



Report of the Finance and Property Committee

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

Date of Meeting: December 6, 2022
Reported to Council: December 20, 2022

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 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.

All members of the Finance and Property Committee were present; Alderperson Veneman attended via videoconference.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Zacher called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Consider a request from Square Bar LLC d/b/a Square Bar, Amy Friday, agent, for a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" liquor license for the premises located at 210 Johnson Street

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve a request from Square Bar LLC d/b/a Square Bar, Amy Friday, agent, for a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" liquor license for the premises located at 210 Johnson Street. Motion carried, 3-0.

3. Consider a request from the Fire Department to release the ARPA funds to complete the Station II project that was removed from the renovation Scope due to the rise in costs from COVID

The Committee discussed that the appropriation of ARPA funds will be discussed at a later time and this project will be considered at that time. No action was taken.

4. Consider a request from the Park and Recreation Commission to approve the funding of up to \$130,000 from the Park Outlay for the creation of a dog park on City property. Parcel numbers: 34-10669, 34-10668, 07-00279, 07-00279B, 07-00279A, 07-00278

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve a request from the Park and Recreation Commission to approve the funding of up to \$130,000 from the Park Outlay for the creation of a dog park on City property. Parcel numbers: 34-10669, 34-10668, 07-00279, 07-00279B, 07-00279A, 07-00278. 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 8th Street South #105 for renewal of Pawnbroker, Secondhand Article Dealer and Secondhand Jewelry Dealer Licenses

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher 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 ecoATM, LLC, Sean Flaherty, agent, located at 4331 8th Street South for renewal of a Secondhand Article Dealer License

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to approve a request from ecoATM, LLC, Sean Flaherty, agent, located at 4331 8th Street South for renewal of a Secondhand Article Dealer License. Motion carried, 3-0.

7. Consider for approval the Shared Ride Taxi Operating Contract between the City of Wisconsin Rapids and Wheels of Independence, Inc.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve the Shared Ride Taxi Operating Contract between the City of Wisconsin Rapids and Wheels of Independence, Inc. for \$1,084,731, with the City's share being \$106,196. Motion carried, 3-0.

8. Audit of the bills

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve check numbers 14516 to 15254. Motion carried, 3-0.

9. Set next meeting date

The next regular Committee meeting is set for Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

10. Discussion and possible action on amending policy guidelines for the Rapids Rediscovered grant program
A discussion was held. No action was taken on this item.

11. Consider a request from the Community Development Department to apply for a Community Development Investment Grant through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the construction of loading dock improvements at 1100 East Riverview Expressway (Parcel ID 3411796). No community match is required.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Zacher to approve a request from the Community Development Department to apply for a Community Development Investment Grant through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the construction of loading dock improvements at 1100 East Riverview Expressway (Parcel ID 3411796), and direct that a resolution to apply for the Grant be presented to the Common Council. Motion carried, 3-0.

12. 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.

- a. In closed session, the Committee may discuss a request from Wood County to enter into an agreement to allow Wood County temporary exclusive use of the City parcels known as the "Triangle Development" for jail construction parking and possible staging, and to install temporary fencing around the property. The Parcels IDs are 3408170, 3408171, 3408172, 3408174, 3408176, and 3408177.

In closed session, it was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to direct staff to negotiate an agreement with Wood County based upon parameters given, to be presented for consideration to the Common Council, to allow Wood County temporary exclusive use of the City parcels known as the "Triangle Development" for jail construction parking and possible staging, and to install temporary fencing around the property. Motion carried, 3-0.

13. The Committee will return to open session.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to return to open session. Motion carried, 3-0, and the Committee returned to open session.

14. The Committee may take action on the agreement with Wood County as discussed in Item 12.
No action was taken on this item.

15. 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"; and Section 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., which reads "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved."

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke 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.

- a. In closed session, the Committee may discuss litigation strategy regarding tax assessment litigation the City is involved in; may consider retaining outside litigation counsel for the tax assessment litigation; and may consider retaining a consultant for valuation consulting regarding a scope of work plan for an appraisal for the tax assessment litigation.

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It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to adjourn in closed session. Motion carried, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

As the Committee adjourned in closed session, items 16-18 were not taken up by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk