



Wauwatosa, WI

Committee of the Whole

Meeting Agenda - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 273 225 010

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS

1. Selection of a preferred design alternative for the remodel, expansion, or reconstruction of Wauwatosa's Library and City Hall [26-1271](#)

ADJOURNMENT

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Staff Report

File #: 26-1271

Agenda Date: 7/21/2026

Agenda #: 1.

Selection of a preferred design alternative for the remodel, expansion, or reconstruction of Wauwatosa's Library and City Hall

Submitted by:

David Simpson, Director of Public Works

Department

Public Works

A. Issue

The City's currently approved 5-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) includes funding to continue with design work for the remodel, expansion, or reconstruction of the City's Library and City Hall Complex. In order to continue onto final design and fundraising for the project a decision regarding project scope and funding is needed.

B. Background/Options

History. With the decision made to keep the Library and City Hall facility in its current location, the first step toward an eventual remodel of the facility was the completion of a feasibility study, which was completed and presented to the Committee of the Whole in early 2023. Since that time the 5-year CIP was developed and approved to include design funding for more detailed design analysis and cost modeling. In late 2025 the Common Council approved a contract with CG Schmidt for Construction Management Services, which compliments the work that OPN Architects continues to complete for the project's conceptual design phase. At the May 12th, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting four design alternatives were presented as the first step of a public outreach campaign.

At This Meeting. At this Committee of the Whole meeting the project team will review the attached presentation which summarizes the results of the public outreach campaign and discusses the Library Board's preferred options. Also attached is a common questions and answers document as well as all comments and votes received from the public through the online survey that was prepared for the project.

Scope and Funding Decision. In order to establish a timeline for this project and proceed with private fundraising for the library expansion, Common Council direction is needed as to which alternative is preferred. If a decision can be made at the July 28th Common Council meeting funding can be planned during this year's Capital Improvement Planning and Approval process.

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

Infrastructure & Quality of Life

D. Fiscal Impact

The financial impact will depend upon which level of funding the Common Council would support, which is outlined in the attached presentation. The goal is to make this decision at the July 28th Common Council meeting so that funding can be included in this year's Capital Budget planning and approval process and fundraising can begin.

E. Recommendation

Proceed with capital improvement budgeting of Alternative 3 or 4 with potential construction as early as 2028 contingent upon private fundraising and grant allocation.

Library & City Hall Remodel

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PUBLIC
LIBRARY
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OUTLINE

- Public engagement summary
 - Website survey results
 - Themes of comments
 - Common questions and answers
- Library Board recommendation
- History of Common Council decisions
- Pros and cons of options
- Finance details
- What happens next?



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Events

- State of the City
- Firefly Grove Park Friday
- Tabling at the library
- Senior Planet
- Teen event
- Farmer's market

Postcard

- Sent to all Wauwatosa residences (~23,000)
- We tracked the QR code. Over 465 people used the QR code to access the project webpage

Digital

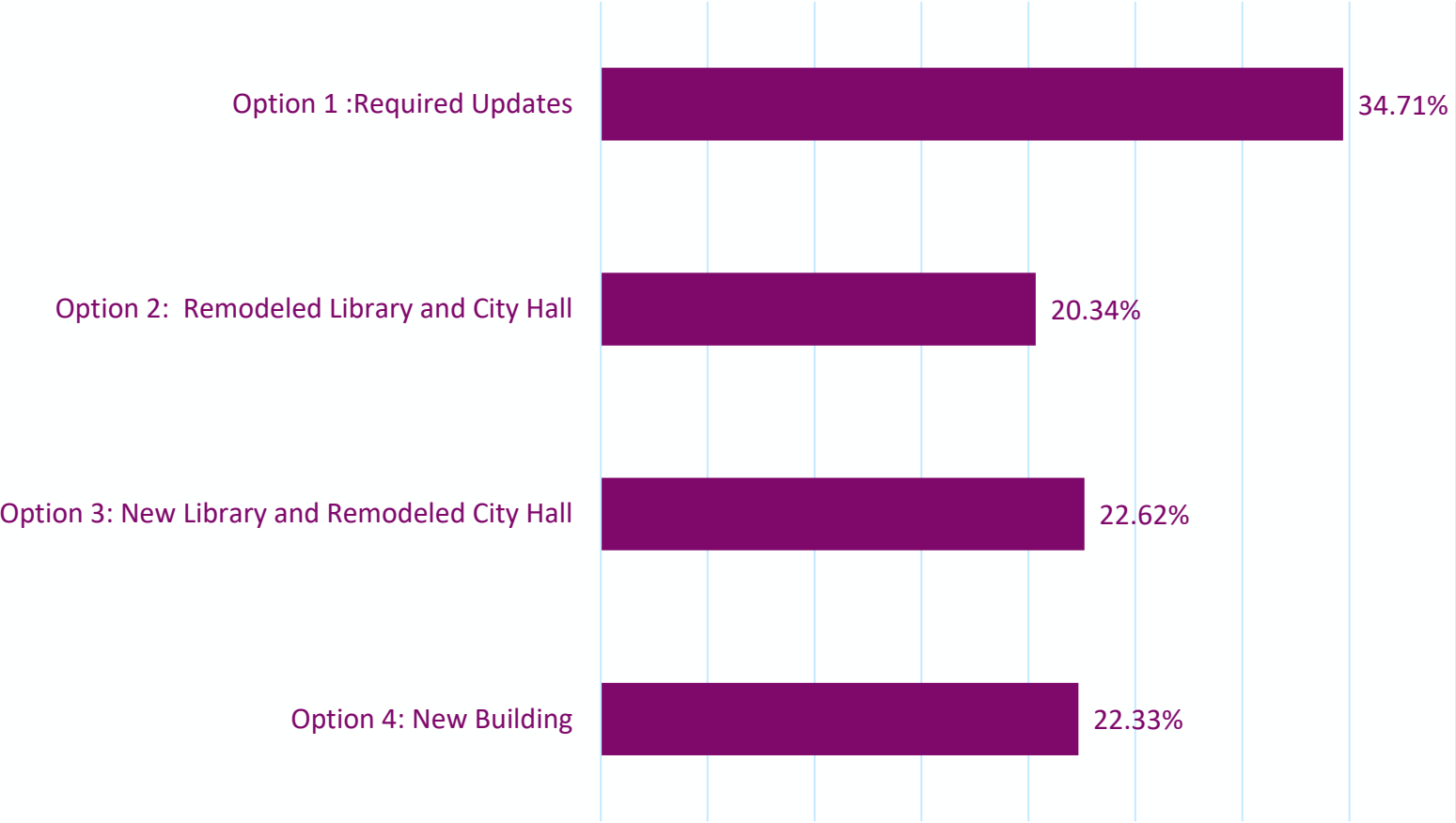
- Social media, city website, News in Brief
- Project webpage: engage.wauwatosa.net/library-and-city-hall-remodel



Webpage Survey Results

- 5,785 webpage views
- 1,397 respondents
 - 95% residents / 5% non-residents
- 52 questions submitted on project webpage
 - (several more through social media or in person)

Community’s Preference for Remodel Options



Theme: Concern about Taxes

Concern regarding taxes:

“There is no need for this project. What Wauwatosa really needs to do is improve our roads. Many of our main roads need attention. Please invest in something that benefits the whole community.”

“The library is well used and well loved as is. The increases in taxes from the home valuation assessment and school board referendums is too much. We cannot afford more additional tax charges. Option 1 seems the most responsible.”

“I believe Option 3 is optimal as it provides for the future without putting undue strain on the taxpayers. I use the library weekly whereas the average person's use of City Hall is minimal.”





Theme: Community Support for Library Modernization

Acknowledgement and excitement about investing in the building, particularly the library.

“Libraries are important to the growth and well being of a populace. A renovation would be satisfactory but maybe a whole new building would serve our community better.”

“Please include plenty of quiet study/work rooms. When I go to library now, they are nearly always full.”



Theme: Traffic Safety / Activating North Avenue Entrance

Several comments about traffic safety and improving the pedestrian experience:

“I'm excited!! As a library super user I'm looking forward to it. I hope that whatever is decided - pedestrian access needs to be MAJORLY improved. Both walking and biking to the library at the moment are treated as an afterthought, and not given the prominence that they deserve!!!”

“Public spaces are important in attracting residents. What I don't see is a plan to address the likely mess that will be 76th and North if a specialty food retailer moves in by BMO? Also, how does this work based on the potential for changes at Longfellow Middle school?”

Common Questions

- Why is there not a “do nothing” option?
- Are the renderings representative of the final design?
- What would happen to the library during construction?
- Would the city consider a private/public partnership? (housing or commercial mixed with the city building)

Please see handout in back of room for written answers. The handout is also attached in the meeting portal for virtual attendees.



Library Board Recommendation

“The library board believes options three and four offer a fundamentally better long-term solution than remodeling the existing library and city hall. Rather than fitting library services into a constrained building configuration, a new library can be intentionally designed around how libraries serve their communities today and into the future.

An efficient, purpose-built layout will better support collections, programming, technology, study and meeting spaces, and the needs of the more than 1,000 people who use WPL each day. The library board believes this approach will allow WPL to operate more effectively and efficiently while providing the welcoming, functional spaces our community expects and deserves.”



Common Council Decisions Which Informed Designs

- Not pursuing housing on the site (2016 and 2017 studies and decisions)
- Advancing sustainable measures in cost-effective ways (Common Council resolution in 2020)
- Common Council decision to scope out design options that represent the community's feedback on desired services (2025)
- Library Foundation study related to fundraising



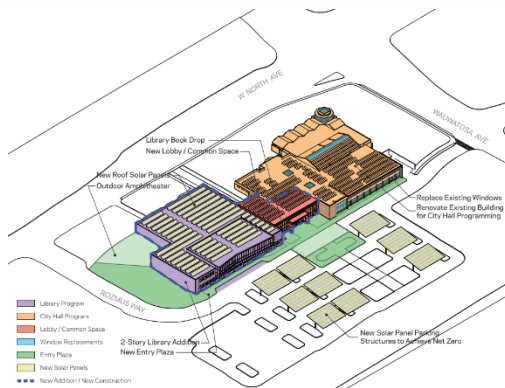
Overview of Options 3 & 4

Option 3

This plan would demolish only the oldest 70-year-old portion of the current City Hall complex and construct a brand-new, modern 77,000 sq ft, two-story Library. The remaining structure is renovated for City Hall offices.

\$95.7 million
PROJECT COST

\$23.52/month
RESIDENT COST*



Option 4

A full demolition of the existing building structure to pave the way for a brand-new, combined facility.

\$107.2 million
PROJECT COST

\$26.91/month
RESIDENT COST*



*cost per month for 20 years for an average home of \$418,800 ¹⁴

Pros and Cons of Option 3: New Library and Remodeled City Hall

Pros

- Lower first dollar cost
- Only off-site lease necessary for City Hall and not Library
- Current library may be able to remain open during construction in its current site
- One move for the Library
- Library can open several months earlier than in Option 4

Cons

- Parking, services, wayfinding may be impacted during construction
- Likely two phases of construction.
- Noise, “living through construction” for patrons and employees
- Temporary mechanical or other equipment may be needed
- More maintenance and cost associated with the existing building portion vs. new construction
- Building footprint remains in the existing location, which reduces site flexibility
- Limited ways to add/modify entry ways, in terms of flow
- Constrained by existing conditions for replacing windows, HVAC, etc.

Pros and Cons of Option 4: New Building

Pros

- Slightly lower life cycle costs due to entirely new building
- Full control over the site plan/layout. This might open potential for housing or commercial options on the site.
- The building is all new, which means all spaces will be improved for comfort, function, flow, and aesthetics.
- All new windows, systems, etc. not constrained by current locations

Cons

- Higher first dollar cost
- Two moves for Library and City Hall
- Requires off-site lease for both Library and City Hall
- Off-site, reduced library services during construction

Finances of Options 3 & 4

Option 3

- Taxpayers: \$79.7 million
- Grant dollars: \$8 million
- Private fundraising: \$8 million

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- Grant dollars: \$8 million
- Private fundraising: \$8 million

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Assumptions

- Wauwatosa has a self-imposed debt policy. We would temporarily raise the debt limit to finance the project.
- We will use multiple funding sources: capital budget, grant dollars, and private fundraising.
- Additional grant funds or private fundraising would reduce property tax impacts. For example, a \$1 million increase in grant funding or private fundraising will reduce the monthly resident cost by \$0.30.

*cost per month for 20 years for an average home of \$418,800 17

What happens next?

- Common Council selects a preferred option
- Staff works with OPN Architects to scope a contract for design services
 - Common Council considers design contract at its September meeting
- Library kicks off fundraising campaign
- Design of the building continues through 2027 including public input.
- Depending on fundraising, we could start construction as early as 2028.



Wauwatosa Library & City Hall Remodel Common Questions and Answers

Why is there not a referendum?

For a municipal capital project like City Hall or the library, the Common Council has the legal authority and responsibility to manage the city's capital budget and borrowing. Wauwatosa would be able to pay for this remodel using the capital budget (taxpayer dollars), grant dollars, and private donations.

Why is there not a “do nothing” option?

Choosing to do nothing would still result in significant taxpayer costs just to fund emergency repairs, without fixing the space constraints or safety issues. Option 1 serves as the baseline, focus-on-maintenance option.

Are the renderings representative of the final design?

No, the current renderings are conceptual. They are intended to show the scale, layout, and possibilities for each option, rather than the final architecture or interior finishes. Once a path/option is selected by the city, the formal design phase will begin. Public input will continue to shape what the building and spaces look like.

What would happen to the library during construction?

This will be complex, no matter which option is chosen. Depending on the final option selected, construction might be phased to keep parts of the library open, or a temporary, scaled-down library space would be established elsewhere in the city.

Would the city consider a private/public partnership? (housing or commercial mixed with the city building)

Yes, the city is open to public-private partnerships. We studied this about 10 years ago. The analysis found that while a public-private partnership could offset some of the costs of a new municipal building, it was not financially advantageous overall.

However, conditions change, and we are open to evaluating new opportunities. Any future partnership would need to make sense both structurally (ex: whether the library can physically support housing or commercial space above it) and economically.

Right now, our priority is maintaining and replacing aging public facilities. If the Council wants to explore private development in a future phase, that can certainly be considered.

Library and City Hall Remodel Survey Results

Report Date Range: 13 May 2026 - 15 Jul 2026
Date Exported: 15 Jul 2026 12:14 pm

Date Submitted I am taking this survey as a: Which concept do you prefer? Optional: Leave a comment.

	Wauwatosa resident	Non-resident visitor of the Library or City Hall	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	
Jul 15, 2026, 11:24 AM	1					1	
Jul 15, 2026, 10:07 AM	1		1				We have more pressing issues in the city that the money could be spent on before a new library and city hall. Glenview ave is super broken and is really rough to drive down. Our roads needs to be repaired before we spend money on vanity projects.
Jul 15, 2026, 09:50 AM	1					1	
Jul 15, 2026, 09:44 AM	1				1		
Jul 15, 2026, 09:10 AM	1		1				My taxes are already to high. I may not be able to live in Wauwatosa once my wife retires as the property taxes are just to high.
Jul 15, 2026, 08:42 AM	1		1				
Jul 15, 2026, 07:00 AM	1					1	
Jul 15, 2026, 04:07 AM	1				1		
Jul 14, 2026, 10:03 PM	1					1	
Jul 14, 2026, 09:37 PM	1		1				My property taxes went up \$3,000 last year alone. The city cannot continue to tax the homeowners to pay for everything while new apartments and other developments are constructed under special tax free arrangements. The schools are poorly administered and zero explanations have been provided for millions in missing funds. Enough is enough.
Jul 14, 2026, 09:07 PM	1						None of the options. Our city hall and library are great. Please find a repair only model. Our city cannot afford to continuously update these buildings and not scare away it's residences. Taxes are already high enough.
Jul 14, 2026, 08:44 PM	1					1	

							I am against unnecessary spending such as this. Wauwatosa city government has seen fit to double the tax assessment on my property. Funding more glamorous offices for these officials is not something I can support. A large property tax cut and reasonable, sensible government saving of taxpayers' money will have my enthusiastic support. Sincerely, Michael Norris 2427 N. Harding Blvd
Jul 14, 2026, 07:37 PM							
Jul 14, 2026, 04:48 PM	1		1				Options 2-4 are too expensive given recent property tax increases in Tosa.
Jul 14, 2026, 04:46 PM	1				1		
Jul 14, 2026, 04:24 PM	1					1	
Jul 14, 2026, 04:08 PM	1		1				
Jul 14, 2026, 04:04 PM	1						I prefer NONE of the options. Wauwatosa needs to demonstrate fiscal responsibility. Between the school district and poor city budget management, you are bleeding citizens dry. We don't need new, fancy buildings.
Jul 14, 2026, 03:08 PM		1				1	Dedicated teen area and makers space/children's area being on first floor
Jul 14, 2026, 02:52 PM	1					1	This will have the largest and longest impact on the community. As a family who just moved to Wauwatosa, these are the kinds of investments in the community that made us want to live here.
Jul 14, 2026, 02:45 PM	1		1				My taxes don't need to be any higher!!
Jul 14, 2026, 02:05 PM	1				1		
Jul 14, 2026, 01:32 PM	1			1			
Jul 14, 2026, 01:31 PM	1		1				
Jul 14, 2026, 12:21 PM		1			1		

						Our family only uses the online library option to download books. We rarely visit the physical building. We only visit city hall to vote and pay our tax bills (in person. We don't use drop box due to the theft.) Our Wauwatosa home is 102 years old. There are many old Wauwatosa buildings that are maintained and work efficiently. We choose option 1 due to the lowest cost, funds needed for the school system (our 2024 \$124 million referendum) and sharp property tax increase due to 2025 property revaluation. Our homes property tax became \$1k higher in 2026 and we cannot afford it to be higher due to a city hall rebuild. Our family cares about sustainable eco friendly buildings. Option 1 will convert to an all-electric, energy efficient building, with minimal cost. We vote Option 1.
Jul 14, 2026, 12:01 PM	1		1			
Jul 14, 2026, 11:57 AM	1			1		
Jul 14, 2026, 11:56 AM		1			1	Replacing the existing building seems like a better long term solution. It might be disruptive for one continuous period while it is being built but that seems like it would be better than doing it in pieces and then having to do more updates later if things continue to break
Jul 14, 2026, 10:52 AM	1			1		I feel more conference rooms and accessible bathrooms are important, as well as solar panels. I don't feel the total remodeling of exterior and interior spaces is needed- too expensive and not necessary. Good idea to repurpose underground parking. Thank you.
Jul 14, 2026, 10:34 AM	1		1			As a long time Tosa homeowner of nearly 34yrs., frankly & sadly, after the last tax increase & the additional ridiculous school referendum you are already forcing long time residents to look elsewhere to live. We raised our kids here -investing so much into our property, even garnering a " Beatification award" But our home is a lot older than the library. Built in 1950 & it too, needs numerous updates that we can no longer afford to do b/ c of all the endless money the city keeps expecting us to pay for whatever agenda they come up with. Will you fund our projects? Sometimes, though the dream of the biggest & best isn't prudent or affordable. I would love my original 1950 kitchen & bathroom gutted & Re-imaged into the dream I would like but I simply can't afford it & I can't legally "rob" someone of their hard earned money to pay for my dream . No , I have to stick with a coat of paint b/ c that is what I can afford. What can you really afford & budget for without taxes us more???
Jul 14, 2026, 10:19 AM						We are being hit with the schools and soon the Courthouse complex,This project is not necessary.

							Property tax 2023. \$7285 2024. \$7949. 2025 \$9847. 35% increase in 3 years. I understand that old buildings need upgrade. But considering the excessive property tax increases the only option I would reluctantly choose is option 1. All other options add more burden to homeowners. I have been a resident for 55 years but seriously considering leaving Wauwatosa if any other option is chosen.
Jul 14, 2026, 09:46 AM	1		1				
Jul 14, 2026, 08:38 AM	1					1	taj mahal me baby
Jul 14, 2026, 08:24 AM	1					1	Obviously option 4 would be the best but the cost is high. Option 2 I think tax payers might feel more inclined to go with based on cost, however there is little room to grow from that.
Jul 13, 2026, 09:04 PM	1			1			
Jul 13, 2026, 08:34 PM	1				1		
Jul 13, 2026, 08:31 PM	1					1	Do it right the first time.
Jul 13, 2026, 07:21 PM	1		1				I like option one. I do not believe the city of Wauwatosa can afford the more extravagant options, especially in lieu of the recent significant increases in the property taxes. I also question whether natural gas should be used to heat the remodeled buildings rather than all electric. Electric heat is more expensive than natural gas. Unless you plan on completely using solar energy generated electricity to heat and cool the building. Natural gas is clean, efficient, more reliable, and less expensive. , I question whether the remodeling should be all electric versus heating the building with a natural gas.
Jul 13, 2026, 06:59 PM	1					1	
Jul 13, 2026, 06:44 PM	1		1				We cannot afford higher property taxes. The school referenda have us all tapped out. Library and city hall are functioning just fine. No need for bells and whistles. You did that with McKinley and other schools. Enough already.
Jul 13, 2026, 04:37 PM	1			1			
Jul 13, 2026, 04:34 PM		1			1		

Jul 13, 2026, 04:28 PM	1		1			year. We love libraries and have visited every single one of the 27 Milwaukee County libraries. So you would think we might be pining for "better" and "newer" like some of the things we've seen elsewhere. But the truth is that we enjoy all of the libraries in their own way, even (and actually especially) the ones that are older and outdated. I see a lot of things in the proposed options that would be nice to have; I agree. They don't seem useless. They could be enjoyable and wonderful. But in today's world, it seems like we sometimes forget that newer and nicer is not necessarily better, especially when it comes at such a high cost. Sure, there's a "cost" to not updating the library very much, but there's also a very real cost to updating it. I could give you a huge list of things that would make for wonderful updates to my 1954 Tosa home to make it more modern or functional, and in some ways I could justify those changes. But there's also something to be said for my 1950s original kitchen and bathrooms, and for the coziness that comes from things that are imperfect and old, and for embracing "good enough." It's great that we're considering energy efficiency with the library options proposed, but what about all the waste that's generated from tearing down spaces that are functional? I could get more money for my house someday when I sell it if I tore out my kitchen, but I think choosing contentment and not throwing perfectly good and charming cabinets in the dumpster is also a great option. I'd like to see more public spaces, schools, and event venues think in a similar fashion. :) I think we as Wauwatosans (is that a word? haha) are people who are comfortable with homes and schools and spaces that are older and imperfect, assuming they are not completely inadequate or decrepit, of course. I hear neighbors all around me talking about moving elsewhere because of the taxes in Tosa. My next-door neighbors have lived here and gone to/worked in Tosa schools their entire
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Jul 13, 2026, 04:26 PM	1				1	Glad to see move to 100 percent renewable energy. Consider drive-up book drop and dedicated teen area unnecessary. As Wauwatosa property taxes continue increasing it makes it more expensive to buy a home. As a 42+ year resident homeowner, I feel multi-resident structures (apartments) are changing the "community feel" of this city. We're moving from a city of residents committed to community service and involvement to absentee landlords and renters in transitional housing. This does not encourage "buy in" to long-term quality of life.
Jul 13, 2026, 04:18 PM	1				1	The library currently faces south and the proposed exterior rendering of Option 3 shows large expanses of floor to ceiling glass. In my opinion, the design team should incorporate more solar control in the design and should consider reducing the amount of glass. The benefits would include reducing solar heat gain and introducing less glare into the building, both for the comfort of the occupants and the preservation of the reading materials. I support net zero energy systems, however designers also should prioritize efficiency in the building facade and site.
Jul 13, 2026, 04:03 PM	1		1			Stop raising our taxes!
Jul 13, 2026, 04:02 PM	1		1			It is the least expensive! And my taxes have gone up enough!!
Jul 13, 2026, 04:02 PM	1		1			
Jul 13, 2026, 04:02 PM	1		1			
Jul 13, 2026, 03:34 PM	1		1			
Jul 13, 2026, 02:39 PM	1				1	
Jul 13, 2026, 01:42 PM	1				1	
Jul 13, 2026, 01:27 PM	1				1	
Jul 13, 2026, 12:31 PM	1		1			Please keep our costs in check.
Jul 13, 2026, 12:29 PM	1			1		
Jul 13, 2026, 12:28 PM	1					1
Jul 13, 2026, 12:13 PM	1				1	
Jul 13, 2026, 12:13 PM	1					1
Jul 13, 2026, 12:08 PM	1				1	Option 3 provides the best service outcome for the whole city. It would be a positive impact on both those who work in the services at the library/city hall, but also to each and every resident.
Jul 13, 2026, 11:12 AM	1		1			Spending in the city has been exorbitant the past several years. I'm all for updating needed repairs, but our library and city hall do not need to be renovated or have new buildings.

