



**Legislative Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2021**

**Legislative Committee:**

Tom Rayome, Chair  
Steve Koth  
Thaddeus Kubisiak

A meeting of the Legislative Committee was held via remote videoconferencing originating from the City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. Because of the pandemic, appearance in person by the public was not permitted. However, the public could access live audio of the meeting. The meeting was also streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page. If a member of the public wished to submit comments to the Committee regarding an agenda item, they were asked to contact Alderperson Rayome via email at [trayome@wirapids.org](mailto:trayome@wirapids.org) before the meeting. No comments were submitted.

Chairperson Rayome was present remotely, and Alderperson Kubisiak was present in person. Alderperson Koth was absent but requested that Alderperson Veneman sit in for him, and Chairperson Rayome consented to same. Also present in person were Alderperson Bemke, Alderperson Polach, Mayor Blaser, Sue Schill, and Tyler Mickelson. Also appearing remotely was Joe Terry.

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Consider an ordinance which would increase the term of the alderperson member of the Water Works and Lighting Commission from 1 year to the alderperson's term in office (Alderperson Kellogg referral)

Motion be Kubisiak, second by Veneman, to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.  
(See attached ordinance)

3. Initial discussion regarding a salvage ordinance which would regulate the salvaging of non-structural materials outside the demolition process for vacant manufacturing buildings (Community Development Department referral)

Motion by Rayome, second by Kubisiak to have the Community Development Department draft a salvage ordinance and bring it back to the Committee. Motion carried, 3-0.

4. Initial discussion regarding the role and responsibilities of the Park and Recreation Commission (Alderperson Rayome referral)

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Veneman, to create an ad hoc committee to discuss the future role and responsibility of the Park and Recreation Commission and make a recommendation to Council; members shall be appointed by the

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Mayor and confirmed by Council; and shall consist of 2 alderpersons, 2 Park and Recreation Commissioners, and Mayor Blaser. Motion carried, 3-0.

5. Initial discussion regarding increasing the size of the membership of the Council, and increasing the size of standing committees of the Council, via charter ordinance, in anticipation of local redistricting (Alderman Rayome referral)

It was discussed that if an increase in council size is pursued, the Committee favored limiting the options to either 9, 10, or 11 alderpersons.

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Veneman, to postpone this item until the next Legislative Committee meeting. Motion carried, 3-0.

6. Consider an ordinance to increase the compensation paid to Alderpersons (Alderman Koth referral – present pay is \$490 per month)

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Veneman, to place this item on the Committee referral list. Motion carried, 3-0.

7. Initial discussion regarding city residency for members of all committees, commissions, and boards of the City (Alderman Rayome referral)

Motion by Veneman, second by Rayome, to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance to present to the March Council which would limit membership of committees, commissions, and boards, to only City residents, except where non-city residents are specifically required, for persons holding positions per tenure, and like circumstances. Motion carried, 3-0.

Motion by Rayome, second by Kubisiak, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Susan C. Schill  
City Attorney