



Wauwatosa, WI

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Government Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:30 PM

Common Council Chambers and Zoom:
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/86222394038>,
Meeting ID: 862 2239 4038

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Franzen called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present 5	Alderperson District 4 Chair Ernst Franzen Alderperson District 7 Amanda Fuerst Alderperson District 3 Joseph Makhlof II Alderperson District 1 James Moldenhauer Alderperson District 6 Joe Phillips
Excused 2	Alderperson District 5 Sean Lowe Alderperson District 8 Jason Wilke
Remote 1	Alderperson District 2 Vice Chair Margaret Arney

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. Consideration of application for special event permit and temporary extension of licensed premises - Applicant: Sara Laev, Ray's Bar, Event Name: Wuckfinter 2026, Location: Ray's parking lot, Date/Time: February 22, 2026, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

[26-0104](#)

Deyanira Nevarez, City Clerk, presented the item.

Sara Laev, Ray's Growler Gallery, applicant, gave a public comment.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MOVER: Joe Phillips
SECONDER: Joseph Makhlof II

Aye 6 Ald Franzen, Ald Arney, Ald Fuerst, Ald Makhlof II, Ald Moldenhauer, and Ald Phillips

Excused 2 Ald Lowe, and Ald Wilke

2. Consideration of application for a new Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor license by Cuppa Tosa Kitchen and Café LLC, 11320 W. Blue Mound Road, Susan L Modesto - Agent, for the period ending June 30, 2026

[25-2339](#)

Deyanira Nevarez, City Clerk, presented the item.

Anthony Fugarino, Cuppa Tosa Kitchen & Cafe, applicant, gave a public comment.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

MOVER: Joseph Makhlof II

SECONDER: Amanda Fuerst

Aye 6 Ald Franzen, Ald Arney, Ald Fuerst, Ald Makhlof II, Ald Moldenhauer, and Ald Phillips

Excused 2 Ald Lowe, and Ald Wilke

3. Consideration of designation of the City Hall Lower Civic Center as an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot for the April, August, and November 2026 elections

[25-2334](#)

Zach Kessler, Director of Municipal Services, presented the item.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

MOVER: Amanda Fuerst

SECONDER: Joe Phillips

Aye 6 Ald Franzen, Ald Arney, Ald Fuerst, Ald Makhlof II, Ald Moldenhauer, and Ald Phillips

Excused 2 Ald Lowe, and Ald Wilke

4. Discussion and consideration of a candidate forum for 2026 local election candidates

[25-2277](#)

Zach Kessler, Director of Municipal Services, presented the item.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

5. Consideration of approval of contract for services related to an additional design element for the City of Wauwatosa

[26-0099](#)

Eva Ennamorato, Communications Manager, presented the item.

The motion to recommend the item for approval failed on a 3-3 vote.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye 3 Ald Franzen, Ald Arney, and Ald Phillips

Nay 3 Ald Fuerst, Ald Makhlof II, and Ald Moldenhauer

Excused 2 Ald Lowe, and Ald Wilke

6. Update on draft contracts between the Cities of Wauwatosa and West Allis related to a joint fire department

[26-0131](#)

The following staff members provided an update on the draft contracts between the Cities of Wauwatosa and West Allis related to a joint fire department:

- Jim Archambo, City Administrator

- *Jennifer Tate, City Attorney*
- *Barb Kadrich, Interim Fire Chief*
- *John Ruggini, Finance Director*

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.