Jul 13, 2026, 11:05 AM	1			1			
							As a lifelong resident of the city, I strongly support refreshing and updating our library. I have wonderful core memories of visiting the library with my children, and my wife continues to go even more frequently than I do. The library is a vital community resource that brings families together, and a freshen-up would be warmly welcomed. However, I do not support combining the library project with a new City Hall. The DPW building was recently refreshed and looks excellent — it already houses the core services of the city. I believe we should focus resources on the library alone rather than pursuing a much larger combined project. If improvements are truly needed at City Hall (particularly on the west side), the city should first examine staffing levels and work to balance the budget before committing to expensive new construction. Thank you for considering public input on this important decision.
Jul 13, 2026, 10:04 AM	1		1				
Jul 13, 2026, 09:46 AM	1					1	Now is the time for an investment that benefits us and future generations. We cannot proceed with the assumption that everything from the past can stay the same.
Jul 13, 2026, 09:42 AM	1			1			
Jul 13, 2026, 09:40 AM	1					1	
Jul 13, 2026, 09:35 AM	1				1		
Jul 13, 2026, 08:49 AM	1			1			
							While I understand the need to update facilities, blaming this on "deferred maintenance" is not palatable for most citizens- who made the decision to defer the maintenance over all those years? It's wonderful that people use our library and I don't doubt that City Hall employees would enjoy a new space, but Options 3 and 4 seem absolutely tone deaf in the midst of recent referendums and other tax hikes. I personally know two families that have recently moved out of Wauwatosa for several reasons, including affordability and the belief that our local government is more concerned with advancing its own development agenda than it is with listening to citizens. I would be very disappointed to see Options 3 or 4 move ahead.
Jul 13, 2026, 08:39 AM	1		1				
Jul 13, 2026, 05:28 AM	1				1		
Jul 13, 2026, 05:25 AM	1					1	
Jul 12, 2026, 10:48 PM	1					1	

Jul 12, 2026, 10:31 PM	1					1	Super excited to see this project in motion! We are newer residents here with young children and go to the library weekly. We definitely see the value in investing in this resource for the community, and look forward to opportunities for design input once decisions are made which route to pursue.
Jul 12, 2026, 09:05 PM	1		1				Providing necessary funding to make only necessary improvements is essential. To better benefit the community, funds should be invested in offering better outreach to our community members who struggle with education and access to educational resource as well as resources for those who are underserved and/or unhoused. Improving engagement and increasing usage of the existing property that results in measurable improvements in the aforementioned issues should come first.
Jul 12, 2026, 08:03 PM	1				1		
Jul 12, 2026, 05:24 PM	1				1		
Jul 12, 2026, 04:55 PM	1				1		
Jul 12, 2026, 04:53 PM	1				1		
Jul 12, 2026, 02:45 PM	1		1				
Jul 12, 2026, 02:42 PM	1			1			
Jul 12, 2026, 11:54 AM	1				1		
Jul 12, 2026, 11:37 AM	1		1				I love our library the way it is. Yes, it could use improvements. And making it energy efficient would be fantastic! The other options were a little overboard at this time. Maybe in the future, ten years from now it would make sense.
Jul 12, 2026, 11:29 AM	1					1	
Jul 12, 2026, 10:58 AM	1			1			
Jul 12, 2026, 10:06 AM	1				1		
Jul 12, 2026, 09:55 AM	1			1			I don't think we need to go so far as a whole new building. I love our library - but voting for option 2 because I like the energy efficiency aspect of it. Putting solar panels over parking spaces is an incredibly powerful use of space; natural energy source, and shaded parking spots. They did this all over my cousin's town of Chico CA, and it is awesome. The solar panels there also have power outlets for charging car batteries on EV (electric) vehicles.
Jul 12, 2026, 08:56 AM	1				1		
Jul 12, 2026, 08:47 AM	1					1	The maker space would be incredible!
Jul 12, 2026, 08:45 AM	1					1	
Jul 12, 2026, 08:24 AM	1		1				other options are too expensive

Jul 12, 2026, 08:19 AM	1				1		I like the idea, from a sustainable perspective, of reusing some of the embodied carbon from the building. Im unclear based on the materials provided if the improved functionality of #4 warrants the additional \$10m, or if #3 provides City Halls needs sufficiently. I wish all options would better engage with North Ave, and consider how the redesign of North will impact the travel patterns (ie off street bike lane).
Jul 12, 2026, 07:55 AM	1			1			Updates needed but would also like to see funds go towards required projects around the city like road repairs
Jul 12, 2026, 07:38 AM		1			1		
Jul 12, 2026, 12:40 AM	1			1			Getting more square footage for a more modest cost. People are already strained with taxes, so a lesser amount would go over better.
Jul 11, 2026, 09:15 PM	1		1				We can't even get necessary roadwork done, and I can no longer afford my property taxes. We can't afford this very unnecessary project.
Jul 11, 2026, 08:51 PM		1				1	
Jul 11, 2026, 07:44 PM	1					1	Before reading through all the information, I thought Option 2 would be sufficient. But, for not that much more money, Option 4 will make the library and city hall more accessible and welcoming for everyone. Having the Children's library and Council Meeting room on first floor are huge pluses. And every single week, I wish for a drive through book return! Please, please, please try to reuse as much as possible from the current Children's Library Story Room! While there is a need for a larger space, the current story room walls with the books are truly a treasure. From, a 40 year Wauwatosa resident/homeowner who uses the library weekly
Jul 11, 2026, 07:24 PM	1			1			
Jul 11, 2026, 06:52 PM	1		1				I cannot absorb more tax increases. More are likely coming from the school district. My property taxes just went up 53%. It is pushing residents out. I hear so many good things about the library from outsiders and I visit at least weekly with my kids in the summer. It is fine how it is. Aesthetics does not equal functionality. If it serves its purpose that's all we need.

Jul 11, 2026, 06:39 PM	1				1	I'd like to understand how much of the investment is for areas of public use and access versus providing upgraded offices for public servants and staff. Our city administrator and mayor do not require top notch offices-especially in this environment where people are struggling to pay weekly grocery bills. That being said, we do want a building that attracts people and will support the community's needs for the next 50 years and making it fully environmentally friendly is part of that
Jul 11, 2026, 05:58 PM	1				1	Updating the library is important for the community. It can be a valuable tool for local economic, social, and technological growth.
Jul 11, 2026, 05:38 PM	1			1		
Jul 11, 2026, 04:44 PM	1		1			
Jul 11, 2026, 04:02 PM	1				1	
Jul 11, 2026, 04:01 PM	1				1	I feel a public library is so important for a tight community like Tosa. There is only a little over a \$3 difference between option 3 and 4, so go with a full remodel. The difference between the brand new schools built and the hybrid rebuilt schools in Tosa is shockingly noticeable. They should have torn down Lincoln and Wilson and rebuilt it all. I would suggest asking people at Lincoln and Wilson their opinion about remodeling part and rebuilding another. Go for a total rebuild.
Jul 11, 2026, 03:20 PM	1			1		I think this is a great chance to invest in the future of our city. I think option 3 or 4 are both great, but I prefer Option 3.
Jul 11, 2026, 02:44 PM	1				1	The library should be a place the community is proud of and wants to visit for more than just books
Jul 11, 2026, 02:42 PM	1			1		
Jul 11, 2026, 02:23 PM	1				1	
Jul 11, 2026, 02:02 PM	1				1	
Jul 11, 2026, 01:57 PM	1				1	I believe that with the new apartment complexes in the village, that expanding the opportunities and resources is important. By not only improving the buildings, but expanding offerings will go a long way in engaging new Wauwatosans. The more the library can be a focus and place for children, families, seniors and disabled, I believe, the more important and central the library will be to the community. It is not just an issue of upkeep, but an opportunity to expand its mission and role in the community ... so go all the way and make it so.
Jul 11, 2026, 01:51 PM					1	👍
Jul 11, 2026, 01:05 PM	1				1	

Jul 11, 2026, 12:55 PM	1				1	The library is a key city asset and part of what makes Wauwatosa a great place to live. Let's invest in its future and put it on solid footing for the next 50 years.
Jul 11, 2026, 12:55 PM	1				1	
Jul 11, 2026, 12:23 PM	1				1	
Jul 11, 2026, 12:18 PM	1				1	Makers space 
Jul 11, 2026, 12:15 PM	1		1			We could just have book pick up for the adult library and have a children's library. The library is an outdated concept.
Jul 11, 2026, 12:04 PM	1		1			I believe option 1 provides the best value for the citizens of Wauwatosa.
Jul 11, 2026, 11:56 AM	1				1	
Jul 11, 2026, 11:42 AM	1				1	
Jul 11, 2026, 11:26 AM	1				1	For minimal extra investment, I support Option 4 to future-proof the building. I urge designers to think about how this site is actually used, not just the building. The 76th and North intersection is already a daily bottleneck and safety concern. It's about to get worse. The library's parking lot absorbs heavy pickup and drop off traffic, mixing cars with kids on foot. Longfellow's drop off and pickup causes regular double and triple parking on North Avenue. This corner has a history of accidents involving children and vehicles. A new grocery store nearby will add more pressure. The city should work with the state now to make this intersection safer, before development makes it worse. I want the library to be a responsible steward of taxpayer money. It shouldn't price people out of the community. I support the solar panels already in the design as a smart way to defray future electricity costs. I'd also encourage other ways for the facility to offset its own operating costs, like EV chargers in the back of the lot, giving library users a small stake in supporting it. The library shouldn't aim to turn a profit, since that runs counter to its mission. But it should look for reasonable ways to reduce the burden on taxpayers.
Jul 11, 2026, 11:24 AM	1				1	I like both options 3 and 4. The most important thing to me is the expanded children's area with the opportunity for more children's programming (especially on weekends). It seems like if we are doing option 3 we may as well do option 4 since it's not that much more in the grand scheme of things.
Jul 11, 2026, 11:15 AM	1				1	It makes more sense long-term to redo the whole thing rather than use half measures.
Jul 11, 2026, 11:04 AM	1				1	

Jul 11, 2026, 10:35 AM	1		1				I think the library is wonderful the way it is. I believe that increasing my taxes has been a hardship for me. I am a PhD educated nurse who has lived in Wauwatosa for 40 years and my income is not rising as fast as the taxes are. I would love to raise my two kids in the city that I grew up in, but between the school referendums, property reassessments that have been wildly inaccurate and now this increase with the library, it is making it a challenge for someone like me who has lived here her whole life, to afford it. I am not a person who hasn't worked hard or has not contributed to this community. But spending should be responsible because these choices are hurting people who have always been "Wauwatosans". Please help us keep Wauwatosa affordable for us home owners who have deep roots in this city.
Jul 11, 2026, 10:10 AM	1			1			If the taxpayers are funding all or a substantial portion of the project, it is important to be careful with the amount spent. Wauwatosa taxpayers are already under a heavy burden with the school referenda. A lot can be done with the current building by shifting space from City Hall to the library, taking care of deferred maintenance, providing some new features for the library, and going all-electric with solar panels covering the roof and parking spaces. I don't think we know enough about what future needs of either the City Hall or library might be to go ahead and build for them now under options 3 and 4.
Jul 11, 2026, 10:01 AM	1					1	Might as well go all the way so hopefully less renovations in the future!
Jul 11, 2026, 10:01 AM	1					1	We need to build for the future and today. As an organization with high utilization (some of the highest in the state) this needs to be the focal point. It will attract people to the area and serve our needs.
Jul 11, 2026, 09:55 AM	1				1		
Jul 11, 2026, 09:43 AM	1				1		
Jul 11, 2026, 07:54 AM	1				1		Maker space is not needed. Yay, history room!
Jul 11, 2026, 05:57 AM	1				1		
Jul 10, 2026, 09:23 PM	1				1		
Jul 10, 2026, 08:55 PM	1					1	
Jul 10, 2026, 08:25 PM					1		I really like that the childrens' library is on the ground floor.
Jul 10, 2026, 08:03 PM	1			1			Why electric heat? Do you heat your houses electrically? This is trouble for the future.
Jul 10, 2026, 02:15 PM	1					1	

Jul 10, 2026, 01:52 PM	1			1		Option 1 makes good sense and I could almost agree that it is my preference. Option 2 updates things and I can't disagree with those who say we need to build for the next 30 years. Personally I don't think we need underground parking. The size of the city plan is for the city to remain about the same citizens. We don't need outside gardens and a local history room and we already have a functioning outdoor drop off. I'd suggest we take Option 2, then reassess how to make the best use for the least we really need - not want.
Jul 10, 2026, 01:45 PM	1				1	Go big or go home! I was at the library yesterday with my kids and it was PACKED. We need more space for everyone - kids and teens especially. This new library should be a safe, free space for kids of all ages to enjoy and thrive in. A new library that would also attract people from other communities would be so amazing for tourism and our small businesses in the area.
Jul 10, 2026, 01:42 PM		1			1	
Jul 10, 2026, 01:02 PM	1				1	
Jul 10, 2026, 01:00 PM	1				1	I think the maker space is important, and its important that the children's area is on the first floor. I'm a renter, not a home owner so I'm aware the tax implications will affect home owners more than me, and for that reason I chose 3 instead of 4. I just want to be sure that I can continue to access ease of voting in whichever plan is selected.
Jul 10, 2026, 12:48 PM	1		1			
Jul 10, 2026, 12:34 PM	1			1		Are there additional sources of funding to keep monyhly tax add on costs down? Concerning b/c costs fall on homeowners and not apartment dwellers. Not sure what owners of said apartments contribute to the tax base.

							If increased grant and private funding can be found to pay for options two, three or four, and less is needed from taxpayers, I could be persuaded to support one of those options. As it appears now, however, I am in favor of the least costly option to keep a good facility functioning well and to best manage property taxes. This is largely because while I appreciate that the city and school district are separate, independently operating taxing entities, it is disingenuous to minimize the real impact on taxpayers who fund both entities (as is suggested in a response to another resident's question below). When one entity passes a referendum that raises taxes, the other has to live with the impact. That is our current situation. Additionally, while the recent revaluation may not have changed tax revenue for the city, the impact to taxpayers cannot be ignored or set aside (as another response suggests). Property taxes after the revaluation increased for many Wauwatosa homeowners - for some, significantly. These realities inform property owners' ability to support the more expensive options. I encourage the city to openly acknowledge that property owners carry the weight of taxes for both the city and the school district, and each informs the other. Minimizing this reality helps no one.
Jul 10, 2026, 12:33 PM	1		1				
Jul 10, 2026, 11:48 AM	1		1				
Jul 10, 2026, 11:34 AM	1		1				The difference in the costs of Options 1 & 4 should be dedicated to other infrastructure replacement most notably streets. Lay out plans for new facility 7-AP years out.
Jul 10, 2026, 11:26 AM	1			1			
Jul 10, 2026, 11:05 AM	1			1			
Jul 10, 2026, 10:53 AM	1		1				
Jul 10, 2026, 10:45 AM	1					1	
Jul 10, 2026, 10:45 AM	1					1	
Jul 10, 2026, 10:25 AM	1					1	
Jul 10, 2026, 10:19 AM	1					1	If it's going to be done, then it should basically be done correctly and start all over and last for a long time. I was on the library board for many years when we invested in needs assessments and consultants. This has been needed for over a decade and it's time to leave a lasting legacy.
Jul 10, 2026, 10:18 AM	1			1			I like the compromise but it'll still be a nice update

Jul 10, 2026, 10:11 AM	1					1	Can't keep kicking the can down the road. All of our buildings are old and unfortunately many are being redone in a similar timeframe so in 50 years will Wauwatosa residents be faced with the same financial dilemma of all buildings needing major repairs/replacement at the same time? Hopefully a brand new building would provide more longevity.
Jul 10, 2026, 10:06 AM	1			1			West Allis has an awesome library with staff who actually are there to help you and they know it. Your staff is ridiculous. Nobody wants to get up off their butt and help anyone and if you ask for help watch out. You're in trouble. Rude old fashioned staff.
Jul 10, 2026, 10:04 AM	1			1			Updating internals, refreshing interiors, repurposing existing space is reasonable. Constructing the Taj Mahal of libraries in a time when people are nearly fully transitioning to utilizing digital technologies over paper feels unnecessary. There are more cost efficient ways to purpose great community space than a \$100m library project, need to start thinking outside of the box (pun intended, the proposals are at the end of the day, different versions of a box).
Jul 10, 2026, 09:49 AM	1					1	Modern times require modern facilities... if we only renovate existing buildings , we'll be addressing another facilities retrofit upgrade in 10-15 years. We support building new.
Jul 10, 2026, 09:38 AM	1				1		These are fabulous!
Jul 10, 2026, 09:34 AM	1		1				No need to waste dollars on exterior or add solar panels!
Jul 10, 2026, 09:29 AM	1		1				City Hall needs to operate and provide services for every taxpayer. Many of the Library proposals are unnecessary, expensive, and serve only a small number of individuals. Needs VS Wants.
Jul 10, 2026, 07:40 AM	1				1		
Jul 09, 2026, 10:16 PM	1		1				Real estate tax up for grade schools,Tax for high schools on the agenda.Time for frugality.Schools more important than remodeling of City hall and Library.
Jul 09, 2026, 09:45 PM	1		1				
Jul 09, 2026, 09:18 PM	1					1	
Jul 09, 2026, 08:28 PM	1		1				To put this into perspective, imagine needing new windows for your home. Instead of replacing the windows you tear down and rebuild the entire home. Given the age of most homes in tosa, clearly the bulk of the community would chose option 1 for their home and likely for their library too.
Jul 09, 2026, 08:17 PM	1			1			
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							All of the options are bad. The windows don't need to be replaced and the building doesn't need to be converted to more expensive electric. Who's coming up with these idiotic ideas? It's like the city is being run by people who don't understand how anything works or where the money to do this comes from. The money comes from people who work. Work equals time and effort. I don't want to work my life away to build you a woke dream palace. We need new leadership that understands the value of money. You don't! You're like children.
Jul 09, 2026, 07:38 PM	1		1				
Jul 09, 2026, 06:44 PM	1		1				
Jul 09, 2026, 06:19 PM	1					1	
Jul 09, 2026, 06:12 PM	1			1			Provides everything that is needed
Jul 09, 2026, 06:00 PM	1		1				I like the library as is. I can understand that we need to make some improvements in the building. The other options sound great but not for the immediate future.
Jul 09, 2026, 05:18 PM	1					1	I'm assuming the life of the changes noted in Option 4 would allow for a level of flexibility and an estimated life of 25-35 years. Price tag is certainly noticeable, but worth it to create a space consistent with how Wauwatosa would want to present itself to future businesses and residents.
Jul 09, 2026, 04:55 PM	1					1	There is a high level of investment required in everything; I'd much prefer a larger investment now with better long term options and structures.
Jul 09, 2026, 04:34 PM	1					1	We're no longer a little village. We are a thriving city that needs to build for the future. We have "cheaped out" on our library and city hall for years, resulting in the confusing, ugly, inefficient mess of a building that we have now. Don't cheap out again--let's do it right this time.
Jul 09, 2026, 03:21 PM	1				1		
Jul 09, 2026, 02:19 PM	1		1				Economy is not doing well. It's strange to me why we let things complete break down and do not maintain our properties. Then of course it becomes a crisis and verbiage it out of kids. I have no problem supporting kids and community however I do have a problem with mismanagement of tax payer money. Make sure you get three bids and be responsible with tax dollars. Tosa is taxing me out of my house. I am 63 I have been here for 20 plus years. Be financially responsible for the sake of the community. Thank you. Tina Konitzer
Jul 09, 2026, 12:15 PM	1			1			

							None of them. We ALL have old outdated houses and buildings. The majority can't afford to fix up their homes. I don't think it really brings a valued upgrade. Not everyone even spends time at the library or city hall. The community does not want or need yet another increase in taxes! It especially doesn't play well with the blatant reduction in city services. The local perception of the care/effort that the "city" projects is that they don't listen or care to listen. And just wants more money to disappear.
Jul 09, 2026, 12:12 PM	1						
Jul 09, 2026, 08:49 AM	1				1		
Jul 09, 2026, 06:24 AM		1			1		
Jul 09, 2026, 03:47 AM	1					1	I am personally very fond of our old library and city hall building. My initial reaction was that we should choose option 2 to preserve and modernize it, but I changed my mind after speaking with the library director and two members of the library staff. They explained how a new building will allow improved library programming and accessibility. Most of the benefits of a new library would also be provided by option 3, but the director and staff said that some of the library spaces (for example, meeting rooms) would still be in the old building. With the estimated cost of option 4 being not that much higher than option 3, I think it is worth investing a bit more in Wauwatosa's future to rebuild the entire complex.
Jul 08, 2026, 10:30 PM	1				1		We are already paying for significant changes in the Wauwatosa School District. Option 3 meets the modernization needs of the library and city hall. The question arises with each of the needs - how do we make sure that at the end of the "bonding period" [20 years] we are not facing a renewed request for "modernization" with the expense. Buildings must be designed to last for more than 50 years - 100 years in terms of durability and flexibility.
Jul 08, 2026, 10:17 PM	1			1			
Jul 08, 2026, 07:59 PM	1					1	Drive up book drop off seems to be the norm at schools and other cities. This is the only version that offers drive up drop off.
Jul 08, 2026, 07:25 PM	1		1				
Jul 08, 2026, 07:25 PM	1		1				
Jul 08, 2026, 07:25 PM	1		1				
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Jul 08, 2026, 05:30 PM	1					1	

							Use the existing buildings but remodel and update decor and mechanics. Options 3 & 4 will be difficult on residents living on limited funds (retiree's, retail workers, restaurant workers, new and starting families. Stop showing the completely new entry way and show the option 2 photo. What is being shown makes option 4 look like a done deal. Poor marketing if you really want open and fair responses and votes. D & D Lenz
Jul 08, 2026, 05:20 PM	1			1			
Jul 08, 2026, 05:10 PM	1					1	
							It's a good investment for the public good and community and we should "buy once, cry once" for long term utility. Given the time value of money, putting off a major overhaul/improvement will only cost more. In 5 years, 10 years the community will be very happy having this facility instead of having a compromise that will certainly not make sense to upgrade for another 30+ years again. This is a long term decision and we should think of the cost/benefit amortized over decades.
Jul 08, 2026, 05:02 PM	1					1	
Jul 08, 2026, 04:59 PM	1			1			
Jul 08, 2026, 04:57 PM	1			1			
Jul 08, 2026, 04:21 PM	1		1				
Jul 08, 2026, 03:19 PM	1				1		
							why are you asking for options when you informed your constituents that a grant has been issued and will assist " our long awaited city hall update" there is nothing wrong with our current building that a few updates would fix it also would be nice to fix the huge divot in the road outside city hall on the same side on 76th street
Jul 08, 2026, 03:14 PM	1						
Jul 08, 2026, 02:18 PM	1					1	
							If we have the financial resources for option 4 then why not go for it!?! This project can serve and enhance our community for years to come. However, I also think option 3 can serve the same purpose and long term goals without as hefty of a price tag.
Jul 08, 2026, 02:16 PM	1					1	
Jul 08, 2026, 01:52 PM		1		1			Not a resident but work at City Hall.
Jul 08, 2026, 12:37 PM	1					1	I like the children's section being on the first floor.
							I use the children's library every week and love the programming. The new space would be great! Recommend furniture with backs on all chairs for pregnant mothers. The new cube benches in the children's library are very impractical.
Jul 08, 2026, 12:28 PM	1					1	

Jul 08, 2026, 09:39 AM	1		1				Our current council is fiscally irresponsible. Our roads are a mess and TIF money is not used appropriately. They keep buying buildings to control what happens with them. I'm done giving them money until they fix the important things like our roads which are an embarrassment and ruining my car. They need to stop thinking of themselves. Most of them only care about bragging that some building is now there because of them. They want to leave an imprint.. especially our ridiculous mayor.
Jul 07, 2026, 07:50 PM	1					1	Option 4 is likely the best for long term expenses - new construction will reset the baseline. If money is the most important factor, Option 1 would be the next choice - preserve the current structure and update only critical items.
Jul 07, 2026, 06:29 PM	1		1				I feel that we, as Tosa residents, have been taxed to the limit with the school building/improvement project of a few years ago. Everything is beautiful and conducive to learning but scholastically I don't see much improvement in the rankings. If I had to pick a plan, it would be number one. I am a 67 year resident of Tosa and feel there are many places more in need of improvement than the Library/City Hall.
Jul 07, 2026, 05:15 PM	1		1				Considering all of the tax ramifications Wauwatosa is facing right now, option 1 is the most prudent financially. Once the community is in a better financial position years down the road, further updates/renovations can be considered. If this was a house remodel, a household budget would need to be considered...DO NOT put this community in further debt. It is fiscally irresponsible!!!!
Jul 07, 2026, 04:16 PM	1				1		I actually like either 3 or 4. I especially like the outdoor area for the kids programming/activities.
Jul 07, 2026, 03:44 PM	1		1				After all the school referendums and reassessment I can't imagine that the city budget is so bad that they have to come after property owners again. Even so as a library user I would not oppose funding an upgrade to original equipment.
Jul 07, 2026, 03:39 PM	1				1		
Jul 07, 2026, 03:30 PM	1			1			Option 1 is also good. In either scenario, spend a bit more and have children's library on the first floor.

