



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Financial Affairs Committee

### Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Tuesday, December 12, 2023

7:15 PM

Committee Room #1 and Zoom:  
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/81144274572>,  
Meeting ID: 811 4427 4572

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#### Regular Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jim Moldenhauer called the meeting to order at 7:24 PM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present 8**

Aldersperson District 1 Chair James Moldenhauer  
Aldersperson District 7 Vice Chair Amanda Fuerst  
Aldersperson District 2 Margaret Arney  
Aldersperson District 3 Robin Brannin  
Aldersperson District 8 Melissa Dolan  
Aldersperson District 4 David Lewis  
Aldersperson District 6 Joe Phillips  
Aldersperson District 5 Joel Tilleson

#### FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. Request for a Level Three fund transfer for \$205,000 to cover repairs for a fire truck involved in an accident and recognize insurance revenue proceeds. [23-1256](#)

*Presentation by Finance Director John Ruggini.*

**RESULT:** RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

**MOVER:** Joel Tilleson

**SECONDER:** David Lewis

**Aye: 8** Ald Moldenhauer, Ald Fuerst, Ald Arney, Ald Brannin, Ald Dolan, Ald Lewis, Ald Phillips, and Ald Tilleson

2. Review of 2023 Property Tax Rate and Tax Bill [23-1253](#)

*Presentation by Asst Finance Director Derik Summerfield.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. Consideration of a Redevelopment Loan Fund loan application from Midwest Institutional Trust Company related to tenant space located at 10700 W Research Drive [23-1276](#)

*Committee may move to convene into closed session for this item pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats.,*

*for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Common Council may reconvene into open session to consider the balance of the agenda.*

*Presentation by Finance Director John Ruggini.*

**RESULT:** RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

**MOVER:** Joel Tilleson

**SECONDER:** Melissa Dolan

**Aye:** 8 Ald Moldenhauer, Ald Fuerst, Ald Arney, Ald Brannin, Ald Dolan, Ald Lewis, Ald Phillips, and Ald Tilleson

**4.** Litigation Update for Committee regarding ongoing property tax and other litigation activities in which the City is involved in state and Federal Courts [23-950](#)

- Aurora Health Care Inc. v. City of Wauwatosa, (various case numbers), Milwaukee County Circuit Court (Tax years 2021-23)
- Walgreen Co. vs. City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 23-CV-5489
- WPOA v. City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County Circuit Court No. 23-CV-1693
- Various property tax, civil rights and liability cases

*Committee may move to convene into closed session for this item pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(g), for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Common Council may reconvene into open session to consider the balance of the agenda.*

*Presentation by City Attorney Alan Kesner and Deputy City Attorney Hanna Kolberg.*

*Motion by Ald Fuerst, seconded by Ald Arney, to convene into closed session. Motion carried 8-0.*

*Discussion in closed session. Ald Tilleson left during the discussion.*

*Motion by Ald Fuerst, seconded by Ald Lewis, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried 7-0.*

*Motion by Ald Moldenhauer, seconded by Ald Fuerst, to recommend the Common Council approve a settlement for the Aurora Health Care Inc. v. City of Wauwatosa, (various case numbers), Milwaukee County Circuit Court (Tax years 2021-23) case in the amount of \$70,000. Motion carried 7-0.*

*Motion by Ald Moldenhauer, seconded by Ald Fuerst, to recommend the Common Council approve a settlement for the Walgreen Co. vs. City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 23-CV-5489 case in the amount of \$24,492. Motion carried 7-0.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.*