



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Government Affairs Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:30 PM

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

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#### 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 Makhoulf 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 Makhoulf II

**Aye 6** Ald Franzen, Ald Arney, Ald Fuerst, Ald Makhoulf 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 Makhoul II

**SECONDER:** Amanda Fuerst

**Aye 6** Ald Franzen, Ald Arney, Ald Fuerst, Ald Makhoul 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 Makhoul 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 Makhoul 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.*