							I've lived in my home for 20 years. Purchased mat home here due to Tosa's reputation for friendly neighborhoods. What's been happening here over the last 10 years is anything but. I do not support any of the options. Why? With the most recent tax increase, property taxes now take 15% of my income. The city hall/library remodel will likely increase these taxes. Therefore, I do not support this project. Wauwatosa seems determined to become the Whitefish Bay of the west: elitest. And is hell bent on pricing middle income individuals out of their homes.
Jul 07, 2026, 02:31 PM	1						
Jul 07, 2026, 01:53 PM	1					1	This is a generational opportunity to improve key infrastructure items- better go for it.
							Since when is there no referendum for city taxes? This will entail ANOTHER TAX INCREASE! we have seen our taxes go up by the hundreds in last few years. Is this project REALLY necessary ? After spending all this money how assured are we that the use of the library will increase. Also, most spaces in city hall are vacant much of the day. How does increasing space improve government or, is it merely increasing the comfort level for employees? What provision and funding has been made for the replacement and disposal of the solar panels? It looks like the decision has already been made given the meeting on July 28. Table ALL options until a REAL need for improvement arises. TAXED ENOUGH!
Jul 07, 2026, 01:02 PM	1			1			

							I would like to see a 3D rendering of the solar paneled parking structures. I am picturing a really ugly parking structure that would look really bad. Also Option 4 seems like a waste of space with a big 2 story foyer and some big round couch in the children's area. Not a good use of space. People like separate places to hang out not a big round couch with other people's right next to them. Children are loud and there should be separate seatings with noise reduction between the seatings. The seatings also don't have any back support. You can't sit and read without back support for long periods of time. Maybe that's your goal -- short periods of usage time. Also, I have noticed that a lot of "tutors" are using the adult library for their tutoring sessions. Why don't you have a section in the CHILDREN'S AREA for the tutors to use. Tutors are being paid to tutor so why isn't the library charging them for using the adult rooms? This isn't your personal office and should not be used for a person's business purposes every day at 3:00 p.m. Amphitheater???? Do we really need more noise in our neighborhoods? It's bad enough that I have to listen to music inside my own home every Wednesday night because I live by the amphitheater on State Street. NO AMPHITHEATER. I am speaking from personal experience. I HATE the bandstand that was built on State Street and I am forced to listen to music whether I want it or not. I cannot tune out the music from inside my home. NO AMPHITHEATER.
Jul 07, 2026, 11:52 AM	1			1			
Jul 07, 2026, 11:03 AM	1				1		If option 4 is chosen, what happens to the books and the library during construction?
Jul 07, 2026, 09:38 AM	1				1		I think both Option 3 and 4 are great. As long as we get a new and improved library and stay in the same location I'm happy.
Jul 07, 2026, 09:23 AM	1					1	
Jul 07, 2026, 06:12 AM	1			1			
Jul 07, 2026, 05:46 AM	1				1		
Jul 07, 2026, 04:58 AM	1				1		
Jul 06, 2026, 11:32 PM	1				1		
Jul 06, 2026, 09:36 PM	1				1		Option 2 also acceptable

Jul 06, 2026, 09:21 PM	1		1				Please don't alter the exterior of this building or the ground floor entrance to the library where books are checked out. The old stone is so beautiful, it would be such a shame to get rid of it. Not to mention that the rendering of the new building looks like Wauwatosa West High School. YUCK! Please keep the MCM character. It really is special. I think an indoor refresh would be acceptable. The place could definitely use new floors and paint. I think some nice touches here and there would go a long way. Upgrading mechanicals is fine, but switching to renewable energy seems very costly and unnecessary. Don't spend millions to save thousands. Also, why don't we have overdue fines anymore? Seems like a good way to make money. Turning the old "reading area" into a spot for teens after school is the perfect example of a thoughtful improvement that's been made. Let's try that again. Get creative, add some color, work with what's there and keep the original character. Little by little, Tosa is losing its charm. I really don't want the Library to be yet another casualty.
Jul 06, 2026, 09:08 PM	1				1		I'm a Wauwatosa resident and parent. I am in favor of the options that make the library more easily accessible for children. The current longgggg walk from the car, through the lobby and hallway and up the stairs has literally prevented us from utilizing the Wauwatosa library. PLEASE look at some of the libraries around the country (in Ohio especially) that have found ways to put children's spaces on the first floor and include creative play space. For example-little houses, reading nooks, play structure etc. A bunch of plush benches (as pictured in the renderings) is NOT appealing or interesting to children. I want places that my kids can engage, play, read, expand their imaginations and participate in programming! Thank you for your work on this important project.
Jul 06, 2026, 09:05 PM	1		1				I would put down none of the above, but that is not an option. At some point, the City of Wauwatosa Common Counsel and School District MUST come to terms with the fact that taxpayers simply CANNOT continue to bear additional tax burden. Lifelong residents who loved this city are moving away because it is becoming absolutely unaffordable and the schools are declining so dramatically. It is sad to see that here is another project that is putting outward appearances at the forefront and refusing to address the underlining issues in City government. Wauwatosa, we can do better. We deserve better.
Jul 06, 2026, 08:02 PM	1		1				
Jul 06, 2026, 07:52 PM	1			1			

							I prefer this option because it is more cost effective, puts less burden on taxpayers, but is still a great investment in our library.
Jul 06, 2026, 07:22 PM	1			1			Also, my experience is that many of the city employees (but certainly not all!) are dour and do not appear to like engaging with taxpaying citizens. No amount of remodeling can make up for inhospitable city employees.
Jul 06, 2026, 06:08 PM	1		1				Fix roads Fix Streets remove potholes
Jul 06, 2026, 06:06 PM	1		1				
Jul 06, 2026, 05:30 PM	1				1		
Jul 06, 2026, 04:39 PM	1		1				I think an update is all that is needed. We're already under a huge tax load and the other options are too expensive for our needs. We don't need a Taj Mahal for our civic center.
Jul 06, 2026, 03:54 PM	1					1	My thought, if you are going to remodel and have the funding and support of the city, why not remodel EVERYTHING! If option 4 is not picked, I like option 2 as it focuses on the library which we will need for the future. I feel like a city hall can be moved to any other building in the city (Fisher, Montesorri, the corner of 73rd and Milwaukee that was just purchased) and have more space. Then we could use the whole space for Library and all activities.
Jul 06, 2026, 03:38 PM	1			1			Balance of improved space/programs for more Wauwatosa residents, against increased cost to taxpayers.
Jul 06, 2026, 02:46 PM	1				1		
Jul 06, 2026, 02:19 PM	1					1	
Jul 06, 2026, 02:07 PM	1					1	For around an extra \$300 per year I think it's worth it to have both a brand new city hall and library. Of course I'm in no hurry to increase my property taxes, nobody wants to pay more taxes. But this is exactly the type of thing I would prefer to purchase with my tax dollars: improving the quality of life in our community.
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						It is laughable that there are so many residents against this idea given your history of mismanaging how to spend money in this city, yet I am sure that one of the most expensive options will ultimately be selected by our city administration. We regularly visit the library and it is a fantastic facility - just the way it is, without spending 10's of millions of dollars. My vote is for Option Zero. The cost of living in Tosa does nothing but raise and raise for families that would love to stay in this city (like mine), however all of these decisions to unnecessarily spend like this make it unfeasible to stay long term. Very sadly, it is clear that my family has reached the point of home shopping outside of Tosa. We love our home and neighborhood, but as a family of 3 young kids we are just continuing to be priced out of this city - and decisions like this make it clear about what will continue to happen for years to come. - A disappointed Tosa resident.
Jul 06, 2026, 01:45 PM	1		1			
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Jul 06, 2026, 01:33 PM	1		1			At this time are taxes are getting out of control and the services are not matching what we are paying. To add additional on is not fiscally smart. Wauwatosa is not the same city I moved into 20 years ago and I am not sure what can be done to make it feel like a community again. However, we are overspending and not seeing positive results.
Jul 06, 2026, 01:15 PM	1		1			I would like to do the bare minimum. I would like a different option that spends less than Option 1. Our taxes are already out of control and I do not trust those in charge to spend our taxpayer dollars wisely.
Jul 06, 2026, 01:10 PM	1			1		Libraries are an important use of community funds. I would love an update of the building. BUT taxes are prohibitive in Wauwatosa. I cannot imagine myself, or anyone I know in Tosa, being able to support option 3 or 4 right now. Please hear this concern.
Jul 06, 2026, 01:05 PM	1		1			In this time of high prices and economic uncertainty - and coming off a year of school referendums, higher home values and increased taxes, and proposed school closings, etc., I cannot see how we can justify anything but Option 1. The library and city hall are perfectly functional now. If the complex needs repairs and renovations to remain functional, we would expect that to happen on a regular basis. But a glamour project costing anywhere from \$75 million to \$107 million feels egotistical and irresponsible at this time. Be reasonable and frugal with my tax dollars please.

Jul 06, 2026, 12:55 PM	1				1	I think option 3 is a pretty good compromise of creating modern, useful spaces we can be proud of as a city while not doing the most expensive option. I do wonder if the school district decides to close Longfellow in the future, would that decrease the usage of a teen area? Is it mostly middle schoolers that use the space now?
Jul 06, 2026, 12:40 PM	1		1			
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Jul 06, 2026, 12:38 PM	1			1		I like option 2 for the fact that it has minimal impact on residents taxes, while still refreshing and updating both spaces. the Solar panels for the parking area is a great idea and should be expanded for all public parking areas.
Jul 06, 2026, 12:34 PM	1		1			Anything other than Option 1 will be fiscally irresponsible. It is never explained how much it will cost to get to Net Zero and how many years it will take to pay off. The City's property taxes are driving young families and seniors out of the community. The School District will be seeking another referendum that could exceed \$300 million. In the meantime roads just continue to deteriorate. How about paying for the new library from the incremental property taxes from the thousands of new apartments you have allowed to be built? DO NOT DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN OPTION 1.
Jul 06, 2026, 12:21 PM	1				1	
Jul 06, 2026, 12:12 PM	1		1			Our taxes are insane and the thought of adding any more than absolutely necessary is not an option. I'd also be curious when people are responding to this survey if they are home-owners or apartment renters. I would hope those of us who are truly paying for these things are considered in a different way than those who are here for a few years and then move.
Jul 06, 2026, 12:10 PM	1				1	
Jul 06, 2026, 11:53 AM	1		1			If I have to pick it is option 1. But I don't think we need to continue to burden the Wauwatosa tax payers with more costs. Our taxes have been going up on an annual basis for years now. Find the private funding needed for this project. There are plenty of businesses that can and should be polled for sponsorship before this is even considered. The fact that there was no vote on this by the Tosa tax payer is absurd. If you want the people to pay for it they should have a weighted say on where their money goes, if it goes at all. The people making these decisions are completely out of touch with the residents of this city. DO BETTER.
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Jul 06, 2026, 11:49 AM	1		1				Only Option 1 or 2 are reasonable and tax payer prudent. I assume that you board members will do what you always do though.... Is pick option 3/4 and shove extra taxes down our throats 🙄🙄🙄 we'll see soon
Jul 06, 2026, 11:39 AM	1				1		
Jul 06, 2026, 11:37 AM	1		1				The tax payers in Tosa should not be asked to afford any more than option #1. We are already paying so much in property taxes to support Tosa school updates, public safety, roads & public works. We also do not need to provide a new or expanded student lounge which only really benefits Longfellow students. Already as the school day ends, the library parking lot has become a major parent pick up area for these students instead of doing so on school grounds.
Jul 06, 2026, 11:33 AM	1					1	We love this community and want to invest in improved library and municipal resources for all.
Jul 06, 2026, 11:26 AM	1			1			The continued poor decision making by city leadership to defer maintenance and spend money on vanity projects has left the taxpayers in a no win position of being forced to pay for something they don't get to vote on. It is a quality built building that has stood for years, but needs improvements. Remodel the existing structure internally but keep the exterior that fits into the character of the community and housing around it. Spending millions of dollars more for an extravagant new building that is obsolete in the digital world we live in is ridiculous.
Jul 06, 2026, 11:26 AM	1		1				Seems unusual that all mechanical and electrical systems need to be replaced. Most privately owned buildings would not replace all those systems. Spending so much on this work will raise taxes making Wauwatosa a less affordable place to live.

							and City Hall. As a taxpayer, I believe the City should be extremely cautious about undertaking major capital projects that will increase the financial burden on residents. Property taxes and the overall cost of living continue to rise, and many homeowners are already feeling stretched. Before committing millions of dollars to new buildings, I believe the City should demonstrate that renovation or modernization of the existing facilities is not a practical or fiscally responsible alternative. The way residents use libraries has also changed dramatically. Today, many people access books, audiobooks, magazines, research materials, and other resources digitally from home. While libraries continue to provide valuable community services, I question whether constructing a new library of significant size reflects current usage patterns or the best use of taxpayer dollars. Similarly, I would encourage the City to carefully evaluate whether a new City Hall is truly necessary or whether improvements to the current facility could adequately meet operational needs at a substantially lower cost. Our community has many competing priorities, including infrastructure, road maintenance, public safety, parks, and other essential services. I believe the City should prioritize responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds and avoid large projects unless there is a clear, compelling, and well-documented need. I respectfully ask the Common Council to carefully consider the long-term financial impact of these proposals and to pursue the most cost-effective solutions available. Fiscal responsibility should remain a top priority, especially during a time when many residents are working hard to manage increasing household expenses. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Jul 06, 2026, 11:25 AM	1		1				A Tosa tax paying citizen.
Jul 06, 2026, 11:15 AM	1					1	
Jul 06, 2026, 11:07 AM	1					1	Makes the most sense
Jul 06, 2026, 11:00 AM	1				1		A well functioning and vibrant library improves Wauwatosa in so many ways. The current library is looking a little dated compared to many other area libraries. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
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Jul 06, 2026, 10:43 AM	1				1		public spaces are important in attracting residents. What I don't see is a plan to address the likely mess that will be 76th and North if a specialty food retailer moves in by BMO? Also, how does this work based on the potential for changes at Longfellow Middle school?
Jul 06, 2026, 10:21 AM	1		1				Most of the tax payers houses are AT LEAST 50 years older than the city hall and library. Are we getting support updating our homes? I don't want my tax dollars going to upgrade something that is completely unnecessary and I frequent the library often! Going with the cheapest most reasonable option. - Pasadena Resident
Jul 06, 2026, 10:20 AM	1		1				I'm choosing this option because even though the 20 year monthly amount looks small, I'm sure we'll be hit with a tax hike for the full amount up front and we can't afford the large yearly tax increases. If the taxes were charged over time like your models present the cost then I would be all for a remodel of the library and city hall because I think it would long term be good for the city, but you reach a certain point where you are trying to draw blood from a stone.
Jul 06, 2026, 10:17 AM	1		1				While options 2-4 are really lovely, this is too much of a tax burden to add to homeowners, especially after the school referendum that we will be paying for the next ten years. As a proud and very happy Wauwatosa residence (6805 Aetna Court) I am selecting option 1 so the buildings can get the attention they need right now. Once the school referendum is paid off, additional updates can be made. I'm curious why private funding isn't being considered for option 1. Isn't there a Wauwatosa corporation that would underwrite a portion of the project? What about Froedtert Hospital making a donation towards the library? As a homeowner, I am REALLY tired of being charged via my property taxes for expansions like this. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Mary Bayerlein, 414-617-2737.
Jul 06, 2026, 10:07 AM	1					1	
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							I am a widow who has lived in Wauwatosa for just over 40 years. I have supported our recent investments in our schools even though I no longer have children in the school system. I now believe it is time for those of us who use other city services besides the schools (city hall, library) to benefit from some investment as well. I spend a great deal of time at the library and have attended meetings in city hall. Both buildings are very outdated and in need of updates.
Jul 06, 2026, 09:42 AM	1					1	
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Jul 06, 2026, 09:40 AM	1		1				With the rapidly increasing availability of information electronically online, will Libraries even exist in the future? Has Library attendance been increasing or decreasing? It seems to me that spending significant money to expand a Library may be a waste of \$\$.
Jul 06, 2026, 09:40 AM	1				1		Let's make this happen!
Jul 06, 2026, 09:39 AM	1		1				The city has already imposed enough tax increases along with another planned increase next year. The cost of living is going crazy for the city and rent also increasing. I would rather see our money put toward redoing our roads and increase police presence. I also would like the city to figure out how to solve the school budget issue before spending more money on "nice to have" things.
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							I use the library all the time - I am there at least once or twice a week. I am not excited about the possibility of the library moving temporarily - I walk there from my house now, but I also appreciate a vision that considers the long term instead of short-term fixes that will leave us facing new problems in only a few years. Eve, thank you for your considered answers to the questions, especially to the person complaining that only 1.5% use the library but all have to pay for it. Does that person want a break on his tax bill in exchange for knowing that he will never get to use the EMTs or the firefighters or the police? I would not be able to answer people as tactfully as you are doing. (I have seen that argument repeatedly over public schools, too - why should someone whose children are in private school have to pay property taxes? - and I want to yell at them "BECAUSE WE LIVE IN A F*ING CIVILIZED SOCIETY.") (And to the person who thinks books and libraries will be going the way of physical encyclopedias - not if I have anything to do with it. I much prefer to read a physical book than on an e-reader and I prefer paper magazines to digital.)
Jul 06, 2026, 07:47 AM	1					1	
Jul 06, 2026, 07:22 AM	1		1				
							If as a city, we cannot scrape together 2 nickels to fix a softball field and a couple bathrooms at a city park, we should not be considering ANY of these options! Do normal maintenance on a schedule and this would not happen. You are taxing residents out of this city. You always compare costs on an average home of 400k per month. I do not believe 400k is average. Guessing it's much higher so ave cost is more. Why not give us the daily cost it would be much lower. You say it gets highest usage of other libraries but how has usage changed over time? I'm guessing it has dropped dramatically given decline in number of school children. Why are you even considering non-residents? They do not pay for city infrastructure. Obviously I am a strong vote for doing the minimum. If we eliminated half of the new woke positions that have been created over the past 6 years, the minimum option could be paid for much quicker. Again, you are taxing property tax paying residents right out of their homes for purposes of funding your social agenda.
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Jul 05, 2026, 04:19 PM	1		1				I don't think this should even be done and I feel it should be something voted on as a referendum. The library is fine. Our taxes are too high as it is. I rather see the money go to having bathrooms installed by the upper tennis & pickleball courts AND the baseball field should be restored!
Jul 05, 2026, 04:01 PM	1					1	
Jul 05, 2026, 02:27 PM	1		1				This is the only option that makes sense. Taxes are already too high. Time for Wauwatosa to be fiscally responsible with our money. Fix the infrastructure in Wauwatosa, not City Hall.
Jul 05, 2026, 01:45 PM	1				1		
Jul 05, 2026, 01:43 PM	1		1				Absolutely no to any increase in taxes for any other option! You are taxing upper middle class right out of this city! A home that can house a family of six are paying almost \$1000 per month toward taxes. We also have four kids in tosa district. If you want us to move, go right the hell ahead and approve any astronomical tax increase (the district will have four more student vacancies)! I would have expected to pay for this out of revenue from all the hideous "apartments" going up all over the city, instead this city has given away all the tax dollars to those developers!
Jul 05, 2026, 12:48 PM	1						None , we don't have the money so it's a No Go , I'm retired & can't keep up with the increased tax you stuck me with ! I purchased this home as are last in 2015 . Your already stealing money We don't have from us in unfair tax's as retired elderly ! You ppl. Need to learn what it's like living on a "tight" budget!! I grew up in this community & in the sixties there were more kids & ice rinks at every grade school. You spent money on North Ave twice to beautify it !? How many time have you had to rebuild the Watertown plank bridge ?? Not to mention when you screw up as you did in the Village with the crazy dip in state st. We pay ! How many other city projects do you hire out to others & spend more money on ?? I VOTE NO THANK YOU ON ANY SPENDING FOR A NEW OR REVISED CITY HALL !!!
Jul 05, 2026, 12:29 PM	1			1			
Jul 05, 2026, 12:16 PM	1			1			
Jul 05, 2026, 11:11 AM	1			1			Maybe a staged plan that starts smaller that would allow some of the larger changes later. What is the Immediate need?
Jul 05, 2026, 09:47 AM	1		1				7000 in taxes for an average house is too much. We need to space these projects out more. Plus, we love our libe as is.
Jul 05, 2026, 09:39 AM	1		1				Quality of life can be enhanced by building the bathroom that was demolished years ago by the softball field.

Jul 05, 2026, 07:59 AM	1						Please replace the ball fields at Hart Park. If there aren't resources for that, how can the city afford these projects.
Jul 04, 2026, 06:47 PM	1				1		
Jul 04, 2026, 01:42 PM	1					1	
Jul 04, 2026, 01:06 PM	1				1		The construction time is a big factor for our decision. Option 3 looks to expand the Library, while also having a more reasonable timeline for project completion and still being more affordable.
Jul 04, 2026, 11:05 AM	1			1			I'm torn. I love the library and like the goals outlined in the options. The cost is significant and long term. I'm sure it's what you're struggling with. If we can remodel (option 2) and get 30 years like the previous remodel, I'm inclined that direction. If we'd only get 10-15 and see significantly increased maintenance costs along the way, then I'd lean toward options 3-4. I trust those who know the building and situation better than I to make the right decision, but I think the options show the right thoughts about this project.
Jul 04, 2026, 10:08 AM	1				1		
Jul 04, 2026, 09:20 AM	1					1	I know option 4 is the most costly, but if the project is to be done, it should be done with the future in view. Just making needed updates leaves no room for expansion and future needs. I have lived in Wauwatosa all my life, and do not want its services reduced. This city is a great place to live and updating and remodeling will make a great project a reality and a draw to future residents and keep those who are here. Joyce Kaestner
Jul 04, 2026, 08:03 AM	1					1	For a relatively minor price difference we can have everything that we want. This is exactly what tax dollars are supposed to be for. Public use and benefit.
Jul 04, 2026, 06:41 AM	1				1		
Jul 03, 2026, 08:24 PM	1				1		
Jul 03, 2026, 05:02 PM	1		1				I use the library often and think it is fine the way it is. Of course it needs energy efficiency updates but I don't see a benefit in any of the other suggestions. The existing meeting rooms are under utilized as it is. I personally am at the limit of my finances so additional taxes will be a hardship for my family.

Jul 03, 2026, 02:39 PM	1		1				We all need to spend less. Priority must be to LOWER taxes. IMHO options 2,3,4 are "nice to have" just like it would be for me "nice to have" a Cadillac. I and ALL of my neighbors see Wauwatosa government becoming more and more willing to spend other peoples money (by raising our taxes). This needs to stop. Focus on keeping us safe, roads plowed, garbage picked up.
Jul 03, 2026, 01:14 PM	1			1			One of the things I love about living in Tosa is the many older buildings being retained and maintained. So much history! I believe option 2 allows new life to be brought into the building without losing the history.
Jul 03, 2026, 11:42 AM	1						Based on the high taxes and the recent large increase I do not favor spending more in Tosa. Spending has gotten out of hand. Fund raise, and when sufficient funds have been raised then consider what is the best way to utilize the funds. Another possibility is to issue bonds to raise funds. Residents cannot spend on their own homes unless their checkbook allows!! Common sense is to have funds first!!
Jul 03, 2026, 10:45 AM	1		1				Why mess with what is working?
Jul 03, 2026, 10:23 AM	1				1		
Jul 03, 2026, 10:07 AM	1					1	First of all, thank you so much for your research, time, effort and diligence in figuring out a solution most people are happy with for the much-needed update to our library and City Hall. I see a lot of comments that appear angry, though at least there is transparency and plenty of options for this, and I'm sorry you have to deal with them and the inevitable backlash from the ultimate decision on which option to pursue. Personally, I like the updates and short turnaround time to completion of option 3. However, I voted for option 4 as it meets all the feedback from the community and has more flexibility for future remodel/development/updates which is huge. I think looking at this as an investment now and for our future, option 4 makes the most sense, and I'm excited for our infant to have a nice library to access as he grows up. Again, thanks for all your hard work, and hopefully any backlash isn't too horrible. I will be happy with whatever you choose, though I think option 1 is a waste and poor investment.
Jul 03, 2026, 07:01 AM	1				1		My interest lies mostly with the library and not city hall. I have had zero need to access City Hall for the 20 years I've lived in Wauwatosa versus weekly visits to the library. I feel we need to expend the most money and energy to library for the future of our children. The adults who use the city hall can make do with the re-do of the old library space. There is no reason for a totally new city hall in my opinion.
Jul 03, 2026, 12:23 AM	1			1			

Jul 02, 2026, 08:57 PM	1		1				And I use the library 3x a week. Thanks
Jul 02, 2026, 04:08 PM	1			1			
Jul 02, 2026, 02:37 PM	1			1			Doing this project when everyone's budgets are continuing to be stretched too thin to meet basic needs needs to be considered. If you don't get the indicated funding/grants will the project be delayed to ensure meeting the indicated costs to taxpayers? When people can't afford food for their families a wishlist for library patron experience isn't high on my list.
Jul 02, 2026, 01:26 PM	1			1			I can see the value of Option 3 with the ability to access the children's library without stairs and would be fine with that as well; however, I selected Option 2 because it balances modernization, cost, and preserving the character of the neighborhood. It's a priority for me that the end result looks like it fits within the existing neighborhood and I have concerns about a new building looking too large and/or out-of-place. Also, maintaining library service during construction is important to me as a frequent library user and I hope minimizing disruption is a priority regardless of which option is selected. I'm happy to support continued maintenance and improvement of our city's infrastructure. It's one part of what makes Tosa such an enjoyable place to live.
Jul 02, 2026, 11:02 AM	1				1		I like options 3 and 4, but I like the shorter project completion time for option 3. I think really anything but option 1 is good, and I appreciate how much time, effort and involvement went into this. Thanks for the public input voting too, to keep us informed of plans. This really had been great, and I'm proud to be a Tosa resident and am excited for this new remodel!
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Jul 02, 2026, 10:47 AM	1					1	
Jul 01, 2026, 05:38 PM	1		1				
Jul 01, 2026, 05:34 PM	1		1				
Jul 01, 2026, 02:45 PM	1					1	
Jul 01, 2026, 12:26 PM	1		1				Could tif money be used for this? If so build new otherwise let the citizens catch up on their finances. All the recent building has not helped our city. Only a drain on our city's infrastructure.
Jul 01, 2026, 12:08 PM	1				1		

Jul 01, 2026, 10:29 AM	1		1				I do occasionally go to the library and I have never had a problem with what is there now. I occasionally early vote and I've never had a problem with that either. I have gone inside to pay my property taxes and I had no problems there. I have assisted with vote counting and they were not problems there either. I do not feel that anything needs to be changed.
Jul 01, 2026, 09:32 AM	1		1				Preserve as is a fine example of mid-century modern municipal architecture and use funds for other public works including street repairs
Jul 01, 2026, 08:57 AM	1						What has been considered relative to increased technology that could impact use of hard cover books? Book drop could be drive up How often are the proposed meeting/video spaces likely to be used? How was it determined that they were needed?
Jul 01, 2026, 07:44 AM	1			1			
Jun 30, 2026, 08:47 PM	1				1		In think this option hits the mark of planning and building for the future of the community while being mindful of costs in the present.
Jun 30, 2026, 08:28 PM	1				1		
Jun 30, 2026, 04:39 PM	1					1	
Jun 30, 2026, 04:04 PM	1			1			I'm excited to see these updates to City Hall and Library and the sustainable features! I think it would be great to keep as much of the original building and character as possible within these upgrades.
Jun 30, 2026, 03:52 PM	1		1				The library is nice the way it is. The cost of renovations is ridiculous.
Jun 30, 2026, 03:46 PM	1				1		
Jun 30, 2026, 03:14 PM		1				1	The library is always packed with patrons (especially in the children's room) and there often isn't enough room for everyone. Folks end up leaving early because other families are taking up the play area, and people are often unable to attend the Story Time and Rhyme Time programming because the room gets too full and there is literally no room left for anyone else to sit on the floor. Creating a space to accommodate the current needs and growing families would be incredible for the community. The children's library summer programs draw hundreds of people, so an outdoor space would be great to accommodate everyone in a comfortable setting.

