



## Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes May 16, 2024

### Legislative Committee

Jake Cattanach, Chair  
Ryan Austin, Vice-Chair  
Patrick Delaney

The Legislative Committee met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All members of the Legislative Committee were present.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Cattanach called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### 2. Discuss fireworks permitting and enforcement (referral from Alderperson Delaney based up a letter from a resident)

Discussion and no action taken.

#### 3. Discuss the placement of a City representative on the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, per the City's agreement with the Heart of Wisconsin

Motion by Cattanach, second by Delaney, to have the City representative on the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors be an alderperson, who is appointed by the Common Council and who shall serve for their term in office. Motion carried, 3-0

#### 4. Discuss and consider revisions to Chapter 18 - Fire Code (held over from a previous meeting)

Motion by Delaney, second by Austin, to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 18 – Fire Code as presented, with the following revisions:

18.04(1) The Fire Chief of Fire Marshal, or any designated officer of the City of Wisconsin Rapids who presents credentials may inspect any property as allowed by statute for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. *(addition of underlined language)*

18.28(1) Each applicant for a new or renewal liquor license shall have their licensed premises inspected by the Fire Department before a license may be issued. See also Section 22.08(1) *(addition of underlined language)*

Section 18.11(9) Outdoor Wood-fired Furnaces  
*proposed language for this section to be provided by City staff for Council review*

Motion carried, 3-0

5. Discuss and consider revisions to Chapter 27 – Parking (referral from Alderperson Delaney after consideration at Public Works Committee/Council)

Motion by Cattanach, second by Austin, to direct the City Attorney to revise the proposed ordinance to remove the provisions prohibiting overnight parking and to add provisions prohibiting parking in excess of 48 hours, with violations being based upon complaints or nuisance.

Motion carried, 2-1, with Delaney voting in the negative.

6. Discuss and consider the Police Department’s Automated License Plate Reader policy (referral from Alderperson Cattanach)

Motion by Austin, second by Cattanach to approve the Police Department’s Automated License Plate Reader policy as presented.

Motion carried, 2-1, with Delaney voting in the negative.

7. Review of committees, commissions, and boards (referral from Alderperson Delaney to review for elimination or make advisory to the Council)

Motion by Cattanach, second by Delaney, to direct the City Attorney to draft ordinance changes which would make all committees, commissions and boards that do not have statutory independent authority be made advisory to the Council so that their actions would only be recommendations that would need to be considered and confirmed by the Council.

Motion carried, 2-1, with Austin voting in the negative.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Austin, second by Delaney, to adjourn.

Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Schill, City Attorney