19 Small Business Response Grant Program with \$1,500 in individual grants for a total of up to \$100,000 to assist small businesses located in the City who were affected by closures ordered because of COVID-19.

Motion carried, 6 ayes and 1 nay with Rayome voting in the negative.

4. Consider for approval an allocation of monies to fund the COVID-19 Business Response Grant Program.

Motion by Cattanach, second by Veneman to approve an allocation of \$100,000 from the contingency or fund balance to fund the COVID-19 Business Response Grant Program.

Motion carried, 6 ayes and 1 nay with Rayome voting in the negative.

5. Consider a revision to the City's Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy originally implemented on March 16, 2020.

Motion by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to approve a revision to the City's Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy originally implemented on March 16, 2020 as written.

Motion carried, 6 ayes and 1 nay with Rayome voting in the negative.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Rayome, second by Cattanach to adjourn. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.