Jun 30, 2026, 02:02 PM	1			1			Option 2 seems to include everything options 3&4 have, except for the hold lockers and it has the most overall square footage and keeps the historical parts of the building intact and at a more reasonable cost. One question - with all of these options, will there be any access to the library during construction?
Jun 30, 2026, 01:53 PM	1					1	Cost always plays an important part in renovations but I think the additional library rooms and functions are very important for families & the elderly population which is increasing.
Jun 30, 2026, 12:18 PM	1					1	
Jun 30, 2026, 12:14 PM	1						I don't want to pay for any of this. And for 20 years?!?! Why is the government always against the people – except to take our money for stuff we don't want? Less than 2% of Tosa residents use the library...but you are demanding money from 100% of Tosa residents. Explain how the 100% need to pay for the 1.5% please and why you think this is a reasonable money grab from the 100% for the 1.5% FOR 20 YEARS.
Jun 30, 2026, 11:34 AM	1				1		
Jun 30, 2026, 11:32 AM	1					1	
Jun 30, 2026, 11:16 AM		1			1		I consider myself a Tosa Resident by Default. I was born in Wauwatosa in 1963. We lived on 103rd between Bluemound and Wisconsin. My grandparents had a home on 11th Street, now 65th and Meineke and my father was born in Wauwatosa in 1923. I currently live on 87th and Center Street, Tosa is across the street! (I am a retired MPS teacher and when I bought my home in 2001 I MPS had a residency requirement... so I got myself as close to Tosa as I could. As a child, every Monday my father would take my siblings and I to the Library and then to Baskin-Robbins for ice cream. I continue to use the Wauwatosa Library as my home library and feel deeply connected to the space. I would love to see the Library expand and think it is ready for an update and more community spaces and a Makers Space would be wonderful additions. My one thought for consideration is since there are discussions regarding closing several schools, including Longfellow, what about adapting and/or expanding these spaces. Could this option have some cost savings? I am excited to see what happens and will continue to follow the process. Jo St. Clair 8714 W. Center St.

Jun 30, 2026, 10:40 AM	1				1	
Jun 30, 2026, 10:22 AM	1				1	
Jun 30, 2026, 09:57 AM	1			1		The library is one of the most important community assets. I am in favor of the most energy efficient system.
Jun 30, 2026, 09:17 AM	1				1	
Jun 30, 2026, 07:56 AM	1				1	The Wauwatosa Library has been a fixture in our lives as residents over the past 15 years. The Library is the city service I use the most. It is incredibly outdated compared to other libraries in the region. The tall shelves are not only impractical - I cannot reach the tall shelves without standing on a step stool, but are also unwelcoming. They create areas that a patron or staff member cannot see. In an active public building, this does not create a safe and welcoming environment. I support a modern, new library for the city. As a resident, I rarely visit city hall. I watch the meetings online, pay my bills online, or use the drop box outside. I think the city hall space can be a remodeled space. I know that many residents are concerned about taxes, and I think about that too. But we should not put off needed investment in community spaces like the library because the school district keeps going out for referendums.
Jun 30, 2026, 07:07 AM	1			1		
Jun 30, 2026, 07:04 AM	1			1		While I prefer Option 2, I am okay with all options except Option 1. "Potential to be net zero" is not enough. We need guaranteed net zero going into this future of change. The less we can rely on fossil fuels, the better. Also, I love the idea of solar panel parking structures to keep the cars cool and generate energy! (Additionally, entirely replacing the existing structure like in Option 4 seems unnecessary and wasteful)
Jun 30, 2026, 05:55 AM	1			1		
Jun 30, 2026, 05:55 AM	1			1		I like makers space idea
Jun 29, 2026, 11:57 PM	1		1			Option 1 is even too expensive, and I think that there should be an option to do nothing. I think that for less than half of the cost of option 1, a reasonable amount of maintenance can be done.
Jun 29, 2026, 11:46 PM	1		1			I believe that you can and should reduce the cost of the updates to less than \$20 million.
Jun 29, 2026, 07:40 PM	1				1	

Jun 29, 2026, 07:37 PM	1			1			We are in favor of remodeling as it will give us the space we need and keep the costs lower than option 3 or 4. Option 2 will give us the space we need to meet the needs that have been laid out.
Jun 29, 2026, 07:37 PM	1					1	We are well into the 21st century. It's time to have a civic center that is equipped for the age we live in. Both the library and city hall deserve to be as up to date as possible so the services reflected in these spaces are as up to date as possible for the benefit of the residents.
Jun 29, 2026, 06:26 PM	1					1	
Jun 29, 2026, 05:43 PM	1					1	let's make this a lasting community center!
Jun 29, 2026, 05:39 PM	1		1				If something has to be done, option 1 may be the best one. The taxpayers of the city cannot afford even option one.
Jun 29, 2026, 05:32 PM	1		1				What's wrong with the current building? It is functional and cost efficient. Solar panels? Absolutely not. My neighbor had solar panels on roof and replaced them. . .not cost efficient in our climate. Update internal workings, add new windows/carpeting, and give it a good cleaning. Good enough!
Jun 29, 2026, 04:02 PM	1					1	Is love to see some community fine arts facilities incorporated. Something the schools and the community can utilize for music performances eg a home for the all city strings, or the school band festivals, etc as well as rain out location for some of the outdoor venues like Hart Park bandshell, and even bookable for private shows/events like dance schools and the like...
Jun 29, 2026, 03:39 PM	1		1				I believe that we need to keep spending to a minimum. With the economy being as uncertain as it is we need to. Many people are having a difficult time just with the cost of living-food, medical & utilities. Another increase in property taxes would be over the top, this is the third significant increase in three years. I would like to see repairs being made now and rebuild when the world is more stable. It appears that there is no hurry to rebuild.
Jun 29, 2026, 03:34 PM	1			1			
Jun 29, 2026, 03:26 PM	1			1			We are a small city, and residents are suffering from a bad economy triggered by bad policy decisions by national and state politicians. I am willing to pay an extra \$17 per month but honestly, \$100 million investment? Consider the world we live in, please.
Jun 29, 2026, 02:44 PM	1		1				
Jun 29, 2026, 02:34 PM	1					1	half measures are just kicking the can down the road, and our library serves everyone!

							With the economic conditions currently prevailing, increases in property taxes yet again are not welcome. People are intent on providing for their families, putting food on the table and keeping a roof over their heads. There is no need for a completely new library or city hall. The current buildings surely continue to be of value. Therefore, updating those buildings is the most reasonable of the four options.
Jun 29, 2026, 02:12 PM	1		1				
Jun 29, 2026, 02:08 PM	1		1				
Jun 29, 2026, 01:22 PM	1				1		Libraries are community connectors!
Jun 29, 2026, 01:07 PM	1				1		
Jun 29, 2026, 01:05 PM	1		1				No extravagance needed please.

						Dear Alders The Wauwatosa Joint Housing Coalition challenges the City leadership to consider inclusion of affordable or mixed market rate/affordable housing into plans for a new City Hall/Library complex before making a final decision. This model has been very successful in the city of Milwaukee and for the North Shore Library in Bayside as a way to save tax dollars while getting up-to-date public facilities and increased affordable and/or market rate housing. The Comprehensive Plan clearly outlines that as a landlocked city Wauwatosa needs to increase housing density on available land. That is especially applicable to land owned by the City. The Housing Study documents the need for affordable and accessible housing. The primacy of this particular site to include multi-family affordable housing for seniors, persons with disabilities, and families cannot be overstated. It is walkable to the Village, East Town and Mid-Town business districts, it sits on significant transportation corridors, and is close to schools and services. Proposed Options 3 and 4 include partial or full new building construction. Yet both options maintain the status quo with a 2-story building and a large parking lot. Not only would a higher density development show that the City is committed to its goal to create more housing, including affordable housing, but a land sale or joint public/private partnership would reduce the costs of new construction, create an additional tax revenue stream, and give us the most up-to-date public spaces possible. This is a large and important project that will impact Wauwatosa for generations to come. Why not take the time to explore an option of working with a developer to incorporate
Jun 29, 2026, 12:41 PM	1					I would be happy with either options 2 or 3. The timeline and ADA improvements of option 3 are attractive, but the lower cost of option 2 is a big plus.
Jun 29, 2026, 12:03 PM	1				1	While I realize that both the library and city hall are very outdated, both mechanically and in design, there is a limit as to what the Wauwatosa home owner/tax payer can bear. To me, option 3 gives the best value overall.
Jun 29, 2026, 11:47 AM	1				1	
Jun 29, 2026, 11:29 AM	1				1	

Jun 29, 2026, 11:23 AM	1		1				
Jun 29, 2026, 10:36 AM	1		1				Being a Senior in Wauwatosa, I can appreciate improving our wonderful city. But at what cost to residents? You're taxing me and fellow Seniors out of the city; we are on a fixed income. I did a remodel on my house last year to improve it, and my taxes almost doubled. You're pushing me out of Tosa!
Jun 29, 2026, 09:55 AM	1		1				
Jun 29, 2026, 08:54 AM	1			1			For any of the plans that have the entry with seating, make the seating area north-facing. It is uncomfortable to sit and read or work in front of large south-facing windows, even with shades.
Jun 29, 2026, 07:54 AM	1		1				
Jun 29, 2026, 07:31 AM	1				1		
Jun 29, 2026, 06:18 AM	1						NONE. \$10, \$20, \$30 a month FOR 20 YEARS?!?!?!? Are you people out of your minds?!?!? STOP THE SPENDING!!!!!!!!!! Less than 1.5% of people ACTUALLY USE THE LIBRARY but you want to tax ALL OF US \$25/month for 20 years !!!!! What is wrong with you ?!?!?! If you need to do this SO BADLY, the 1.5% of people who use it should pay extra. Then let's see how far you get. You are taxing us to death!!!!!! Stop the taxing INCREASES, GET YOUR SPENDING UNDER CONTROL. No to any of these options. Raze the buildings.
Jun 29, 2026, 12:22 AM	1					1	
Jun 28, 2026, 10:12 PM						1	
Jun 28, 2026, 09:28 PM	1					1	
Jun 28, 2026, 08:56 PM	1					1	
Jun 28, 2026, 08:50 PM	1				1		
Jun 28, 2026, 08:11 PM	1			1			
Jun 28, 2026, 07:06 PM	1				1		
Jun 28, 2026, 07:06 PM	1				1		
Jun 28, 2026, 06:33 PM	1		1				

Jun 28, 2026, 06:03 PM	1				1		
Jun 28, 2026, 05:41 PM	1		1				I don't believe this survey will be considered in the actual results. I believe this survey is simply a good will gesture to try to alleviate the general taxpayers consensus
Jun 28, 2026, 05:18 PM	1				1		
Jun 28, 2026, 04:58 PM	1				1		
Jun 28, 2026, 04:28 PM	1					1	
Jun 28, 2026, 03:59 PM	1					1	
Jun 28, 2026, 03:20 PM	1		1				I see no need to spend millions yo replace the building or add facilities. The city hall is underutilized as is. I understand that the buildings must be maintained but this should be done at the lowest possible cost. And - I hope you get better contractors than those used for the Hart Park renovation. The work done at Hart Park is substandard with roof problems right after work completed, paint is splattered in spots, trim edges don't match, etc.
Jun 28, 2026, 03:14 PM	1				1		Libraries are important to the growth and well being of a populace. A renovation would be satisfactory but maybe a whole new building would serve our community better.
Jun 28, 2026, 01:41 PM	1		1				My concern is mostly my high taxes and the enormous increase in the past two years. As far as the bldg renovations please take into account that the elderly make great use of the library. However most people my age and even 10-20 years younger are not that computer savvy. As the demographics change I see no reason in investing large amounts in library expansion. I use kindle and Libby but my friends don't. Thank you from an elderly but computer savvy senior
Jun 28, 2026, 12:29 PM		1	1				
Jun 28, 2026, 12:02 PM	1			1			
Jun 28, 2026, 11:51 AM	1		1				I love our existing library and use it on a regular basis, but at this time, I can't support the high costs of Options 2-4. Unless you can find a billionaire patron willing to pay for a remodel, please stick with Option 1.
Jun 28, 2026, 10:25 AM			1				
Jun 28, 2026, 07:44 AM	1				1		
Jun 28, 2026, 07:21 AM	1		1				The layout as it is is fine. Only do what needs to be done. The taxpayer is already overburdened.

Jun 27, 2026, 10:19 PM	1				1		I think I like option 3 best, with option 2 second, 4 third, then 1 last. I don't mind the costs, none of them are that onerous for us. I really value the library and want a good working space for our City staff. I kind of like the quirkiness of the building as it is (particularly the little sunny rotunda on the northeast corner). Option 4 seems pretty stark (although I like the revised entry plazas). And it seems wasteful not to preserve the "bones" of the current buildings if possible. I also like that construction time on option 3 is less than 2 or 4. What I love best is that options 2-4 are Net Zero, and even 1 is close and has great sustainability features. Please keep this in the final project!
Jun 27, 2026, 09:03 PM	1		1				Our taxes do not need to be raised any further. I selected Option 1 because there is no option to do nothing. There should be money in the annual budget for maintenance and upkeep. The taxpayers should not be punished for the Council's poor fiscal management.
Jun 27, 2026, 08:22 PM	1		1				
Jun 27, 2026, 08:15 PM	1		1				
Jun 27, 2026, 05:00 PM	1					1	
Jun 27, 2026, 12:45 PM	1				1		
Jun 27, 2026, 10:48 AM	1				1		
Jun 27, 2026, 10:36 AM	1					1	What we really need is a dedicated senior center like Wilson Park. It is an amazing senior center! Craft rooms, kilns, library, weaving looms, pool tables, gathering areas, etc. It is a stellar facility. I encourage this be included in this renovation. Another location idea for a state of the art senior center would be in the Research Park. There is currently much renovation proposed there and this would be a good place for a new senior center with a multitude of facilities.
Jun 27, 2026, 10:33 AM	1			1			Can we please get the softball field replaced at Hart Park before we consider spending this kind of money on a library?
Jun 27, 2026, 09:59 AM	1						None of the above!!! None of this is needed or "required". We've already absorbed too much of tax increases and can't afford any of this, especially when it's not needed. Stop spending all this money.
Jun 27, 2026, 09:59 AM	1						Please fix the roads. The library is fine. Watertown Plank by the hospital is terrible and is damaging our cars. A roadway to a hospital should be kept up.
Jun 27, 2026, 09:57 AM	1		1				
Jun 27, 2026, 09:37 AM	1			1			
Jun 27, 2026, 08:24 AM	1				1		

Jun 27, 2026, 08:04 AM	1				1		We need to invest our library for the future!
Jun 27, 2026, 07:54 AM	1						Please include plenty of quiet study/work rooms. When I go to library now, they are nearly always full.
Jun 27, 2026, 07:25 AM	1					1	The more we can do not to invest in the future, the better!
Jun 26, 2026, 10:37 PM	1					1	I am in support of option 3 or 4. Thinking long-term, option 4 makes the most fiscal sense while providing structural sustainability into the future.
Jun 26, 2026, 09:27 PM	1				1		Seems like the most logical option, thoughtful use of tax dollars and much needed modernization. Also appreciate the prompt timeline for option 3.
Jun 26, 2026, 08:58 PM	1				1		I like the central entrance and commons area. The exterior view looks great. Plus I like that part of the original building and history remains.
Jun 26, 2026, 08:42 PM	1					1	
Jun 26, 2026, 08:08 PM	1						We can't afford to raise taxes any higher. My tax bill skyrocketed this year. Wauwatosa has to live with in its means Pay off our debt and wait until we have a new source of income to pay for this project.
Jun 26, 2026, 07:53 PM	1		1				Why not an option to leave as is?
Jun 26, 2026, 07:12 PM	1						None. This is completely fiscally irresponsible on all levels. You have a responsibility to your residents to be mindful and good stewards of taxpayer money. You have failed on all accounts.
Jun 26, 2026, 06:47 PM	1						I oppose all options. These proposals are fiscally irresponsible and unnecessary. They do reflect any prudent stewardship of taxpayer resources by the Government of Wauwatosa.
Jun 26, 2026, 06:43 PM	1		1				Stop spending all of our money, you said this wouldn't raise taxes
Jun 26, 2026, 06:13 PM	1		1				Love our library and City Hall. Mid-century modern and let's keep it that way. But let's do the mechanical and other updates that are needed.
Jun 26, 2026, 06:12 PM	1				1		
Jun 26, 2026, 05:15 PM	1			1			
Jun 26, 2026, 05:11 PM	1					1	
Jun 26, 2026, 05:00 PM	1		1				As a frequent user of the library (city hall only for taxes), I find nothing wrong with the current facilities. The library building and city hall get the job done; using the library website and picking up and returning requested books is easy and fast. The condition of both don't seem to have a negative effect on the buying and selling of homes in Tosa! We don't need another tax increase to "keep up with the Jones"
Jun 26, 2026, 04:59 PM	1			1			I'm torn between 2 and 3. Don't see the need to switch the 2 areas. We're already spending on the school system. The rendering for 2 looks great.

Jun 26, 2026, 04:05 PM	1				1		
Jun 26, 2026, 04:01 PM	1			1			
Jun 26, 2026, 04:01 PM	1		1				
Jun 26, 2026, 03:13 PM						1	Could you please include a space for a small coffee shop/cafe? Like a Barnes & Nobles concept where you can go read, check things out and get a beverage while you are there?
Jun 26, 2026, 03:07 PM	1						That's another \$100+ dollars minimum per year and will only go up as house values go up making our taxes ridiculous. The revaluations were so poorly and unfairly done this year , how can you expect any resident to appr this plan?
Jun 26, 2026, 02:46 PM	1			1			
Jun 26, 2026, 02:42 PM	1						NONE!!!!!! I never thought I was putting money into my retirement account so I could give it to the city!!!!!! Live within your means!!!!!! THE REST OF US HAVE TO!!!!!!
Jun 26, 2026, 01:59 PM	1		1				All other options are unnecessary. We have a beautiful library as is.
Jun 26, 2026, 01:59 PM	1				1		
Jun 26, 2026, 01:55 PM	1		1				Handle the required repairs with less tax burden
Jun 26, 2026, 01:32 PM	1		1				Due to the high cost of living and Wauwatosa turning into a tax and referendum hell, I feel option 1 will suffice.
Jun 26, 2026, 01:25 PM	1				1		
Jun 26, 2026, 01:02 PM	1		1				While I am an avid library patron, a large majority of the public is not ready to fund something not deemed essential after a large hike in taxes. I would like these proposals to come back around in maybe five years when hopefully the economy is more stable and we can have more buy in for larger improvements to the city hall and the library.
Jun 26, 2026, 12:48 PM	1		1				
Jun 26, 2026, 12:09 PM	1						I vote for Option #5 which is to do nothing. I work extremely hard for my \$ and I don't appreciate the city spending it on my behalf. My property taxes increased by \$1,000 in 2025. I'm considering selling my house and leaving Wauwatosa. Please fix critical infrastructure projects first. This is not a critical infrastructure project.
Jun 26, 2026, 11:58 AM	1					1	
Jun 26, 2026, 11:44 AM	1		1				
Jun 26, 2026, 11:38 AM	1			1			
Jun 26, 2026, 11:29 AM	1				1		

Jun 26, 2026, 11:24 AM	1				1		
Jun 26, 2026, 11:20 AM	1					1	I'm an active library user so I'm happy to see any improvements, and I support whatever the town thinks is best with a better understanding of the costs and logistics, but I'd love to see a new building to support the community so options 3 and 4 are my preference
Jun 26, 2026, 10:54 AM	1		1				It takes tremendous gall and navel gazing to suggest a multi million dollar upgrade to a government building on the heels of the largest tax increase in one year that most Tosa residents have ever experienced. Fix what needs to be fixed and leave the luxury for more prosperous times =Option 5. Your current offices are fine.
Jun 26, 2026, 10:41 AM			1				Do nothing m I re tha necessary maintenance.
Jun 26, 2026, 10:40 AM	1		1				For next 4 to 5 years, against infrastructure changes except to integrate technology-driven efficiency.
Jun 26, 2026, 10:39 AM	1		1				Highly unnecessary. These are mostly wants, not needs. Taxes are too high already. Settle down.
Jun 26, 2026, 10:28 AM	1		1				
Jun 26, 2026, 10:19 AM	1				1		
Jun 26, 2026, 10:11 AM	1			1			This option provides the much needed updates and renovations to bring us forward to continue to serve this community and to keep the cost to residents from skyrocketing. I find the commitment to net zero incredibly important. The library is a hub for ALL who live in Tosa and for our neighbors outside of the city limits. It is so important to the community; I'm thrilled we are not short sighted about the true necessity of its existence for many folks. I hope you have taken into account that this parking lot is used by many families for school pick up from Longfellow. The traffic is real at that time of day. Is there any plan to redesign the corner of 76th and North? It is soooo dangerous for bikers and pedestrians. I realize that this comment isn't directly about the building renovations but it is vital to the safety of the community as they come and go from City Hall and the library. There are lots of seniors who use these facilities and at times the parking lot is not so safe. Thanks!
Jun 26, 2026, 10:01 AM	1				1		Duration of project with new construction for the library is appealing. Wauwatosa residents know it is expensive and time consuming to remodel an existing space. This approach seems like a hybrid plan with a shorter duration for construction than 2 and 4.
Jun 26, 2026, 09:49 AM	1						What is the reasoning for switching library and City Hall spaces? Why does the library need more space? What happens to the library during construction? What is the benefit of a new building vs remodeling current building?

