



Wauwatosa, WI

Government Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

6:00 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 6:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused 1 Alderperson District 2 Vice Chair Margaret Arney

Alder Wilke arrived at 6:06 PM.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. Consideration of application for a new Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor license by North 48 MKE LLC, d/b/a North 48 Bar, 7603 W. State Street, Jordan Cole - Agent, for the period ending June 30, 2026

[25-2170](#)

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

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MOVER: James Moldenhauer
SECONDER: Amanda Fuerst

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

Excused 2 Ald Arney, and Ald Wilke

2. Consideration of approval of an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Wisconsin for Urban Search & Rescue Response Services

[25-2263](#)

Jim Case, Fire Chief, presented the item.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

MOVER: Amanda Fuerst

SECONDER: Joseph Makhoul II

Aye 7 Ald Franzen, Ald Fuerst, Ald Lowe, Ald Makhoul II, Ald Moldenhauer, Ald Phillips, and Ald Wilke

Excused 1 Ald Arney

3. Consideration of approval of a Dispatch Service Review with McMahon Associations and associated fund transfer

[25-2262](#)

Jim Case, Fire Chief, presented the item.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

MOVER: Amanda Fuerst

SECONDER: Sean Lowe

Aye 6 Ald Franzen, Ald Fuerst, Ald Lowe, Ald Makhoul II, Ald Moldenhauer, and Ald Phillips

Nay 1 Ald Wilke

Excused 1 Ald Arney

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration of approval of an executive summary/term sheet describing a joint fire department formed by West Allis and Wauwatosa

[25-2092](#)

The following staff gave a presentation:

- Jim Archambo, City Administrator
- Melissa Cantarero Weiss, Deputy City Administrator
- Jennifer Tate, City Attorney
- Jim Case, Fire Chief
- John Ruggini, Finance Director

The following individuals gave a public comment:

- Margaret Fritsch, 2404 N. 88th Street
- Russell Drover, 9116 Jackson Park Boulevard

Motion by Alder Fuerst to approve the term sheet on pages 69-74 of the agenda packet, with the following amendments:

- The representative to the joint fire department governance board be elected by the Common Council.
- On an annual basis, the changes in population, calls for service, and property tax base for each municipality be reviewed, and any change 5% or greater would trigger a cost share review between the municipalities for the joint department.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

MOVER: Amanda Fuerst

SECONDER: Joe Phillips

Aye 5 Ald Franzen, Ald Fuerst, Ald Lowe, Ald Moldenhauer, and Ald Phillips

Nay 2 Ald Makhoul II, and Ald Wilke

Excused 1 Ald Arney

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.