Jun 26, 2026, 09:49 AM	1		1				
							Option 1 does not go far enough with updates Options 3 and 4 border on extravagant “improvements” and an unreasonable burden to taxpayers
Jun 26, 2026, 09:48 AM	1			1			Option 2 by default is a reasonable compromise, but still needs a hard look at it’s expense
Jun 26, 2026, 09:45 AM	1			1			Cost and outcomes from the remodel from the Option 2 construction plan seem the most logical. I hope you are making this survey avail to Wauwatosa youth/students as well, since they use the space just as much/more than adults.
							I'm highly in favor of the renovation of the library due to its high usage and value to the community at large. I'm alos in favor of updating both facilities to provide for energy efficiency. However, with so many needs for our tax dollars in the community and with overall costs increasing on just about everything in our country, it is hard to justify extra costs for anything above and beyond those items that are strictly necessary for the updates to city hall.
Jun 26, 2026, 09:44 AM	1			1			
Jun 26, 2026, 09:36 AM	1		1				Soebd wisely
Jun 26, 2026, 09:29 AM	1		1				
Jun 26, 2026, 09:28 AM	1					1	
Jun 26, 2026, 09:16 AM	1					1	
Jun 26, 2026, 09:14 AM	1		1				Save as much of my money as possible.
Jun 26, 2026, 08:40 AM	1					1	We need more accessible third spaces!
Jun 26, 2026, 08:33 AM	1				1		2,3 and 4 all seem like good options but option 3 seems like the best middle of the road. New spaces and designs but not as expensive as a totally new building.
Jun 26, 2026, 08:23 AM	1				1		
Jun 26, 2026, 06:30 AM	1			1			
Jun 26, 2026, 05:52 AM	1				1		
Jun 26, 2026, 01:25 AM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 11:22 PM	1					1	
							1or2. Option one because the timeline is shorter and less cost for the tax payer but option 2 is okay too. The library should stay on the east end of the bldg for better natural light. More space for windows. Just a prettier spot.
Jun 25, 2026, 10:38 PM	1		1				
Jun 25, 2026, 10:33 PM	1				1		
Jun 25, 2026, 10:10 PM	1					1	

Jun 25, 2026, 09:26 PM	1		1				
Jun 25, 2026, 09:24 PM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 09:21 PM	1			1			There is a need to update city hall and the library. I think it completely unnecessary to spend more than 550.00 GSF. As a retired member of our community, I will be priced out of this community unless our city leadership make better and more sensible and financially responsible decisions. I think 550.00 is even too high, but more than new windows and mechanicals are needed. The leadership in this city needs to start listening to and hearing the community rather than ignoring us
Jun 25, 2026, 09:17 PM	1			1			
Jun 25, 2026, 09:14 PM	1			1			
Jun 25, 2026, 09:06 PM	1		1				I choose no option. I never use the library. Stop raising our taxes.
Jun 25, 2026, 09:00 PM	1		1				
Jun 25, 2026, 08:44 PM	1		1				It's great the library is widely utilized. That's what it's there for. I'm curious how common it is to have the current conference/meeting rooms completely booked? Or if they aren't booked, are there limitations that, on a smaller scale (i.e., knocking down a single wall to create one bigger space?) prohibit them from being used? There seem to be a number of things that could be implemented on a smaller scale - including financially smaller - that could improve the spaces. Why can those not be split into transparent costs, as well as priority (i.e., 'absolutely necessary versus 'nice to have') and have residents vote on those? I also question whether non-resident visitors should be weighing in since their taxes are not impacted so they have no skin in the game. I wouldn't expect my opinion to be considered on Brookfield or Pewaukee's libraries or city halls.
Jun 25, 2026, 08:39 PM	1			1			I agree that we should invest in the required updates for City Hall and the Library, and both could use a refresh with improved space, but I don't feel full remodels are necessary nor fiscally responsible. Option 2 is my preference.
Jun 25, 2026, 08:30 PM	1		1				
Jun 25, 2026, 08:30 PM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 08:04 PM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 07:57 PM	1					1	

							As a current architecture student, I feel that we need to do more than just replace what is necessary. Constructing a completely new city hall and library is very unreasonable considering that the structure itself is in good condition and that contract is looking to be net zero. Option two is best to work with what is existing and to limit carbon and budget impact.
Jun 25, 2026, 07:50 PM	1			1			
Jun 25, 2026, 07:36 PM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 07:32 PM	1				1		
Jun 25, 2026, 07:31 PM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 06:54 PM	1					1	
							Any library is a crucial community resource which should reflect the value of its citizens. We as residents should prioritize a higher quality, larger space which will stand out in the Greater Milwaukee area. Supporting project option 3 or 4 will allow greater community use across a wider range of ages and reflect the values that Tosans put on education and inclusion, in addition to being a boost to civic pride and likely desirability of our City.
Jun 25, 2026, 06:48 PM	1				1		
							We are being taxed and fee'd to death. It is becoming very difficult to continue to live in the city. We're currently have a functional building that just needs to be updated. We oppose options 2,3 and 4.
Jun 25, 2026, 06:30 PM	1		1				
							We need the board to find ways to reduce taxes. We pay more country sales tax and property taxes have increased. And because of our zip, sometimes we get charged the city tax rate for various things. At the meetings make a point of telling us your efforts to reduce our taxes. If you have nothing along those lines, there's a problem. Not trying to be critical. I like option 4 for a up an coming community like wauwatosa but you got to make a real effort to not "tax and spend". I know people who've moved because of this.
Jun 25, 2026, 05:40 PM	1					1	

							Our family actively utilizes the library and I belong to a couple groups that utilize meeting/conference rooms quite often. I see the value in renovating it and keeping it relevant. I don't see the need for an ampitheater / outdoor programming in a Wisconsin climate - focusing on renovations that support year-round programming make more sense. There's also a LOT of other competing family programming going on in Tosa for the summer, so it just seems extraneous. Option 4 is unclear as to why city hall needs to be 2 stories and it looks like the library / public use section actually decreases, so definitely don't want that. It's going to be hard to justify costs for pretty much anything right now with school referendums and property taxes going up and up - if the committee can focus on "hey you, resident, this is how YOU personally will benefit from this" that is going to go a long way. Love the net zero goals. In a perfect world, I would vote for net zero goals, updating the systems that make the building run, making some things nicer but then focusing the majority of funding into paying staff and making programming extensive impactful and abundant.
Jun 25, 2026, 04:32 PM	1			1			
Jun 25, 2026, 04:24 PM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 03:34 PM	1		1				Taxes are out of control.
Jun 25, 2026, 03:29 PM	1			1			
Jun 25, 2026, 03:24 PM	1				1		
Jun 25, 2026, 02:28 PM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 02:26 PM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 02:24 PM	1				1		Please consider ranked voting! Thank you for all your time and effort into this exciting remodel. This is an exciting new chapter for Tosa, and I'm looking forward to seeing the final project!
Jun 25, 2026, 02:21 PM	1				1		
Jun 25, 2026, 02:20 PM	1				1		
Jun 25, 2026, 02:20 PM	1					1	I think there should be ranked voting when the time comes to vote to allow everyone to get one of their top choices, if not their top choice with this huge project. Thanks for all the work that went into this!
Jun 25, 2026, 02:18 PM	1				1		
Jun 25, 2026, 01:40 PM	1		1				WAUWATOSA absolutely does not need the extravagance of the other options; especially the wasted space option 4 has. If you're truly considering the taxpayers, then choose the least financial burden to bear.

Jun 25, 2026, 01:24 PM	1		1			why can't you just leave it as it is! I think it's functioning just fine! more \$\$ to the taxpayers! they already went up \$200+! Ugh...
Jun 25, 2026, 01:17 PM	1		1			There's no need for all these extra amenities that don't get used as often as they should be and there's too much cost to keep them up
Jun 25, 2026, 01:13 PM	1			1		I don't see a need for a dedicated Maker Space — perhaps that function could be built in through the use of storage closets along a general meeting room wall. Also not sure of the value of an outdoor program space, which could generate noise bleed back into the library. I think there should be more extensive shade tree coverage around the existing library to both beautify and dampen sound. Not sure why an expanded lobby would be needed??? I detest two-story-height spaces that amplify sound and seem to be an inefficient use of interior space/energy for heating and cooling.
Jun 25, 2026, 12:42 PM	1			1		
Jun 25, 2026, 12:11 PM	1		1			I think money can be spent elsewhere. Improving road, giving money to the police and fire department
Jun 25, 2026, 12:09 PM	1		1			Given the current tax burden in Wauwatosa (and expected increases in the School District tax levy), the City Hall/library project, if undertaken at all, should be as modest and minimal as possible. While the improvements look nice, the City residents simply cannot afford them at this time.
Jun 25, 2026, 12:00 PM	1		1			I like the library. I hate how my taxes keep going up.
Jun 25, 2026, 11:54 AM	1					I do not believe you need to build a new library / city hall. What we have is fine. We cannot afford all these new taxes. My tax bill went up \$700.00 last year because of the schools. NO MORE TAX INCREASES. Doris Frommell 2629 North 80 Street Wauwatosa, WI 53213 If you need to, please put this proposal to a referendum so all residents can have a voice in this new proposal.
Jun 25, 2026, 11:53 AM		1			1	

						we don't need another large tax increase. By all means, do as much fundraising as you need. But I've seen my taxes go up by thousands of dollars over the past couple of years; they should not go up any further. Right after having another referendum pass, the school board is now looking at another referendum for the high schools. Now you want to do this. I've been to the library: it is cool in the summer and warm in the winter; the bathrooms function; I have no problem finding books or using technology; there are meeting spaces available; I have voted there and have had no issues. The current library staff should be commended for making the current space available work. If it works today, why can't it work tomorrow? If you want to build a new library and a new city hall or make significant upgrades to the current ones, I would suggest you start fundraising now without looking to the taxpayers. Let the visitors who you want to have input from on this issue show their support with their money. We have so many corporations within the city, why not go to them for donations and support? If so many people feel so passionate about it, they should be willing to donate their money to the cause, similar to what happened with Hoyt pool. The most important part of a library or a city hall is not how beautiful the building looks, but the quality of the information found within. I don't care if a bookshelf is made of mahogany or of metal; what I care about is the book itself. I don't care how beautiful a city hall looks; I care about the quality of work that is being done on behalf of our community. If you keep raising taxes the way that they've been going up, you're going to make Wauwatosa an even more unaffordable place to live, especially for younger families and individuals on fixed incomes. I wish there was a fifth option: triage the needs and plan for the repairs overtime within your budget. Did all these repairs magically show up right now? Did you know about them for years and did nothing about them? Be honest with the numbers used to project the
Jun 25, 2026, 11:44 AM	1		1			
Jun 25, 2026, 10:57 AM	1		1			All the other expenses we have, and this is what we feel we need to spend money on? No thank you. We NEED a referendum no this.
Jun 25, 2026, 10:53 AM	1					We aren't interested in doing anything related to this project until the current ongoing referendums are paid for
Jun 25, 2026, 10:44 AM	1		1			

Jun 25, 2026, 10:00 AM	1			1			
Jun 25, 2026, 09:34 AM	1			1			Option 2 brings both facilities up to date and with greater efficiencies while best controlling costs.
Jun 25, 2026, 09:24 AM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 09:06 AM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 09:06 AM	1		1				I actually hate all options. We don't need any of them and we certainly don't need more tax burden.
Jun 25, 2026, 08:30 AM	1					1	
Jun 25, 2026, 08:21 AM	1		1				
Jun 25, 2026, 08:10 AM	1			1			Option 2 looks like the best balance of functionality and improvements with overall cost and time. I'd be concerned with a longer renovation time - of the library is difficult to access for very long, people who currently use the library regularly may lose that habit. Regardless of which option is chosen, in renovating the study and conference rooms, additional sound control would be very nice to have.
Jun 25, 2026, 07:46 AM	1		1				Wauwatosa taxes are already too high. Be responsible and work with what you have. I do not feel we need any kind of renovation, especially for the library. Update the necessary mechanicals and live within your means.
Jun 25, 2026, 07:38 AM	1				1		What is the plan for a library space during the nearly 2 years of construction? Many people and families rely on the programming, computers, books, etc and it would be a huge blow to the community to not have access to those things for 2 years (or even a handful of months at a time). I would only support option 3 if we are still able to have a library to access during construction.
Jun 25, 2026, 06:34 AM	1		1				Our schools need more investment than the library. I'd prefer to see schools updated and funds going to teachers than a building that functions just fine the way it is. Having such engagement with the library means people are happy with its current state.
Jun 25, 2026, 12:09 AM	1				1		Even though it was unclear until viewing the photos, that a NEW library would be built with this option (in other words the "What will this include?" section does not clearly explain this, I do think it is the best of both worlds and a bit less expensive than a total replacement of both buildings.

Jun 24, 2026, 11:23 PM			1				I am not in favor of anything that will increase my taxes. However I realize that some updates are necessary due to age and infrastructure of the buildings. If work had to be done, I would be in favor of option 1. It would have the least impact on my taxes. I hope you realize that many of us living in Wauwatosa are senior citizens on a limited income. The school referendums have increased our taxes significantly. Now you want to spend millions on this project. Is this the way you plan to have many seniors leave the city? So my answer is if work has to be done, I would only favor OPTION 1
Jun 24, 2026, 10:12 PM	1		1				Real estate taxes are becoming unbearable in Wauwatosa. There are other more pressing capital needs in the community like road maintenance and higher and better uses of tax dollars like public safety.
Jun 24, 2026, 10:07 PM	1					1	I'm opposed to option 1. And when looking at the cost differences between 2, 3 and 4, I vote for 4 as it's roughly a \$10 difference per month per tax payer for 2 new facilities that will keep us at the top of the stats for offerings for the state.
Jun 24, 2026, 09:53 PM	1				1		
Jun 24, 2026, 09:50 PM	1				1		Tax impact wise Option 3 and 4 are not that different so it may be worth it to just do Option 4.
Jun 24, 2026, 09:29 PM	1		1				I believe as a resident that has had to shift bills around with an increase in taxes due to school referendum that as a city we need to be fiscally responsible
Jun 24, 2026, 09:28 PM	1		1				Most residents are dealing with a significant tax increase from the last school referendum and assessments. This would seem more reasonable if we weren't burdened by the unanticipated assessment impact one year after the 2nd school referendum. The school district made a political decision to get the last referendum out before assessments were updated, residents voted with that data instead of the realities the assessments were bringing. The majority should be paid by donations and special assessments on new multi family developments.
Jun 24, 2026, 09:09 PM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 09:06 PM	1				1		It's important that we think long-term with this decision. Option 1 doesn't address the most significant challenges we're trying to solve. Both Options 2 and 3 are strong, but Option 3 gives us the opportunity to truly transform our city from planning and library services to community resources and events. Option 4 feels a bit more ambitious than what fits Wauwatosa's character and needs.

Jun 24, 2026, 08:55 PM	1				1	If we are going to change it, go big. Do not do option 2. I don't think it will provide significant benefit despite significant cost. Either do option 1 if affordability is a concern, or go for option 3 or 4.
Jun 24, 2026, 08:50 PM	1		1			I prefer improvements that are functional maintenance and not superfluous. My taxes went up by 27% and I got dinged for sidewalks for another \$450. School fees and referendums on top of that. Every time I go to the library it's fine for me. Leave it alone
Jun 24, 2026, 08:50 PM	1		1			
Jun 24, 2026, 08:47 PM	1		1			We cannot pay more in taxes. The schools have already taken too much and want more. Just do the minimum updates.
Jun 24, 2026, 08:33 PM	1			1		
Jun 24, 2026, 08:32 PM	1			1		
Jun 24, 2026, 08:29 PM	1			1		
Jun 24, 2026, 08:27 PM	1				1	
Jun 24, 2026, 07:47 PM	1		1			Quit spending money- you're forcing seniors out of their homes- get a handle on the school budget and find the missing \$
Jun 24, 2026, 07:23 PM			1			The 2025 City property tax increase already has significant impact on all residents. Between city hall / remodel, the never ending school remodel referendums and other costs of living increasing is causing long term Wauwatosa residents to consider moving elsewhere as well as higher tax rates cause hesitation of people looking to move into the city.
Jun 24, 2026, 07:22 PM	1				1	
Jun 24, 2026, 07:06 PM	1			1		Looks good Has needed improvements Not too costly
Jun 24, 2026, 06:59 PM	1		1			All of the renderings are ugly modern box buildings that are 3 years away from looking dated. The current building has character and means a lot to our community. Stripping that away with another cookie cutter ugly box will be another chip away at what makes Wauwatosa so special. Not to mention the saved cost and renewable energy benefits with option 1.
Jun 24, 2026, 06:49 PM	1			1		
Jun 24, 2026, 06:40 PM	1		1			The School Referrendum increased our taxes too much already as it is. Just fix what needs to be fixed or find some other way to fund higher cost renovations by reducing taxes in other areas or gaining private donor funds.

Jun 24, 2026, 06:39 PM	1		1				I've supported major investment for schools but cannot bring myself to support any major spending to remake city hall or the library. Those structures are totally acceptable as they are.
Jun 24, 2026, 06:35 PM	1					1	Just blow it out of the water. Why only option #4? Where is option #28? I want to see no-holds-barred gazillion dollar update. Why stop at necessary repairs? Why budget for fiscal responsibility and upgrades when you can just go 1000% beyond what's necessary? Upgrade everything and repair nothing. That apparently is the new model. Tax impact is low but go ahead and just keep adding stuff. Why stop here?
Jun 24, 2026, 06:25 PM	1			1			The city has done more than enough unnecessary tearing down and building new and at great tax payer expense; Demond Means and his school board. Tearing down what little parking that was in the village to put up more apt while the building of even bigger/more apt are one block away!! The Village is congested, 76th street is congested, Harmonie Bridge is congested...30-45 min from Froedtert to 71st North. I've lost total faith in this city, it's common council, it's school system. And the City will do as it pleases regardless of residents input.
Jun 24, 2026, 06:14 PM	1				1		I don't believe the city hall needs a brand new building. For 95million dollars you should be able to do what needs to be done. The library is a larger need and use by the city and its people. Option 3 seems best of both worlds while saving "some" money
Jun 24, 2026, 06:12 PM	1		1				Fix what needs to be fixed and stop there
Jun 24, 2026, 06:07 PM	1				1		I think it strikes the right balance between cost and utility. We can't be a leader in this space without modernizing, and it will benefit our community for years to come. If we don't do it now, we'll wish we did in 10 years as costs continue to rise and our options get limited.

							We are not an expanding population community. We do not need to expand for others outside the area to come to use our space. We are retired on fixed income. We do not need more taxes. Also, we do not need solar panels cluttering the view. It is becoming challenging to live in tosa these days. Taxes out the wazoo, for everything. The school district needs to assume before and after school space so students don't use the public spaces, after school hours. I Personally, feel the current space is sufficient. I do know that there are infrastructure upgrades that are reasonable, but the 2,3,4th options are ridiculous and over the top in terms of spending and space. Not sure how you are going to accommodate cars in those models if you already say there is not enough space, if you put solar panels out there. The cost of those are prohibitive and hail is more common, so where are replacement and repairs cost coming from. Does insurance cover replacement and repairs? I'd have the answer to that before proceeding with them even on option one. I'm not sure who is pushing this, but don't feel that it is a priority currently. Thank you for your attention to these comments that I'm sure are not what you really want to hear. Jill Petryczkiewicz414-451-7845.
Jun 24, 2026, 05:52 PM	1		1				
Jun 24, 2026, 05:50 PM	1		1				The library updates noted in Option 1 are positive updates. The library & City Hall have adequate space.
Jun 24, 2026, 05:49 PM	1		1				
Jun 24, 2026, 05:19 PM	1					1	I am very excited about the solar panels going on and the target for 100% renewable options on options 2-3. I think it's still important to campion renewable energy especially in the current political climate. It's disheartening to see people who don't understand the benefit in the comments below...
Jun 24, 2026, 05:18 PM	1		1				
Jun 24, 2026, 05:10 PM	1		1				
Jun 24, 2026, 04:57 PM	1				1		
Jun 24, 2026, 04:54 PM	1				1		I agree that the library and city hall need an update

Jun 24, 2026, 04:40 PM	1						Do nothing as an option No referendum is telling residents that the common council will be doing what ever they want.
Jun 24, 2026, 04:09 PM	1		1				The library and patrons of which I am one are quite satisfied with the building as is. Understand the need to update but keep it simple and spend the least possible. Our hard earned dollars are best used by the people that earned it. Also, I've never seen a large public construction budget ever come close to estimates. My guess is these figures will be greatly surpassed with the tax payers left having to pay. An expensive building does not improve reading scores, lead to a higher income or reduce crime in the area, as far as my basic research concludes. thanks
Jun 24, 2026, 04:08 PM	1			1			I agree that the library needs to be updated, but I'm opposed to my tax dollars going to upgrade city hall. Enough money has been wasted. Our taxes are way too high!!
Jun 24, 2026, 04:03 PM	1					1	
Jun 24, 2026, 03:59 PM	1		1				Is there an Option 0? As in \$0.
Jun 24, 2026, 03:58 PM	1			1			I agree the library needs a face lift and new mechanicals, however I am also tired of the high real estate taxes on our house. Option 2 gets us where we need to be.
Jun 24, 2026, 03:38 PM	1				1		All concepts seem viable but the reduced construction time for the best viable product seems to be option 3! Very excited to see this development as a regular visitor to the existing facilities.
Jun 24, 2026, 03:29 PM	1					1	
Jun 24, 2026, 03:07 PM	1				1		I would be happy with options 2-4, but I like the timeline for what you get with option 3.
Jun 24, 2026, 03:04 PM	1		1				We need to stop spending money we do not have. Property taxes have increased significantly of late and further increases would be challenging. I would try to find the funding internally by cutting non essential services.
Jun 24, 2026, 02:52 PM	1					1	
Jun 24, 2026, 02:46 PM	1				1		

							In all the years of being Wauwatosa residents(45yrs) we have never experienced long lines or crowded spaces that interfere with our time at the library and city hall. There is always somewhere to sit down quietly. The children's area at times can be busy, but generally never has it been too crowded. Staff and librarians seem available whenever we go there, which can be early morning or Late afternoon. Parking has never been a problem either , even when there is elections and voting. Option 1 is the best option. We don't need anymore increase in our tax burdens . The population of our city is increasing at a rate of .22%. Make the necessary improvements to the infrastructure and accessibility needs . It does not seem the increased circulation has affected our wait times whenever we go there, which is several times a month. We also utilize the self check out too. We have to been to numerous events and speakers in the building as well for adults and children and never experienced any over crowding issues.
Jun 24, 2026, 02:42 PM	1		1				
Jun 24, 2026, 02:41 PM	1					1	
Jun 24, 2026, 02:37 PM	1					1	We have the most used branch library in the Countycat system and take great pride in our library, so let's make it as good as possible. I personally am willing to pay whatever if costs did our community to have the best schools and the best library possible.
Jun 24, 2026, 02:32 PM	1		1				I prefer none of the options. We don't need this. Taxpayers pay enough for school referendums and the schools keep going downhill. About 20% open enrollment kids who don't even live here.
Jun 24, 2026, 01:55 PM	1		1				Sounds reasonable and major work will be done at minimal cost to taxpayers. Haven't we paid enough with the 2024 referendum?
Jun 24, 2026, 01:52 PM	1			1			Remodel and update don't feel need to always replace
Jun 24, 2026, 01:36 PM	1				1		
Jun 24, 2026, 01:35 PM	1		1				While I agree the library needs work, it's hard to imagine asking tax-payers for another tax increase after multiple school referendums since 2018.
Jun 24, 2026, 12:59 PM	1		1				I grew up in tosa and now happily own a home in the city I love. Lots of change and projects going on in tosa. New apartments that are adding construction and congestion to a small city but not alleviating any cost to home owners tax bills. New renovation proposals to school system, on top of the 2024 referendum. 2025 tax bill went over \$1000 on my 1250 sq ft home. Redoing sidewalks unnecessary and making home owners pay. The cost of housing in tosa is skyrocketing along with the property taxes. Hard to keep up with raising costs. The city is becoming more and more for the elite and pricing people out of the area.

Jun 24, 2026, 12:56 PM	1			1			I think that option 2 serves the purpose well. It doesn't have to be a show piece to be efficient.
Jun 24, 2026, 12:45 PM	1						We do not need a new library. I can see updating windows and handicap access, but a new library is a waste of money, time and resources. This rendering looks like it should be for a large city. Wauwatosa's population is 48,000. I totally disagree with option 1 and all options. If we are taxed more, law abiding and concerned neighbors, iike myself, will be leaving town. Clare Mostek
Jun 24, 2026, 12:40 PM	1				1		
Jun 24, 2026, 12:33 PM	1		1				Tax payers are stretched to the max with costs associated in living in Wauwatosa. Multiple school referendums have added to affordability concerns. I regularly use the library and love it! Fix the mechanicals and leave this wonderful building to serve its purpose as it will for many years to come. In addition, it is wrong to spend millions of dollars on a project that is largely unnecessary without putting this proposal to a referendum for tax payers to vote on.
Jun 24, 2026, 12:31 PM	1			1			Use of solar/geothermal for energy most important to me.
Jun 24, 2026, 12:26 PM	1						Our taxes are already outrageous in Wauwatosa. I do not want the City spending more money on these renovations. There must be a cheaper option.
Jun 24, 2026, 12:23 PM	1		1				I'm also fine with option 2.
Jun 24, 2026, 12:12 PM	1					1	I think for the long term, option 4 is the best one. Construction costs are not going to get less expensive, so it should be done as soon as possible before it really gets even more costly.
Jun 24, 2026, 12:00 PM	1					1	
Jun 24, 2026, 11:54 AM	1		1				Taxes are getting so high. It is getting difficult for retirees and lower income families to remain in the city. Please approve the lowest cost option (and only do this if absolutely necessary). I am a frequent library user and find the current structure more than adequate. It does not feel very fair to price out certain residents.
Jun 24, 2026, 11:53 AM	1				1		The Tosa Library is the busiest in the system and is truly a community space.
Jun 24, 2026, 11:51 AM	1			1			Trying to find my alderman? 116th and W. Clarke st ????
Jun 24, 2026, 11:40 AM				1			This covers current and most future needs. Many of the amenities listed in Options 3&4 are available in other parts of the city/schools.
Jun 24, 2026, 11:30 AM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 11:14 AM	1				1		
Jun 24, 2026, 11:11 AM						1	

Jun 24, 2026, 11:10 AM	1		1				You are very busy and doing a great job, spending over \$100 million as outlined in options 3 and 4 will not change anything, other than throw good money away.
Jun 24, 2026, 10:36 AM	1			1			Answers to current problems, add new spaces but a more affordable than options 3and 4
Jun 24, 2026, 10:32 AM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 10:21 AM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 10:20 AM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 10:09 AM	1					1	
Jun 24, 2026, 10:08 AM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 10:00 AM	1		1				We love our library and librarians. Our kids walk there now and use the library often. We'd like to see it stay open and not be closed very long for projects. It would be helpful to see financial benefits of this project to taxpayers. This beautiful proposal feels like it is not addressing the experience of our community when the cost of living is increasing, there are referendums on the schools and taxes are increasing. We should prioritize solving the school buildings first.
Jun 24, 2026, 09:56 AM	1		1				I've lived in Tosa for 26+ years. I love our library and check out books on a regular basis. I haven't been in the city hall in years except for voting. I am a big advocate for improving our city and would love to see the major improvements funded, but to ask the community to pay for it after the huge tax increase this year (mine increased over \$1,000) is just not feasible. Either this ask should be postponed or major outside legacy donations should be explored. This explains why I selected option 1. Thank you!
Jun 24, 2026, 09:55 AM	1		1				In view of City reorganizing and financing area schools ... Financing of proposed project at City Hall should be limited to immediate repairs.
Jun 24, 2026, 09:41 AM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 09:39 AM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 09:27 AM	1		1				I'm pro investing in our community. I've supported all the school referendums and will support future ones. This may be deemed unnecessary though. My taxes went up \$4000 annually with the last assessment. We cannot afford any additional tax hikes. This project seems a bit in appropriate in timing based off the last assessment increases and the general cost of living today. I believe you will encounter more resistance than ever today.

						I understand that public facilities must be maintained, modernized and when necessary, rebuilt to meet the needs of the community. However, I do not support imposing significant tax increases without first allowing residents to weigh in through a referendum. At a time when affordability remains a real challenge for many families, there needs to be a balance between investing in public infrastructure and recognizing the financial impact on taxpayers. As both a parent of a current student and an employee of the school district, I have seen firsthand how residents have supported substantial funding increases with the expectation of improved outcomes and services. While those investments were presented as benefiting students and teachers, the district continues to face difficult budget decisions and recurring staffing reductions. That experience has made me more cautious about large public spending proposals and more interested in ensuring a clear return on investment. Regarding the library, I support providing the community with a modern, functional facility that reflects actual community use and demonstrated need. A high-quality library is an important public asset and I am supportive of thoughtful investment in that space. In contrast, my interactions with City Hall have left me less convinced that a new and significantly more expensive facility would lead to a corresponding improvement in service. While the physical space may require updates, I believe the focus should remain on delivering efficient and responsive service to residents rather than pursuing a larger or more ambitious project than is necessary. For these reasons, I would encourage consideration of a modified proposal of Option #2 (I could even be persuaded to option #3) for the library and Option #1 for City Hall.
Jun 24, 2026, 09:20 AM	1				1	
						I use the library extensively and would truly appreciate it being updated. As far as a new city hall, I feel it's not in that bad of a condition. Also, if the city could please do something about the condition of our street (Hillcrest Drive) between 76th street and 83rd Street that would be much appreciated as well. It's nothing but potholes and gravel. And if the city has time can you please trim up many of the trees along our street? They've gotten out of control.
Jun 24, 2026, 08:46 AM	1				1	
Jun 24, 2026, 08:35 AM	1		1			

Jun 24, 2026, 08:32 AM	1		1				
Jun 24, 2026, 07:46 AM	1		1				The residents of Wauwatosa have been taxed too much over the past 7 years. It's becoming difficult to continue living in a city of such high propert taxes. Option #1 is the least objectionable choice.
Jun 24, 2026, 07:37 AM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 07:34 AM	1				1		
Jun 24, 2026, 07:27 AM	1		1				This entire project is tone deaf and appears to be a want rather than a need. At a time when residents are still reeling from the school district referendum, and are anticipating another within the next three years, you appear completely out of touch. The use of the phrase "tax impact" is offensive. Be transparent - your residents are going to pay for this. And what about all of the recent ARPA updates in the building? Will all of that money go to waste? (Welcome Desk, employee fitness and shower areas, departmental updates and purchases?) Additionally, at a time when long time residents are moving out of the area because of taxes and then to simultaneously run a housing campaign indicates your total lack of internal communication. Long time home owners don't want to move to apartments - they want to stay in their homes and you are driving them out. Do better, Tosa. We don't "need" these new spaces - it appears to be a staff "want".
Jun 24, 2026, 07:20 AM	1				1		
Jun 24, 2026, 07:18 AM	1			1			
Jun 24, 2026, 07:17 AM	1				1		
Jun 24, 2026, 07:13 AM	1				1		
Jun 24, 2026, 07:13 AM	1		1				The library is a lovely functional space, minimizing cost, construction waste, and distrupction is a high priority to me. New construction is a major demand on resources that is not offset by a net zero building. Please minimize the cost (both natural resource and \$\$) to protect our environment, this would be the most sustainable option.
Jun 24, 2026, 06:24 AM	1		1				1. Never saw a project of this size stay within budget constraints. 2. Our family income is not keeping up with inflation. We feel taxed to exhaustion. I would support option 1
Jun 24, 2026, 05:11 AM	1				1		This is a legacy opportunity. The library is such an important community asset.
Jun 23, 2026, 10:50 PM	1			1			It is fiscally responsible, not extravagant. Creative architects can imagine new configurations to meet the needs and desires of the rapidly changing technology and interests of society.

Jun 23, 2026, 10:23 PM	1		1				Very happy with current library. The space allows neighbors to run into each other and allows different generations to interact. Designs with so many segregated spaces will keep people apart instead of bringing them together.
Jun 23, 2026, 10:03 PM	1			1			Planning for the future, we dont know whether books will be the main focus for the library. Perhaps we should augment a school library and use it for public library purposes. And not do any of these options. The options with 2-story atriums are terrible for heating/cooling. The costs of Options 3 and 4 are both incredibly high.
Jun 23, 2026, 10:02 PM	1			1			Option 2 is my preference, as it allows for updates as needed but nothing unnecessary. Option 3 would be my second choice. Personally I feel that option 4 is excessive, and option 1 does almost nothing to improve the supposed problems. Remodeling the existing spaces seems like the correct option to me. That said, I would like to hear more from the librarians as to what they want/need. I worry this is architects giving renderings without actually designing to the needs of the space (as I have seen happen before, especially with school buildings).
Jun 23, 2026, 10:00 PM	1		1				My taxes are already high enough. I don't feel with the increasing amount of rental property being built in the village and other areas my taxes should increase to support something I rarely if ever use.
Jun 23, 2026, 09:58 PM	1				1		3 seems to be best compromise between cost on us taxpayers vs upgrading the space
Jun 23, 2026, 09:53 PM	1		1				Wauwatosa is a landlocked community and taxes are already extremely high. We don't need more expenses, see need fiscal responsibility. The library location only serves east Tosa as a west Tosa resident i feel left out. Every afternoon is full of middle school students waiting for their parents to pick them up, which is an issue. I think tax payers should vote on it. Any thought if moving it west as Mayfair mall has lots of room and parking.
Jun 23, 2026, 09:52 PM	1					1	Looking forward to supporting the effort financially.
Jun 23, 2026, 09:41 PM	1		1				
Jun 23, 2026, 09:32 PM	1			1			I think the sustainability with the solar panels and net zero energy is a good idea and I think this option is a balance. with the solar One thing to consider with the adult changing table is it doesn't work if it's the same height as traditional (child) changing tables unless there's some sort of lift device. It's unreasonable to think that your average adult could lift another adult that may be 150+ to a counter height
Jun 23, 2026, 09:22 PM	1		1				

Jun 23, 2026, 09:04 PM	1		1				We were killed on taxes last year. I prefer you do this as cheaply as possible. Go out and fund raise if you think this is such a great idea. I oppose this.
Jun 23, 2026, 08:34 PM	1					1	Our Library is a community hub - it deserves a much needed renovation! Just a thought... Menomonee Falls Library has a coffee shop inside. This would be amazing for Moms bringing kiddos to the library! Just an idea! Thanks!
Jun 23, 2026, 08:30 PM	1					1	While it is the most costly, I believe it will have the greatest, positive, long-term impact for our residents and community
Jun 23, 2026, 08:25 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 08:22 PM	1				1		Any option except 1. We NEED a better childrens library!!!!
Jun 23, 2026, 08:22 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 08:09 PM	1		1				I am not hearing any concerns about lack of space in these facilities. Whenever I need to use services in these spaces there os plenty of room. Welcome seating not necessary. No needs to hang out in the city hall lobby.
Jun 23, 2026, 08:03 PM	1					1	
Jun 23, 2026, 07:42 PM	1			1			Love our library!
Jun 23, 2026, 07:37 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 07:33 PM	1		1				As much as I would love to have a state-of-the-art library (don't care as much about the same for City Hall), I am very concerned about what's happened with our taxes recently. I understand that the schools and city are different taxing authorities, but they both hit our bottom line. I don't think now, with another school district referendum looming, is the right time to hit residents with another large tax increase. If everything wasn't going on with the schools right now, I would definitely feel differently and would be more likely to support a bigger library/city hall project.
Jun 23, 2026, 07:28 PM	1		1				This is happening right after taxes went up for the schools. I wouldn't mind a nicer library, and would vote for a nicer option if it wasn't so close. Taxes are insane. It could easily push my family out of the little neighborhood we live in and love to find something more affordable unfortunately.
Jun 23, 2026, 07:26 PM	1		1				
Jun 23, 2026, 07:22 PM	1		1				You are killing us with taxes. You are taxing us out of the city. My taxes go up for a third year I will be selling my house

							Option one due to the cost increase. Many residents in Wauwatosa are struggling to make ends meet. Taxes continue to go up for schools and the library. Many people are on fixed incomes and low income in our community. It would be great to have option 4 but adding \$350 in taxes per year for the next 20 years is a lot especially with the new school referendums.
Jun 23, 2026, 07:17 PM	1		1				Option 1 would keep the building open and still provide services and is the most affordable.
Jun 23, 2026, 06:56 PM	1					1	
Jun 23, 2026, 06:53 PM	1					1	Now is the time to completely redo and build a modern building. It's long overdue. Don't listen to the whiners.
Jun 23, 2026, 06:23 PM	1		1				This is absolutely ridiculous. We have multiple schools that are older and falling apart. Yet you are going to strong arm the residents into paying for your desired outcome. Where are all these employees going to work during these periods of construction? How are we expected to interact with them during the 16-22 month period when construction is occurring? Doesn't this make it seem as if city hall and the library are irrelevant to normal life if you can shut them down for this long? If this is deferred maintenance, why was it not being kept up with? Why are we being asked to bail out the municipality for not saving or preparing for this as part of a long running budget? Property tax has gone up and reassessment just occurred. I would strongly advise caution before asking for more and more money from a tax base that has continued to face growing tax burden.
Jun 23, 2026, 06:21 PM	1					1	Make it a destination for the entire state to visit!
Jun 23, 2026, 06:20 PM	1		1				I think the lack of transparency is shameful. What impact will these options have on taxes collected? You are making our community unaffordable. I'm embarrassed for what you have done to our property tax collections and how poorly those funds have been managed.
Jun 23, 2026, 06:09 PM	1		1				2 remodels is enough
Jun 23, 2026, 06:06 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 06:06 PM	1		1				We don't need higher taxes.
Jun 23, 2026, 06:02 PM	1		1				Prefer none, taxes are way too high as is. Nothing is wrong with that building. Updates are one thing. Renovations of this scale are asinine.

Jun 23, 2026, 06:02 PM	1		1				I prefer no options. My tax bill already went up 40% in one year and that is after it went up substantially in the past couple of years. I can no longer afford any more tax hikes. The city of Wauwatosa needs to manage. It's money better. If that means that City Hall in the library need to stay as is, so be it.
Jun 23, 2026, 05:46 PM	1			1			The referendum costs, wheel tax and general cost of living increases have made my taxes already double since moving in a decade ago. While I appreciate the public need and use of the complex, residents are simply being sapped by costs from the city and making a complex that works should be the focus. Vast architectural dreams can come in 20yrs once we finish paying for the last 40yrs of deferred maintenance and apparently - poor financial planning.
Jun 23, 2026, 05:39 PM	1		1				
Jun 23, 2026, 05:37 PM	1					1	Public institutions hold us together.
Jun 23, 2026, 05:36 PM	1				1		A majority of the functions at city hall can be done electronically (tax payments, tickets, etc). The library has significantly more impact on the community at large, which is why the statistics about it being the 7th most visited library in the state are mentioned.
Jun 23, 2026, 05:27 PM	1		1				Our population is shrinking. Young adults are not having children or are having fewer children. We are going have less people and less tax payers in the future. We need ways to the lower tax burden perhaps by finding more private sources of funding. Why don't we stick to books and e-books and cut the meeting rooms and anything not related to books! People engage through social media nowadays not so much in person.
Jun 23, 2026, 05:18 PM	1					1	I prefer option 4 but option 3 would also be OK.
Jun 23, 2026, 05:02 PM	1					1	
Jun 23, 2026, 05:01 PM	1		1				I actually want none of the options. Taxpayers are already paying 2 school referendums for shit schools.
Jun 23, 2026, 04:29 PM	1				1		Leaving the current structures completely (despite renovations) seems like "kicking the can down the road". Hopefully a hybrid of some new and some heavily renovated old can serve the city best.
Jun 23, 2026, 04:28 PM	1				1		
Jun 23, 2026, 04:10 PM	1		1				I'm in favor of whichever option has the least use of tax dollars.

Jun 23, 2026, 04:10 PM	1		1				The Option 4 lobby rendering looks outdated, like something from the 1950's. Those wooden spikes on the second floor look like they will empale a rowdy teen. Don't waste money attempting to improve the look of the outside of the building. That offers no benefit to anyone. Please add additional renderings to give better examples of the different options.
Jun 23, 2026, 04:06 PM	1				1		
Jun 23, 2026, 04:02 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 04:01 PM	1					1	The building is old and not historically relevant, best option for the community is clearly option 4. The other 3 options would face ongoing maintenance issues soon after completion and early obsolescence, necessitating this process again in 4 or 10 years, costing more in the long run.
Jun 23, 2026, 03:53 PM	1		1				The next option (2) is more than double the price for an additional 5000 sq ft. We just went through 2 school ref in the last 8 years. The first one I voted yes because I liked the community rooms in the new schools. It was sold as "how wonderful to have voting spots". I voted twice at the new school voting spot until the city took it away. The schools didn't like it. I can not support more \$ to upgrade existing buildings when the city and the school district have not closed any schools due to declining enrollments. Curious, is the milwaukee county library system pitching in since we are one of the busiest libraries in the county? You are upgrading too much that I can not afford the taxes to live in Tosa. I am also a teacher, so I support education funding.
Jun 23, 2026, 03:48 PM	1		1				Please do the CHEAPEST OPTION!!!! Another property tax increase is unsustainable for many Tosa homeowners! We are literally being taxed out of our home. The city and the school district needs to budget properly in the same way we as homeowners do!!!
Jun 23, 2026, 03:42 PM	1				1		
Jun 23, 2026, 03:37 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 03:32 PM	1				1		I think Options 2 and 3 are great! Option 1 is a lot of time and money for not much updates. Option 4 sounds awesome, but it also sounds like it's maybe not necessary.
Jun 23, 2026, 03:31 PM	1		1				I've lived in this community for 40 years, I use the library in frequently, and I believe our taxes are already exhausted from all the not fully thought out school referendums and upgrades. I think the minimal to upgrade the mechanicals is appropriate.
Jun 23, 2026, 03:25 PM	1			1			I like the many features it has and the layout and the solar parking. And the expense is reasonable with the present economy

Jun 23, 2026, 03:01 PM	1		1				The tax burden, specifically property taxes, continues to increase on the residents. The increases have caused people to leave our neighborhoods. Affordability has become a major issue for Wauwatosa. We do not need new structures.
Jun 23, 2026, 02:39 PM	1						This dumb don't raise taxes. It is fine how it is currently
Jun 23, 2026, 02:22 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 02:10 PM	1		1				My real answer is 'none of the above', but that is not an option. We are about to get hit with massive property tax hikes when the state Supreme Court strikes down Act 10. Your timing on this could not be worse. I have to wonder if you purposely deferred maintenance to force these expensive options on taxpayers. Between this and the endless school referenda, Tosa is getting too expensive. For a 30 year resident, this is extremely frustrating.
Jun 23, 2026, 02:09 PM	1		1				Please consider how much the taxpayers can afford. Taxes are becoming very costly in Wauwatosa with the school referendums and now adding on the cost of city hall and library. It will soon become too expensive for families to live in Tosa. Also think if the senior citizens that also live here. I know that infrastructure updates need to be done but do what is necessary and not make an elaborate new city hall and library. Please be fiscally responsible. Thank You
Jun 23, 2026, 01:20 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 01:11 PM	1		1				I would love to see funds put to better use like fixing the streets in Wauwatosa. Every 10 feet on Stickney, one will find a large pothole.
Jun 23, 2026, 01:11 PM	1		1				Please go with the least expensive option. Wauwatosa homeowners are getting taxed right in out of our homes. The schools will be up with their next referendum for secondary schools which will only make things worse. Wauwatosa is becoming unaffordable.
Jun 23, 2026, 01:07 PM	1		1				Lowest theft (tax) amount & quickest construction time.
Jun 23, 2026, 01:01 PM	1		1				Please stop raises our property taxes and be better stewards of our hard earned money.
Jun 23, 2026, 12:55 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 12:50 PM	1		1				I assume given ageing infrastructure it is perhaps past time to replace/update the building's facility equipment and window replacement. Also, the solar installation is pretty much a must for today's energy needs. However, with already increased taxes implications from the state (400 year tax program) and the city's 30 year school tax referendum (which I believe is mostly due to bad financial management and deferred maintenance issues) that we need to stick with option 1..

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Jun 23, 2026, 12:41 PM	1		1				
Jun 23, 2026, 12:16 PM	1			1			
Jun 23, 2026, 12:03 PM	1				1		
Jun 23, 2026, 11:50 AM			1				
Jun 23, 2026, 11:42 AM	1		1				No property tax increases
Jun 22, 2026, 08:56 PM	1		1				
Jun 22, 2026, 06:32 PM	1		1				Options three and four have huge wide open spaces which would be loud and chaotic and might feel like an airport. We don't need something that big or fancy in Wauwatosa.
Jun 22, 2026, 05:25 PM	1		1				As a senior, I do not wish to spend my hard earned money, now on a fixed income, on continuous tax increases. You are pricing seniors who lived here and raised families, who used public schools, who supported the city, right out of our homes. Our adult children cannot afford to move back to Wauwatosa to raise their families. Who will be left holding the bag on these sky high taxes? There is less in person interaction today with the library and city hall thanks to Zoom meetings and online book check out. Time to downsize not upsize.
Jun 22, 2026, 04:23 PM	1			1			Still utilizing some of the existing building. Getting a new entry plaza.
Jun 22, 2026, 04:09 PM	1						None of the above, our taxes went up 20% last year. These options should be brought to a referendum. The library and City Hall are fine the way they are. Please stop calling government spending an investment. It is spending and someone has to pay for it (taxpayers). You are pricing people out of this community. We have lived here over 45 years and have always appreciated City Services, but the last two years have forced us to start looking to move. Bill and Jean Drilias
Jun 22, 2026, 10:40 AM	1			1			
Jun 22, 2026, 08:35 AM	1				1		An improved library, particularly for children, is paramount for my family. I love the idea of more space for children inside and out. Libraries open doors and establish good habits for kids while providing a safe, happy place for them. Improvements to this space are worth every penny and more.
Jun 22, 2026, 05:43 AM	1		1				
Jun 21, 2026, 10:44 AM	1						Will only give consideration on the proviso there's ZERO increase in property tax dollars
Jun 20, 2026, 02:20 PM	1					1	

Jun 20, 2026, 02:13 PM	1				1	The library is a vital part of our community and should keep up with the evolving needs of the community
Jun 20, 2026, 01:18 PM	1		1			As homeowners, we repair our homes instead of knocking down and starting over. The city needs to do the same. Homeowners also budget for maintenance projects. Shame on the city for failing to do so.
Jun 20, 2026, 10:08 AM	1		1			Less taxes. You just raised them for school referendum, which in my opinion was poorly managed for prior years by school board. I use the library quite often but I do not spend all day there. Keep it simple
Jun 20, 2026, 09:33 AM	1				1	
Jun 20, 2026, 07:46 AM	1		1			Unless there is a referendum with full community support of the other options, Option 1 is the only choice that should be made by elected leaders.
Jun 19, 2026, 11:47 PM	1				1	
Jun 19, 2026, 09:58 PM	1			1		It's a good place already, let's remodel it and make it good for the future but let's also keep the budget in check.....
Jun 19, 2026, 01:59 PM	1				1	
Jun 19, 2026, 11:54 AM	1				1	Please keep the library functional and available during this process!
Jun 18, 2026, 11:40 PM	1				1	
Jun 18, 2026, 09:53 PM	1					
Jun 18, 2026, 08:32 PM	1		1			People are financially stressed. This is not the time to be parading shiny new buildings in front of taxpayers. The City needs to be more sensitive to how tax burdened this community is becoming. If Option 1 are needed updates then do that one. We don't need all the extras.
Jun 18, 2026, 01:47 PM	1		1			
Jun 18, 2026, 01:22 PM	1				1	
Jun 18, 2026, 11:03 AM	1		1			The city of Wauwatosa has been asking for too much money from property owners for too long now. I understand that the increases are for schools, but the check is still made out to The City of Wauwatosa and it's just too much for many of us! Senior citizens owning a home here for 20+ years are living on fixed incomes. We don't have kids in your school system any longer and shouldn't have to pay as much as we do on our property taxes. That you are now telling us that we will have to fork out even more money on this project, that we don't even get to vote on, is just too much. You people need to stop. Please.

Jun 18, 2026, 10:27 AM			1				Go with option 1 and use the saved money to FIX Wauwatosa roads. Stop wasting my tax money on projects that aren't needed, use were needed.
Jun 18, 2026, 09:41 AM	1					1	
Jun 18, 2026, 07:05 AM	1		1				Updates are understandable. We have a nice library that serves its purpose well. This is the best use of tax payer money. There are other more important needs in the community.
Jun 18, 2026, 05:17 AM	1		1				You are taxing long-time residents out of their homes and the fiscal managment of the city and school board is shameful. I'd like to see fiscal restraint.
Jun 17, 2026, 11:42 PM	1				1		

Jun 17, 2026, 11:30 PM	1			1		I see value in all of these plans With the exception of option one. I think to just replace Windows And systems without modernizing the building Will lead to voting on a new referendum within the decade. Option two gives a serious upgrade With a moderately small impact on tax increases. That said, options three and four. Increase the tax burden between \$70 and \$120 a year and provide exponentially greater opportunities. I strongly support the increased Community spaces within the library and City Hall structures. There is a need more gathering spots for local groups, clubs, meetings come up events. I appreciate the inclusion of outdoor spaces In this expansion. I appreciate The attention to a makerspace as well as areas that draw in children and teens around the city along with their entire families. I urge great creativity of planning when thinking of the layout of these spaces. There are so many use opportunities here! I lean in the direction of options three or four... But I also have great interest in the sb Friedman market analysis done in 2017 that identifies this site as having excellent potential for residential expansion. I am wondering why none of the renderings include this potential. Wauwatosa is in need of affordable housing options. There's a need for housing for developmentally disabled adults. There is a need for transition housing for seniors. Both options three and four would allow for a mid-rise upward expansion of the new building areas that could address this need. Additional uses Of this vertical expansion could include remote individual office use space and/or leased spaces for local non-profit organizations or starter/ incubator businesses. There's revenue potential from all of these options. I urge further review of these opportunities which would be a boon for our housing options, essential opportunities for segments of our residence, and an overall enhancement for this mid-area of Wauwatosa. This type of inclusive, forward-thinking design would make me a strong advocate for option three or four.
Jun 17, 2026, 11:14 PM	1		1			Taxes are already so high so any extra expense seems unreasonable at this point. Several of our neighbors have already commented that they are feeling priced out of our city. I'm sure updates are needed, but visually I don't see anything wrong with our library and don't agree with any updates aside from those needed for upkeep. Fancier things are nice, but not needed - for example, we have three little ones and sure, the rendering of a new children's area looks nice - but let's be real, our kids are happy just playing with the train table! Let stick to the simpler things in life if that means easing the burden on taxpayers right now.

							The current building is functional and spacious, we do not need to spend tax dollars on demolishing and rebuilding. I am in favor of replacing what is actually broken. I have fond memories of my grandmother taking me to get my first library card at age 4 and I've been back regularly over decades and recently as last month. We don't need a shiny new building, the current one can evolve and change and we can exercise some fiscal responsibility.
Jun 17, 2026, 08:53 PM	1		1				
Jun 17, 2026, 08:31 PM	1		1				My family actually uses the library. We like it the way it is.
							I believe the Wauwatosa Public Library and City Hall should stay as it stands, with the needed upgrades to plumbing, HVAC, windows, etc.
							The library holds a special place in people's hearts, how it stands right now. Old is not necessary dysfunctional. Updates to keep and upgrade function are great, but an entire overhaul is simply unneeded. Use the civic center rooms for makerspace once or twice a month. In fact, there are many rarely used rooms that could be better utilized and a massive parking lot for events in the summer. The library has great study spaces for teens, many quiet corners for reading or study, and a wonderful children's library and story room. The work should be done on running more community engagement programs, not getting a new everything to replace the library. Don't demolish the charm of a Wauwatosa institution please. I am 27 years old and use the library every week. I, and others, would be incredibly saddened to have a massive amount of money invested into demolishing and redoing a space that, despite needing some upgrades, currently functions as a wonderful library and space for people to read, work, and learn. Instead of tearing the library down, let's try to be better stewards for what already stands in our community!
Jun 17, 2026, 08:24 PM	1		1				
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Jun 17, 2026, 08:00 PM	1					1	
Jun 17, 2026, 07:35 PM	1			1			
Jun 17, 2026, 06:39 PM	1			1			
Jun 17, 2026, 06:06 PM	1					1	
							Definitely want option 3 with the new library, I think that is a critical investment for the community. The price difference between option 3 and 4 does not seem significant in the grand scheme of the entire project. And seems like we will get more upgrades and length of time with option 4 which is why I believe that is the best approach.
Jun 17, 2026, 04:19 PM	1					1	
Jun 17, 2026, 02:59 PM	1				1		

Jun 17, 2026, 02:41 PM	1				1		I am less focused on the makerspace piece, but feel the library of the future is needed and City Hall deserves a better experience for its citizens. Voting in the public corridor, the committee rooms, and lackluster employee spaces all should be re-tooled to represent the city and those that serve it in the best, but affordable manner. I am less concerned with net 0, but a functional and thoughtful community asset. Attention should be paid to the building not 'turning its back' on the street and consider the main entrance which may be from the back, but how does it speak to the public and be present from North Ave and 76th St. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!
Jun 17, 2026, 11:51 AM	1			1			Based upon the above summary, Option 2 seems to provide the highest value while investing for the future. However, I would be happily persuaded to support Option 3, if an affordable housing component was added to the new construction component, as suggested in a question posted below by "Ann" last week. Thank you!
Jun 17, 2026, 11:45 AM	1					1	Please consider options for affordable housing in the vision for this project.
Jun 17, 2026, 11:36 AM	1		1				I am open to option 2, but not right now due to the economy and families struggling to make ends meet. Option 2 seems like the library of the future.
Jun 17, 2026, 10:44 AM	1		1				
Jun 17, 2026, 10:35 AM	1		1				Our residents especially our elderly on a fixed income, are struggling with paying our city taxes already.
Jun 17, 2026, 10:20 AM	1			1			I can see the improved disability services of option 2 greatly impacting lives. I can only afford option 1 or 2 in terms of property taxes.
Jun 17, 2026, 09:53 AM	1		1				Given the current Tosa Referendums already in place for schools (I understand there will be no ref.) Lets offer taxpayers the least amount of tax burden. Option 1 does that and addresses many major issues.
Jun 17, 2026, 09:49 AM	1				1		
Jun 17, 2026, 09:47 AM	1			1			
Jun 17, 2026, 08:33 AM	1		1				
Jun 17, 2026, 08:28 AM	1						Keep things the way they are and just fix what's absolutely needed. The building is BEAUTIFUL the way it is.
Jun 17, 2026, 07:20 AM	1				1		
Jun 17, 2026, 07:15 AM	1					1	Option 4 looks amazing for the community!

Jun 17, 2026, 05:49 AM	1		1				
Jun 16, 2026, 08:30 PM	1					1	
Jun 16, 2026, 07:38 PM	1			1			
Jun 16, 2026, 04:08 PM	1				1		I think 3 and 4 make the most sense, renderings look great and I'm excited for facilities that work better for the community
Jun 16, 2026, 03:26 PM	1			1			Good plan, reasonable cost
Jun 16, 2026, 03:19 PM	1				1		
Jun 16, 2026, 02:21 PM	1				1		
Jun 16, 2026, 02:08 PM	1		1				
Jun 16, 2026, 11:22 AM	1		1				
Jun 16, 2026, 10:43 AM	1					1	
Jun 16, 2026, 10:25 AM	1				1		Love the children's rooms, makers space, outdoor areas. Also love that it would be 17 months.
Jun 16, 2026, 10:09 AM	1		1				Residents cannot bear the burden of additional property taxes for "nice to have" options. The school district and the County are pushing higher taxes for residents along with the city itself. We hear a lot about providing "affordable" housing in Wauwatosa while making it less affordable for residents.
Jun 16, 2026, 08:24 AM	1				1		
Jun 16, 2026, 07:53 AM	1				1		
Jun 16, 2026, 06:17 AM	1					1	
Jun 16, 2026, 03:06 AM	1		1				
Jun 15, 2026, 09:01 PM	1			1			
Jun 15, 2026, 07:49 PM	1		1				Works fine, it ain't broke, don't fix it.
Jun 15, 2026, 05:32 PM	1		1				Need to definitely update but not a complete overhaul. Need to stop making more burden on the taxpayers. Taxes are bad enough in Tosa. If you want families to move here need to keep taxes as is or lower.

Jun 15, 2026, 05:02 PM		1				1	newer ones, and I think it's the best idea in this whole thread, and it shines a spotlight right at Option 4. I'd even say add maybe an office/event space level too. It's a strong principled statement in a place with such a housing crisis to put it on top of your government building. Yes, In My Back Yard, indeed. The efficient setup actually worth wanting is geothermal wells with water-based cooling and heat pumps, and that needs a clean slate, not 1970s 1990's bones. You need to design the whole building around that efficiency. Housing's the same, the structure has to carry it from the start. Only Option 4 can do either one, but can actually do both. Considering the city has already said it's solar array pays for the city's electric bill on balance, further electrification is a no brainer. Put mixed use on top, though? This gets you 2 things. One, is that You add tax base on a parcel that pays zero property tax today. And you open up TIF. You can't TIF a library, but a building that's mostly residential isn't a government building, so the shared elements get split across the uses and the mixed share is TIF-eligible. That makes the building cheaper than a standalone government building would've been. Check the Milwaukee library that did this with great results. With TIF, you can bond against the increment up front. Since the plan was already self-finance plus donations, this is just a funding lane that doesn't touch your levy, which people seem to be concerned about. So, before July: price out a mixed-use Option 4 with a TID and geothermal/solar in the base design.
Jun 15, 2026, 04:46 PM	1					1	I am a frequet user of the Library. Building new rather than trying to keep a 75 uear old building going is the best option. Kust please maonting the excellent xollection of paper books in the new library So option 4 is my first choice and option 3 is my 2nd choice

Jun 15, 2026, 04:43 PM	1						Tosa government has not been good stewards of taxpayer money. Start by eliminating wasteful spending- and eliminate positions. Start with the assistant city administrator. Also bring pensions paid to city employees in line with the private sector. The above savings will cover maintenance to City Hall. Do not force taxpayers to fund an albatross.
Jun 15, 2026, 04:03 PM		1				1	
Jun 15, 2026, 04:01 PM		1				1	Bigger is better ... spend the money
Jun 15, 2026, 04:00 PM	1		1				You have yet to clearly confirm that there will be no additional money coming from taxpayers aside from normal tax money. You keep hinting at it, but you fail to clearly state where the "tax impact" \$ per house is coming from. Between this and schools, and tax assessments and raising taxes, it's becoming unfeasible to continue to live here. So maybe reign in your spending for once. Like we All do
Jun 15, 2026, 03:26 PM	1			1			
Jun 15, 2026, 03:08 PM	1				1		This seems the most cost effective while giving the most space. I also like that the timeline for construction is less. I would like to be able to use the new space as soon as we can. Not sure maker space is total needed. I feel like elementary schools put them in during the last few years with new construction and are often under utilized. Will they be rentable for community events? What other purposes does the maker space have? Thanks! Our library is in desperate need of a face lift.
Jun 15, 2026, 03:02 PM	1		1				I prefer to repair the existing facilities. Our taxes are high enough. I live in an 86 year old house and due to proper maintenance it is fully functional and in good shape. Do the same with the city hall and library.
Jun 15, 2026, 02:05 PM	1		1				Only complete necessary updates. We don't need to spend more money than absolutely necessary. This community is rapidly becoming unaffordable for our retirees and one income families. Let's try to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer money.
Jun 15, 2026, 01:53 PM	1			1			
Jun 15, 2026, 01:42 PM	1						The Council should not consider such a huge project without 4,400 of us having representation on the Council in District 6.
Jun 15, 2026, 01:38 PM	1						I would prefer no option, the building is perfectly fine the way it is, you can do cosmetic upgrades and a much lower cost. Please stop taxing us to death, we're retired and won't be able to afford to live here soon. Be responsible with OUR money. This should go to referendum, it's terrible that we have no say in how our money is spent.

Jun 15, 2026, 01:33 PM	1		1				\$30 m is enough. With rapidly changing technology physical buildings are less and less important
Jun 15, 2026, 01:20 PM		1				1	
Jun 15, 2026, 01:17 PM		1				1	Tosa is already known in southeast Wisconsin to be a city with amazing, progressive resources and a great sense of community. This would only add to that in the best way. I truly believe that investing in your city like this is what makes it amazing, and I wish Brookfield would be more like Tosa.
Jun 15, 2026, 01:14 PM	1		1				
Jun 15, 2026, 01:02 PM	1		1				please respect the taxpayer who has had a massive property tax increase already. Please only do required updates.
Jun 15, 2026, 11:40 AM	1						None. Stop raising our taxes. It doesn't have to be updated. Everyone would like to renovate their house but we wait until there's more money available. My house was built in 1926 and doesn't need to be completely renovated. STOP RAISING TAXES.
Jun 15, 2026, 10:48 AM	1		1				
Jun 15, 2026, 10:21 AM	1				1		Would love to see an improved library space for the community. Especially excited to see the environmental impacts considered and the net zero goals for all plans.
Jun 15, 2026, 10:18 AM	1				1		It's easier to move people than books.
Jun 15, 2026, 09:48 AM	1			1			
Jun 15, 2026, 09:38 AM	1			1			

Jun 15, 2026, 09:36 AM	1				1	Addressing delayed maintenance (Option 1) is shortsighted and merely kicks more expensive renovations down the road. Option 2 is yet another remodel to current footprint that results in further compromises to flow and usage of the building, especially to the library that maintains many hours open to the public and would actually decrease the efficiency of their experience. The city of Wauwatosa deserves a modern and proactive city hall and library where the public is respected and served for many years to come, not merely (another) patch to the current situation; the difference between options 3 and 4 is minimal. I am NOT excited about the tax increase that ANY of the options would generate but it seems to me that the library serves an even greater number of residents than the schools do at any given time (and it is unfortunate that the 2 recent and expensive school referendums have already pushed considerably higher tax bills on homeowners who, like me, are weary and worried about tax burden) but not investing in this project now will significantly erode the upscale and proactive reputation Wauwatosa has historically promoted and enjoyed. You can tell the quality of a city by the investment it makes in its public institutions--none more so than their library.
Jun 15, 2026, 09:15 AM	1		1			How about option five? Leave it as is and make minor repairs. I am sick of increased taxes because there's no planning and no one is being held responsible for missing funds (think the education department and multiple referendums). You are taxing out the working class. We've been here for 21 years and now it's becoming majorly unaffordable. There's no return on my investment. We are leaving because of it.
Jun 15, 2026, 09:14 AM	1		1			
Jun 15, 2026, 07:24 AM	1				1	
Jun 14, 2026, 10:24 AM	1			1		
Jun 14, 2026, 06:35 AM	1				1	This option appears to be a possible proverbial "best of both worlds" approach...making use of updated existing space whilst creating new space. I believe the use of solar panels will be a definitive economical upgrade. The timeframe is doable, and the tax burden is also likely doable. My one concern about both Options 3 & 4 is whether there will end up being a notable decrease in available parking space.
Jun 14, 2026, 12:32 AM	1					None
Jun 13, 2026, 07:49 PM	1		1			Be stuarts of our tax dollars or you will tax us out of our beloved community

Jun 13, 2026, 04:56 PM	1		1				I really hate the solar panels. They are ugly. They don't last forever, 20 years perhaps and will need to be replaced. Also, there are a lot of cloudy days in Wisconsin. These are very disruptive projects and quite expensive. Where are you getting all this money?
Jun 13, 2026, 01:13 PM	1		1				IF we were in different economic times, I would have voted for an option to remodel the library and do necessary updates in city hall. I'm not sure why this wasn't presented as an option, So necessary updates on both is it.
Jun 13, 2026, 08:55 AM	1				1		Options 2, 3, and 4 are all good.
Jun 13, 2026, 08:32 AM	1		1				You and the school district are taxing us into oblivion! option #1
Jun 13, 2026, 08:30 AM	1		1				Only option ###1. Hate all other ideas. We are building ourselves to debt! If you would not have given developers incentives on every other project you would have had a better chance! OPTION 1
Jun 13, 2026, 08:28 AM	1		1				I don't want to see our civic building turn into mixed use developments. I hate the idea of depending \$40M dollars when we are happy with the current state. Stop this nonsense!!!
Jun 13, 2026, 12:32 AM	1			1			Total re-fit with updates, more economical.
Jun 12, 2026, 07:57 PM	1			1			Love the library improvements.
Jun 12, 2026, 06:25 PM	1				1		
Jun 12, 2026, 04:44 PM	1				1		Could affordable housing please be part of design 3 or 4?
Jun 12, 2026, 04:10 PM	1		1				
Jun 12, 2026, 03:40 PM		1		1			I'm a current city employee- the building certainly isn't perfect but I like the character of it which i feel reflects the community and will be lost with options 3 & 4
Jun 12, 2026, 03:36 PM	1		1				
Jun 12, 2026, 02:08 PM	1					1	
Jun 12, 2026, 02:00 PM	1			1			The remodel has to be 100% ADA compliant including truly accessible restrooms, accessible elevator, accessible stacks in the library, easier access to city hall.
Jun 12, 2026, 01:28 PM				1			The most sustainable building is one that already exists.
Jun 12, 2026, 01:15 PM				1			Option 2 addresses many improvements without breaking the taxpayers bank
Jun 12, 2026, 01:10 PM	1					1	As a former employee of the City of Wauwatosa who has worked in both the library and City Hall I understand many of the problems with the building. Renovating the existing building would not be a good long term solution. Also, if we're willing to invest in our schools we should be willing to do the same for our City Hall and Library.

Jun 12, 2026, 01:05 PM	1		1				Taxpayers have been hit hard by school referendums. Unfortunately there is just so much tax increases we can handle. Thank you for allowing us SOME input.
Jun 12, 2026, 12:40 PM	1					1	Long term usefulness in view
Jun 12, 2026, 12:09 PM	1		1				Old saying--champagne taste on a beer budget. We don't need a grand mansion style city hall, library. Other items are more important to spend our taxes on.
Jun 12, 2026, 11:49 AM	1					1	
Jun 12, 2026, 11:49 AM		1		1			
Jun 12, 2026, 11:45 AM	1				1		
Jun 12, 2026, 11:44 AM	1		1				There isn't any underground parking. There is garage parking.
Jun 12, 2026, 11:23 AM	1				1		
Jun 12, 2026, 11:22 AM	1		1				Minimal tax increase is all I want to see. It's nice to have a lovely wish list but not everyone can afford that in their own homes and I don't need to be taxed out of my home for a library and a City Hall.
Jun 12, 2026, 11:12 AM	1						I left blank as I do not agree with remodeling the city building or library when we have so much infrastructure need like our roads , water mains, and pending school needs .
Jun 12, 2026, 11:01 AM	1				1		
Jun 12, 2026, 10:57 AM	1			1			
Jun 12, 2026, 10:45 AM	1						option 1
Jun 12, 2026, 10:43 AM	1					1	2,3 or 4, solar is important, and buildknf to new code has advantages
Jun 12, 2026, 10:41 AM	1		1				Interesting that in your "News in Brief" you are pushing for our opinions on options of 2, 3 or 4. No mention of the least costly option number 1. Typical of Wauwatosa's cart and pony shows. Ask the residents what we think/want but you already have it planned. So here's my worthless opinion, option number 2. Here's a novel thought, ask the actual taxpayers what they want. There are thousands of residents yet so many are not the homeowners or property owners who are funding another one of your poorly timed plans. Had the politicians and decision makers of this city been thinking and planning ahead years ago, we shouldn't have been dealing with the urgent need to raise the taxes to get the money now needed. This has become a less desirable community. We do have very good fire and police departments but unfortunately crime is more prevalent and the once high ranking school system has become a joke. You are intent on filling up every inch of available space with more housing but it has done nothing to lessen the taxpayer's burden.

Jun 12, 2026, 10:32 AM	1			1			Provides necessary updates and additions, but with a more manageable cost. We need to proactively think about how city funds are being used.
Jun 12, 2026, 10:30 AM	1					1	We need to start all over and option 4 sets us up in a way that gives our civic functions a home for the next century
Jun 12, 2026, 10:27 AM						1	Do it right now, so it doesn't have to be redone soon again.
Jun 12, 2026, 10:21 AM	1			1			Property taxes are already very high in Wauwatosa. If the school district can't get their finances under better control, projects like this will have to be tabled.
Jun 12, 2026, 10:19 AM	1				1		
Jun 12, 2026, 10:15 AM	1				1		
Jun 12, 2026, 09:49 AM	1						The city cannot afford any of them. None of the options
Jun 12, 2026, 09:44 AM	1			1			I'm tired of being taxed out of my home, especially when Wauwatosa's roads aren't fix for an ox cart. I've had to spend more money on front-end alignments that could have gone to pay for Option 4. North Ave and 76th street/intersection is horrible.
Jun 12, 2026, 09:42 AM	1		1				We don't need a fancy place to take care of people. We have a wonderful city hall
Jun 12, 2026, 09:39 AM	1					1	Former Alder Lowe here. Option 4 will never be cheaper than it is now. The more of an investment we make in our city right now, the better long term outcomes for the future. In order to be a World Class city you need to spend money on the attractions to have that claim.
Jun 12, 2026, 09:39 AM	1			1			
Jun 12, 2026, 09:37 AM	1						None of the above.
Jun 12, 2026, 09:36 AM	1			1			Best uses of resources.
Jun 12, 2026, 09:33 AM	1					1	
Jun 11, 2026, 07:17 PM		1			1		
Jun 11, 2026, 07:02 PM		1			1		I love the amphitheater outside in option 3. Love the library and love to see it grow!
Jun 11, 2026, 03:46 PM	1		1				I enjoy the library monthly and have never found it too crowded. The remodels that have already been done seem appropriate and presumably would be destroyed. Online access through various portals (if promoted) should limit further the supposed crowding at the library. I have been to other libraries and find Tosa's as fine as any local library. City leadership has to be aware of tax base in neighboring cities like Elm Grove and Brookfield - Tosa is more or increasing rapidly as compared to our neighbors!
Jun 11, 2026, 10:08 AM	1					1	

Jun 10, 2026, 09:32 PM		1			1		Why not build a new library in the east parking area then have city hall move into old library and build housing on the remaining site
Jun 10, 2026, 08:14 PM	1		1				
Jun 10, 2026, 02:03 PM		1				1	Although option 4 is the most expensive, it seems to be the most cost effective for many years to come. Please consider al disabilities throughout this project.
Jun 10, 2026, 01:04 PM	1			1			I do NOT want the old building knocked down and replaced with some new modern bodybuilding. It would ruin the character of Wauwatosa. I also would NOT like the library and City Hall to switch places
							I live adjacent to city hall. For any option that is chosen, please optimize the roof HVAC system to reduce the amount of noise it produces. I suggest choosing a quieter system, placing a sound-proofing wall around it and, perhaps, moving it away from the south side of the library where the homes are located, to the center or north side of the building. Also, I have been made aware that all landscaping at city hall is on hold while this project is moving forward. Can I suggest, as a homeowner with property adjacent to the city hall parking lot, that you at least fix the gap in the screen on the west side of the parking lot now, so that we the maximum sight and sound protection from the upcoming construction. Planting 4-6 foot arborvitae in the gaps this summer seems like a reasonable request.
Jun 09, 2026, 11:24 AM	1		1				
Jun 08, 2026, 09:55 PM	1			1			
Jun 08, 2026, 08:07 PM	1					1	
Jun 08, 2026, 07:56 PM	1			1			I like the idea of solar powered and the library being renovated. Focusing more money and resources on the library portion would be my preference. Library is much more impactful to average citizens, city hall should only have required infrastructural updates.
Jun 08, 2026, 06:43 PM	1			1			Option 2 meets the community's needs and re-uses the current space in an environmentally responsible way without the much higher property tax burdens of options 3 and 4.
Jun 08, 2026, 03:31 PM	1		1				Taxes are already too high. I don't want to pay any more for a facility that doesn't need to be state of the art.
Jun 08, 2026, 02:59 PM	1		1				All taxing authorities ask for more money!! We already have school referendums!! My property taxes went up almost \$1400 this year. Now even the cheapest city hall /library option is \$8.30 per MONTH for 20 YEARS, that's another nearly \$2000.

Jun 08, 2026, 09:33 AM	1		1				Options 2-4 are an unnecessary extravagance and a complete waste of taxpayer dollars. There is zero justification to engage in more costly and time intensive renovations when a simpler and more cost effective option (Option 1) is available the is sufficient to meet the needs of the city.
Jun 08, 2026, 08:41 AM	1				1		
Jun 07, 2026, 07:07 PM		1	1				I feel that with Wauwatosa being a city that is on the edge of a 'fiscal cliff' economic responsibility should be at the front of this decision. While currently merging 'essential' services with neighboring communities just to stay afloat even the consideration of this project is irresponsible use of taxpayer money. Hopefully if anything is approved it is the lowest expense to show respect to the citizens and hard working employees who are already making sacrifices at the expense of decisions made by this council.
Jun 07, 2026, 09:07 AM	1		1				As much as I'd love to see a grand reno or new construction, Wauwatosa is taxing out of my home.
Jun 07, 2026, 08:56 AM	1					1	The current building has seen a lot of hard use and looks dated, both inside and out. It's not of a vintage style that will ever be considered historic, so there isn't a compelling reason to save it. I also think there will be cost overruns trying to update the mechanical systems. It's time to start over with a new building.
Jun 07, 2026, 08:23 AM	1		1				
Jun 06, 2026, 09:40 PM	1		1				The library is well used and well loved as is. The city hall space appears functional, but I don't work there so I don't know. The increases in taxes from the home valuation assessment and school board referendums is too much. We cannot afford more additional tax charges. Option 1 seems the most responsible.
Jun 06, 2026, 08:26 PM	1				1		Frequently used City Hall spaces moved to first floor. Children's library moved to first floor. Option 3 includes some particular useful improvements as well as a general upgrade of the library. Seems sufficient.
Jun 06, 2026, 04:25 PM	1			1			This seems to be to most cost effective as a single person homeowner. It would be nice to have some of the features of the 3rd and 4th options but cost is too high
Jun 06, 2026, 05:59 AM	1			1			
Jun 05, 2026, 04:35 PM	1		1				I'm voting for the least expensive option because we are already taxed to death.

							That intersection so bad and traffic is increasing so much. Pardon my language but it's like putting lipstick on a pig. North Ave going east is a one-lane street that opens and closes right around the intersection. Wauwatosa avenue going south is a speed trap/death zone as cars try to merge right at the library entrance. With increasing traffic, it'll just lead to more accidents without doing something about the one lane roads on all four sides. Also, 37 million dollars as quoted now for window replacement starting in 2028? Are you getting bullet proof glass from I don't know Alaska? I love Tosa, but the traffic is horrible and projects like this without making any changes to existing road conditions will only make things worse. I was a 13-year resident until a week ago, so I have seen massive changes in the traffic and road safety in Tosa and know what I am talking about.
Jun 05, 2026, 02:51 PM		1					
Jun 05, 2026, 01:39 PM		1			1		
							Wauwatosa does not need state-of-the-art everything. The library and city hall are perfectly functional, attractive spaces. Please stop treating taxpayers as an unlimited piggy bank.
Jun 05, 2026, 11:30 AM	1		1				
Jun 05, 2026, 10:10 AM		1		1			
							I believe Option 3 is optimal as it provides for the future without putting undue strain on the taxpayers. I use the library weekly whereas the average person's use of City Hall is minimal.
Jun 05, 2026, 09:51 AM	1				1		
Jun 05, 2026, 06:11 AM	1		1				
Jun 04, 2026, 10:16 AM	1				1		3 or 4
Jun 04, 2026, 09:53 AM	1		1				Option 1 or 2
							There is no need for this project. What Wauwatosa really needs to do is improve our roads. Many of our main roads need attention. Please invest in something that benefits the whole community.
Jun 04, 2026, 09:09 AM	1						
Jun 04, 2026, 08:07 AM	1					1	Go big or go home!
Jun 04, 2026, 06:32 AM	1				1		
							I use the library frequently and think it is good how it is and do not think we need to pour a ton of money into changing something that is already good.
Jun 03, 2026, 09:11 PM	1		1				
Jun 03, 2026, 08:49 PM	1					1	
							I think we need the improvements we find in options 3 and 4. But I think that staggering the completion of building completely new with remodeling is a good way to stagger the costs of new buildings.
Jun 03, 2026, 06:50 PM							
Jun 03, 2026, 03:33 PM	1		1				

Jun 03, 2026, 02:29 PM	1				1		
Jun 03, 2026, 01:19 PM		1				1	I grew up in Tosa and am now a business owner in town-- the building sees so much life and is so vital! It should be state of the art so it will last and live up to the hub it already has been for decades. As someone who spent many days after school in the library, the study rooms and program spaces for youth would be very well utilized.
Jun 03, 2026, 08:12 AM	1		1				We can't afford any remodel really but if you all are hell bent on spending more money we don't have, do only what's absolutely necessary by law. In the meantime you can look at all of the school spending and apartments being built to make you feel good as you ruin "the city of homes".
Jun 03, 2026, 06:38 AM	1					1	
Jun 03, 2026, 04:12 AM		1	1				
Jun 02, 2026, 11:05 PM	1					1	I think we should make it the best space it can be. It needs to be managed well and on schedule. I'm curious what the interim plan is.
Jun 02, 2026, 09:22 PM	1			1			I'm excited!! As a library super user I'm looking forward to it. I hope that whatever is decided - pedestrian access needs to be MAJORLY improved. Both walking and biking to the library at the moment are treated as an afterthought, and not given the prominence that they deserve!!!
Jun 02, 2026, 09:17 PM	1				1		
Jun 02, 2026, 05:16 PM	1			1			This option more closely represents the city's "needs" versus its "wants". This concept should always be present when discussing public projects of this type, along with prudent fiscal policy.
Jun 02, 2026, 11:28 AM	1			1			Cost
Jun 02, 2026, 06:58 AM	1		1				The city has presented four options ranging from \$36 million to \$107 million, but every one bundles library and city hall work into a single project. That's worth questioning. The library serves residents well as it stands, it's on par with others in the area. City hall maintenance, on the other hand, is clearly needed. But combining necessary infrastructure repairs with an ambitious library expansion makes it very difficult for residents to support one without being locked into the other. With property taxes already climbing significantly, mine have risen \$500 annually over the past four years, residents deserve the ability to evaluate each investment on its own merits rather than as a package deal.
Jun 02, 2026, 06:47 AM	1					1	Don't half-ass it!
Jun 02, 2026, 04:49 AM	1		1				
Jun 01, 2026, 10:16 PM	1		1				

							I left my selection blank because I believe lower cost options need to be provided home owners. Tosa taxpayers have been hammered by tax increases and the City has done a poor job of managing property tax burdens. Just simply compare tax rates on the 418k average home value in different municipalities, especially in Waukesha County. Why are there so many former Tosa families in Brookfield and outlying Waukesha County? It is simple, affordability and adding to property taxes through grandiose projects does not help people want to stay in Wauwatosa. The other thing that is overburdening City property taxes are the sweetheart TIF districts that passes funding "grants" to developers. Who funds grants ... we the taxpayers. Any option should be put to a referendum. Not doing so cuts the taxpayer out of the process and is fundamental to equity.
Jun 01, 2026, 09:52 PM	1						
Jun 01, 2026, 09:35 PM	1					1	
							For two or three of these options, it appears as though library and city hall operations will need to move offsite during the renovation/expansion. Has the city identified an alternative site where these operations can move to? If this is true, have any potential alternative sites/buildings been identified for this project? (For example could the library or city hall move to one of the existing school that potentially could close.) For options 3 and 4 does the prices including moving operations offsite during the 17 to 20 months of construction?
Jun 01, 2026, 09:28 PM	1			1			
Jun 01, 2026, 01:07 PM	1			1			

Jun 01, 2026, 12:32 PM	1			1		I think minimizing costs is critical. I support the effort to go net zero - considering the current example of what is happening with energy prices. As a resident, who lives behind the library on Stickney, we have been adversely affected by sewer overflows at the city hall parking lot the overflow the wall and we get a waterfall that comes into our yard which struggles to keep up with the extra water. This occurs with larger drenching rains. We are also concerned about the amount of invasive plants growing on the top of the wall specifically, invasive buckthorn - see WI DNR resources. Those plants drop seeds and berries into our yard and we struggle to remove them to prevent them also taking over our yard. However, this will be a no win situation for us until the plants dropping these berries are removed. We have put in service requests in the past, notified alder people and no response. It would be helpful to keep residents updated on plans for these problems. I would urge the city to be in very close communication with all the residents on Stickney and Jackson Park whose properties are adjacent to the city hall/library property on how these problems could be prevented or resolved and clearly not worsen the situation or create more hassles.
Jun 01, 2026, 11:44 AM	1		1			I like the current City Hall and Library and would prefer to maintain them as is. The renderings for new buildings look like and ugly modern design and cost a lot of money. I would be more open to a future replacement years down the road with a more historic appearance to match the character of nearby historical districts.
Jun 01, 2026, 10:48 AM	1				1	
Jun 01, 2026, 10:42 AM	1					1 I really like Wauwatosa's embrace of modern blending seamlessly with historic, and the city hall and library renderings in Option 4 seem to further this best. Nicely done. We have long thought that the large parking lot at city hall is an underutilized space, and creating a public plaza there makes sense. We mostly support Option 4 because we think the city should use this opportunity to address all deferred maintenance at once and build a city hall that can take us into the future without patchwork updates. In an increasingly digital world (including work-from-home), creating a municipal space that addresses these changes and creates new opportunities for its residents is important to us.
Jun 01, 2026, 09:58 AM	1		1			

							I am invested in this community for the long term and am willing to invest my tax dollars for a building built to serve the community for the next few generations. While any updating and investment in the library will be an improvement - I am really excited that this is happening at all regardless of the option that moves forward - I think if you look at similar communities that have newer library buildings - Greenfield or Oak Creek - the experience is dramatically different that what our current amenities in Tosa offer. To have nice things, we have to pay for them and I'm all for it!
Jun 01, 2026, 09:55 AM	1					1	
Jun 01, 2026, 09:31 AM	1			1			Less expensive but providing the new functionality.
Jun 01, 2026, 09:11 AM		1		1			
Jun 01, 2026, 08:44 AM	1				1		
							I like the cozy feel of the current library. The pictures of options 3&4 look like a hotel lobby. The current space has character. I love the story room with the big books in our library, it would be nice to see that in the new space as well
May 31, 2026, 11:50 PM	1			1			
May 31, 2026, 11:15 PM	1				1		
							I am an Early Childhood Educator who utilizes the Children's library frequently. A first floor access would be more accessible for families and people with disabilities. I'm thrilled with additional rooms being designed to foster inclusion and expand learning for all. Possibly a toy and puppet lending program could be established also. Various regional libraries offer options to check out toys, puppets, etc.
May 31, 2026, 09:25 PM	1				1		
May 31, 2026, 05:46 PM						1	Should include cafe in library.
May 31, 2026, 05:27 PM	1		1				
May 31, 2026, 03:24 PM			1				These taxes are unsustainable.
May 31, 2026, 10:57 AM	1				1		Would love to see option 3 with a North entry outdoor common area.
							I do not think we should be spending any more money on this project than needed for infrastructure , safety and energy. We do need to get our schools in order and make spending decisions on that as a priority.
May 31, 2026, 09:18 AM	1		1				
May 31, 2026, 06:58 AM	1		1				The current building fits my needs perfectly. I go to city hall to vote and that's all.
							Why all the seating in the entryway. Why so many "study" rooms? How much time overall "percentage wise" are they full?. This building should have been taken care of over the years. If it would have we wouldn't be in this position now.
May 30, 2026, 11:50 PM	1		1				
May 30, 2026, 11:10 PM	1		1				

May 30, 2026, 09:50 PM	1		1				Like most Tosa surveys, you don't care & will not take into consideration the opinions of the residents. You will do as you please; stop pretending you want our input. Why bother? Between the school referendums & now this project, our taxes will go up. Again & again. Tosa is becoming a less than desirable place to live. The education system continues to decline, you want us to pay more for less services. Lack of planning, forethought & proper maintenance has led to the decline of our schools & infrastructure. The only good things I can say is that you have managed to maintain good police & fire departments. But like everything else in this city, you will eff it up.
May 30, 2026, 09:06 PM	1						None
May 30, 2026, 08:50 PM	1		1				Just fix it. We don't need a damn Taj Mahal. Between school referendums and city reassessments, taxpayers are taxed out. The city has extended numerous TIF assistance to developers with zero benefits to taxpayers for 20+ years. It's time YOU tighten your belts and stop being so greedy with our money.
May 30, 2026, 08:00 PM	1				1		
May 30, 2026, 05:44 PM	1						None of the above. Do a annual maintenance plan to keep the property 100% functional and usable.
May 30, 2026, 01:02 PM	1				1		
May 30, 2026, 12:15 PM	1					1	Wauwatosa has a reputation for providing quality of life and excellent services to its residents. Starting over with a new City Hall and Library will allow the city to meet the needs of the community in a facility that all will be proud of and that will be a destination for many others outside our boundaries as well.
May 30, 2026, 10:11 AM	1			1			
May 30, 2026, 09:45 AM	1					1	People complaining about taxes or chirping over costs are missing the point -- the library is a cultural institution and a community hub. Using the library for \$25/mo (essentially) is a no-brainer. Let's think long-term and not short-term fixes.
May 30, 2026, 07:21 AM	1				1		With the school referendums there has been a lot asked of tax payers. We have to slow down somewhere or we are going to squeeze even the most wealthy of us out. However, being a frequent patron of the library with two small children I fully understand how important these spaces are to the least fortunate of our community.
May 30, 2026, 07:04 AM	1						None ~ I cannot afford any more taxation on my limited income. Please think of those residents who cannot afford an increase in taxes after what the school referendum has done.

May 30, 2026, 04:54 AM					1	
May 29, 2026, 09:49 PM	1			1		
May 29, 2026, 08:11 PM	1			1		As someone who grew up going to the Wauwatosa Library, I think i speak for many when we say we have grown to Love the current Library and seeing it go would be devastating, Like loosing a beloved member of our community, I understand that buildings get old and times and the needs of a community change but i think of my Grandparents and my Uncle and Aunt who lived in New Berlin who loved the Old New Berlin Library off Moorland road and it's central location in Fireman's Park that had been there for almost 45 years and how the current New Berlin library (a 2 story building with a confusing layout located in a strip mall complex that is hard to get to) is almost universally hated by most New Berlin Residents. As someone who grew up here, I think i speak for most people when i say that we love the current library and have fond memories of visiting it as kids and would love to see it preserved for many years to come and for the future generations to enjoy
May 29, 2026, 08:09 PM	1				1	
May 29, 2026, 07:43 PM	1		1			Our current building is serving us well. We are all being taxed too much with the schools. I'd rather see money go towards repaving our streets. Disgracefui when out of town guests ask why our streets are is such bad shape. I'd like to have a referendum on this proposal.
May 29, 2026, 06:56 PM					1	
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May 29, 2026, 06:33 PM	1				1	Tax impact is not excessive for a new building.
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May 29, 2026, 11:36 AM	1			1			The growing tax burden being imposed on Wauwatosa residents through school referendums and the recent property re-assessment must be considered first and foremost when making the final decision here. Coupled with staggering inflation and a declining job market, this project must focus ultimately "need to have" versus "nice to have" amenities. Hence, option 2 does the best job of achieving needed and overdue maintenance needs while also incorporating modest upgrades that will make the facilities more modern and useful -- at a high, but not unreasonable price.
May 29, 2026, 11:29 AM	1			1			Don't feel it is necessary to totally switch the library and city hall areas. That's basically unnecessary.
May 29, 2026, 11:21 AM	1				1		
May 29, 2026, 11:20 AM	1			1			
May 29, 2026, 10:55 AM	1				1		I like this option because it does a nice job of using the existing structure and blending it into the few build.
May 29, 2026, 10:45 AM	1		1				
May 29, 2026, 10:30 AM	1		1				
May 29, 2026, 10:25 AM				1			This site is amazing; it seems very complete to me. and Yes! solar panels in the parking lot.
May 29, 2026, 10:24 AM	1					1	If we're going to do this, we might as well do it right. The library is a critical part of this community, and our young people need more safe places to hang out outside of school hours.
May 29, 2026, 10:11 AM	1					1	This has been studied and semi-renovated for years now. Administration has done its best. Tear the band-aids off.
May 29, 2026, 09:56 AM	1					1	If we're floating all this capital, make this right for the next 50-years.
May 29, 2026, 09:49 AM	1						So much for planning the additional program space as needed. The soaring interior spaces are considerably beyond what are required for the function of spaces depicted. If anyone expects sustainable energy systems to defray or accommodate the cost of heating and cooling the volume of these areas they are mistaken. Send the design team the challenge to right-size the spaces for sustainable management while keeping them meaningful without the grandiose show that seems to be envogue in public buildings these days.

							Replace/fix leaking windows roof, plumbing, electric, A/C as needed. Don't waste the tax payers money on a remodel, relocation of the city hall and library. Wauwatosa could build a brand new building for the same or less money. I can't see monies being added to my taxes for these ridiculous options. Why doesn't Wauwatosa spend money on road repair/replacement, the roads are getting worse by the day.
May 29, 2026, 09:33 AM	1		1				
May 29, 2026, 09:25 AM	1			1			Maintenance costs? If new buildings would significantly reduce operating costs, that would be a factor to consider.
May 29, 2026, 09:25 AM		1		1			Option 2 meets the libraries and city hall defined needs at \$20-30m less The challenge will be raising funds
May 29, 2026, 09:25 AM	1			1			The current building meets our needs
May 29, 2026, 09:20 AM	1				1		I am very excited that options 2 - 4 are Net Zero. Thank you! I chose option 3 because I like the open space included near the main entrance.
May 29, 2026, 09:12 AM	1				1		
May 29, 2026, 09:07 AM	1			1			I support option two due to it's ability for being all-electric, energy efficient building, Net Zero with 100% of annual energy supplied by renewable energy while having a relatively low incremental tax impact on residents.
May 29, 2026, 09:05 AM	1		1				I have supported every school referendum, but I am exhausted at this point by the constant tax increases. It does not seem that anything other Option 1 seems necessary to modernize this building.
May 29, 2026, 01:01 AM	1				1		
May 28, 2026, 09:20 PM	1						Whatever is the cheapest. Don't think this should be a priority. Would rather that money be put towards the village, the stadium, hart park, other outdoors areas
May 28, 2026, 08:56 PM	1				1		I would like the total building up to modern codes/standards with a few extra perks. It would be nice if a combined effort to share spaces between the school district and city could be worked out. Utilizing one board room for both, shared Community space, and resources.
May 28, 2026, 03:49 PM	1		1				
May 28, 2026, 05:39 AM			1				Many families and households are struggling financially due to inflation and rising costs. At this time, we need to pick the cheapest option and be respectful peoples tax dollars. We are already paying for the school referendums which cost a lot for families and seniors on fixed incomes.
May 27, 2026, 06:19 PM	1			1			
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May 27, 2026, 01:53 PM	1			1			As a family with 3 young children. We frequent the library weekly. The Tosa Library has met our needs. I chose option two to provide better accessibility for people with disabilities. I love the idea of the solar panels on the building and over the parking lot.
May 27, 2026, 09:23 AM	1		1				
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							around the price for our residents. Older residents purchased homes decades ago when prices were much lower than what they're assessed for today, and are now retired and on fixed incomes. Some residents purchased 5-6 years ago when interest rates were historically low and now can't afford to move. And sometimes, life just happens - illness, job loss, divorce, death. Those life events are difficult enough without also losing your home. Whether we want to admit it or not, our economy is in a recession. Raises are not keeping up with inflation. And these situations often hit marginalized populations first - disabled, people of color, women and single parent households - because systemically, they earn less. In our schools, 25% of our students are economically disadvantaged, but only 6% are here through open enrollment. That means most of our students who are in poverty are residents of Wauwatosa. And 19% of our total student population is both economically disadvantaged AND black. I'm glad to hear there are affordable options being built for seniors - I truly am. The majority of housing being built isn't affordable though, and not for families. The new apartments near Tosa East rent for more than my mortgage with escrow - and I purchased my home less than 6 years ago. Raising taxes for luxuries isn't just harming seniors. It's harming families, and the very diversity our community claims to value and support. I was happy to hear the mayor acknowledge that 25% of households in Wauwatosa are one major financial event away from crisis. Presenting these plans in the same space seemed to make that reality get buried in shiny new plans. Almost like a "checkquity" item, or words without actions. On another note, I am concerned about parking with any plan that does heavy renovations. A newly remodeled facility (or completely rebuilt one) will draw more people, and more cars with it. Parking is already a challenge in almost all of Tosa. Before going to a referendum, I'd like to see community fundraising efforts. There is a lot of
May 26, 2026, 05:13 PM	1		1				

May 26, 2026, 05:09 PM	1			1			Seems to be a cost-effective adaptation of current space and facility
May 26, 2026, 04:17 PM	1		1				I would appreciate if Wauwatosa shared information about all of our infrastructure and facilities. It seems like we are doing this piecemeal - elementary schools, secondary schools, library, city hall. It would help to have an idea about all of our facilities so we aren't surprised with another referendum what seems like every other year.
May 26, 2026, 04:06 PM	1		1				
May 26, 2026, 03:54 PM	1		1				With the continual remodels that the buildings receives as necessary through the years and the overall look the building is in now, OPTION 1 is the correct approach. For a modern, style renovation that will go out of date in 10-15 years, we will be remodeling again for twice the cost. We can focus our taxes in a different direction. If the library is ranked this high with visitations and usage already, there must be something being done correctly for its current layout.

May 26, 2026, 10:27 AM	1		1			Given the economy and other City recent capital expenditures causing significant tax increases, unless you have a donor lined up with a \$100 million check, Option 1 would be preferred. I visit the library about once a week and the current facility works great. Were these cost estimates developed in 2026? If not, would be good to get an updated cost estimate as some construction projects in 2026 are coming in 50%+ higher than estimates. Notes whenever you do the remodel: Whatever option, could you please add traffic calming in the lot. People drive way too fast in front of the library entrance and there are so many pedestrians and children. Please install a traffic speed bump like we have on the parkway or something to slow drivers down – one in front of the library and another where Rozmus connects to Jackson Park would be great. Keep the green space! Whoever plants/maintains the flowers at the library/city hall does a phenomenal job. The renderings look like a lot of hardscape, so please make sure to provide spaces for flowers. Option 3: Outdoor amphitheater on North Avenue? Has the designer been to the site? Traffic on North is quite noisy and not sure it would be well utilized. Overall, like the programming – give the kids a great story time room, history, teens some dedicated space, maker space like Mitchell and MLK, etc. Only 12 study rooms? I have a hard time getting a study room for an individual, if I want to study, I usually end up driving to Brookfield Library, they have 20+ study rooms of various sizes and have more availability than Tosa Library at the times I go (weekends and after work). Please save the artwork from the existing library/city hall – have some whimsy like the giant books by the storytime room, giant book pile in the lobby, there’s a painting the kids made at All Tosa Read many years ago.
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						proposals, as each relies on yet another tax increase at a time when many residents are already financially strained. Presenting the costs on a monthly basis may make the burden appear more manageable, but when calculated over the full term, the most expensive option equates to approximately \$6,500 per taxpayer over 20 years. For households already struggling with inflation, housing costs, and basic necessities, this represents a meaningful and unsustainable burden. This proposed \$100 million renovation is particularly difficult to justify in light of the recent merger of our Fire Department with a neighboring municipality, which was driven by a self-described “fiscal cliff.” Shortly thereafter, the city secured a \$20 million state grant tied to that merger. It is concerning that so little of this funding appears to be directed toward bolstering our strained emergency services. Meanwhile, the Police Department continues to operate below full staffing levels, and the Fire Department has been without a labor contract for three years—largely due to the city’s stated inability to afford wage adjustments. The optics of prioritizing a major city hall renovation while deferring compensation for essential personnel are troubling. Local governments across the country risk eroding public trust when they repeatedly turn to taxpayers to fund new capital projects while core services remain under-resourced. Residential properties in Wauwatosa routinely endure for 70–100 years or more. One would hope that any new municipal building would be constructed to a standard that far exceeds the current 34-year lifespan of the existing facility. I submit these concerns with the understanding that they will likely be reviewed through official channels. Nevertheless, I believe it is important to voice them. Fiscal restraint and responsible prioritization should not be treated as secondary considerations.
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May 23, 2026, 07:43 AM		1				1	
May 23, 2026, 04:47 AM	1					1	I think options 3 and 4 make the most sense, and I'm thinking option 4 gives us the most bang for our buck long term. I do like the shorter construction window for option 3 vs option 4. Option 1 feels like we're just kicking the can further down the road, and options 2, 3 and 4 all provide increased GSF which is a bonus. I look forward to being an all-electric, energy efficient building that's Net Zero with 100% of annual energy supplied by renewable energy. Very exciting and thanks for all the planning and effort put into this!
May 22, 2026, 10:58 PM	1		1				
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May 22, 2026, 11:59 AM	1				1		Can we activate the outdoor space on the North side of the building? Don't create a pedestrian dead zone. Visually, facade facing North Ave could be an iconic statement for the city of Wauwatosa. Has an architect already been selected? I would like to see a competition.
May 22, 2026, 09:27 AM		1		1			By keeping and updating the existing structure, it saves on costs, materials and energy. Why waste what is already there?
May 22, 2026, 08:57 AM	1				1		
May 21, 2026, 10:55 PM	1		1				
May 21, 2026, 08:53 PM	1			1			#2 is the best of the options presented, but would be curious to know if there is a lower cost option than option 1. If not would like to know why there isn't.
May 21, 2026, 08:06 PM	1			1			
May 21, 2026, 07:57 PM		1					Just fix the things that are broken. Stop focusing on net zero.
May 21, 2026, 05:47 PM			1				We are on a fixed income. We cannot afford the other options. Elyse Lorenz
May 21, 2026, 01:45 PM	1					1	
May 21, 2026, 01:34 PM	1				1		
May 21, 2026, 12:59 PM	1			1			Don't understand why a new building is needed when very little will be gained. Honestly have always thought the library is great as it is!
May 21, 2026, 12:50 PM	1			1			It's a beautiful building that serves the community well. With a few adjustments as indicated in this plan it could serve the community for another 50-75 years. Option 1 is probably the more affordable plan for a community that has ever increasing taxing issues. It would be my second choice. Option 3 and 4 are out of the question for the cost and the changes it would incur.

							As a frequent user of the library I have found the existing facility to be completely adequate. I agree that some remodeling of the existing facility is advisable but I cannot justify the additional cost associated with option 2-4. I have never noticed overcrowding at the library. In fact, every time that I have been there I have sensed that the library has more than enough space for the number of patrons using the facility. If there is a need for additional study rooms, I would want to see the statistics regarding the usage of the current rooms available.
May 21, 2026, 09:51 AM	1		1				
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							I'm struggling to save enough to pay my current property taxes, inflation is impacting all of my spending, I can't fill my gas tank at \$5 a gallon and you want to build a new City Hall? I understand infrastructure needs and support that, but you can do a lot with just interior finishes. How about an option that does just that? Also, I doubt the proposed costs include logistics, there will be considerable costs for temporary spaces, moving, storage, connectivity, etc. Thanks.
May 21, 2026, 09:12 AM	1		1				
May 21, 2026, 07:58 AM	1			1			
May 21, 2026, 07:34 AM	1		1				Schools are about to hit us again. Do what's needed only please.
							Option 1 is least disruptive lowest cost alternative. The community has spaces at all of our new and remodeled schools- meeting places, places for children and reading. I cannot afford the other options.
May 21, 2026, 06:43 AM	1		1				The fact that you are not offering a referendum speaks for itself - and I honestly question if my time writing this matters at all.
May 20, 2026, 09:55 PM	1					1	
							The current facility does need the upgrades and should be enough. If you can inform the taxpayers if there are structural problems for a new building maybe then could be on board with that. City Hall in Milwaukee was built in the 1800's and is still okay with upgrades that have been done. It seems to me that you want to keep spending taxpayer money and not thinking about the burden to them. One day soon Wauwatosa will be out of reach to many people including families.
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May 20, 2026, 07:58 PM	1		1				My family likes and uses the current library. The concepts look too much like a mall or an airport. It seems like an unnecessary change with high expense. Save the budget for other priorities.
May 20, 2026, 07:44 PM	1					1	
May 20, 2026, 07:44 PM	1				1		
May 20, 2026, 07:35 PM	1					1	For the small impact of cost on citizens between options 3 & 4, it would be optimal to move forward with 4 with a promise to future generations of Wauwatosans!
May 20, 2026, 07:29 PM	1				1		
May 20, 2026, 06:50 PM	1		1				
May 20, 2026, 05:44 PM	1		1				I would support an expanded version of option one with some elements from the others. Yes, create a new exterior book drop and hold lockers, but no, new entrances are not needed. I like being able to use one entrance to get to both sections of the complex. Yes, lets consider solar panels, but no, do not have them as a parking structure. They would cause waterfalls in heavy rain and possibly create icy pathways in the winter as snow melted and dripped onto the ground. It was unclear what the underground parking would be repurposed as. Does this mean the police would leave the municipal complex?
May 20, 2026, 04:42 PM	1		1				I did not see any information about the Senior Center or voting spaces.
May 20, 2026, 04:42 PM	1					1	
May 20, 2026, 03:44 PM	1		1				I like the current library and my family uses it regularly. These renderings look like too much like a mall or airport. It seems like the community isn't gaining much. Our tax dollars are better spent elsewhere. Save the money to keep the library well funded into the future.
May 20, 2026, 03:05 PM	1					1	
May 20, 2026, 02:25 PM	1					1	
May 20, 2026, 02:19 PM	1					1	I love the library and want to see option 4 come to life!
May 20, 2026, 02:11 PM	1					1	It's the appropriate long-term solution
May 20, 2026, 02:04 PM		1			1		The library needs a new, bigger space, not a space that has been cobbled together for over 50 years without any cohesion or vision. Have you visited a 21st century library? They look and function so much better than what we have.
May 20, 2026, 01:53 PM	1					1	Option 3 and 4 are clear winners and the cost differential between them is not substantial. Invest now in NEW buildings that will not come with the maintenance issues of a hybrid plan (renovation + new construction).
May 20, 2026, 01:43 PM	1					1	

May 20, 2026, 12:55 PM	1					1	
May 20, 2026, 12:54 PM	1					1	
							I have sent more extensive comments to council and administrators because I assume it would exceed this allotted space. To summarize them, I oppose a complete rebuild and I oppose ANY decisions made without referendum. I explained why and raised several questions in my email including: * What is the payback timeframe on energy investments? * What portion of the estimated cost is debt financing vs. construction and what interest rate is assumed? * What are the estimated maintenance costs? I understand that there is a goal of energy efficiency but what of other maintenance costs? * What is the life expectancy of a building of this nature? How long before it will be considered to have outlived its life?
May 20, 2026, 12:20 PM	1			1			Thank you
May 20, 2026, 10:39 AM						1	
May 20, 2026, 09:44 AM	1			1			
May 20, 2026, 08:56 AM	1						I don't prefer any of the options. Only perform required maintenance and any 'accessible' upgrades. Do not raise taxes again, we are on a fixed income and can't keep absorbing more spending. Fix the roads first if needed.
May 20, 2026, 08:52 AM	1			1			Wauwatosa residents have seen a steady increase in the last few years regarding assessments. I understand the need to update the library but please be mindful of the residents and the cost.
May 20, 2026, 08:45 AM	1			1			
May 20, 2026, 08:41 AM	1				1		
May 19, 2026, 11:13 PM			1				
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May 19, 2026, 09:53 PM	1		1				The current building meshes with the historical fabric of the Wauwatosa housing stock and the school across the street. Options 3 and 4 are offensive to the architectural roots of the community. Heartbreaking to contemplate, actually. Is there any opportunity to engage an architecture firm rooted in Classicism to offer different options?
May 19, 2026, 09:32 PM	1		1				With property values going up, causing taxes to go up, and the school referendum, I think we need to take a more cost-effective approach to this project. I might be in favor of going to one of the more expensive options if I knew what the needs of the city and the library are beyond what currently exists. I think you should give that information to the public.
May 19, 2026, 09:32 PM	1		1				
May 19, 2026, 09:22 PM	1						Why isn't this going to referendum?
May 19, 2026, 08:55 PM	1		1				We love the library. But taxes are pushing us out of Tosa.
May 19, 2026, 08:54 PM	1		1				Having lived her 54years, I have watched the Library decline as the younger generation turn to technology rather than books for research. It seems unnecessary to redo everything.
May 19, 2026, 08:52 PM	1					1	
May 19, 2026, 08:15 PM	1		1				
May 19, 2026, 05:46 PM						1	We love using the children's space. Your storytime is fabulous but the space is too small. I have a 9 year old with a disability and also want to see accessible spaces and a changing table. The most important thing is sound dampering. We love unique play areas with multiple types of play. I grew up going to the Tosa library (lived in East Tosa) and enjoy bringing my kids now. I support option 4 because I think long-term it will provide the best ROI. I would hate to see investments wasted on improving a building that will later fail.
May 19, 2026, 05:41 PM	1			1			I would like to know the pros and cons with each concept. It's hard to give good feedback without this information. Looks like designer feel swapped city hall makes sense. Why is this? Minus the middle school students most traffic is parking in the lot. I do not see an advantage for a north entrance. We have one today and it isn't used.
May 19, 2026, 05:36 PM	1				1		It would be good to understand the use patterns of the two buildings. I primarily utilize the library services which is why I feel like it warrants more expenditure. I also know that renovation is often more sustainable than new construction. I appreciate the energy efficiency integrations in the new proposed building.

May 19, 2026, 04:29 PM	1						I can't even begin to think about another hit to my real estate bill. Sorry all of its a no go for me.
May 19, 2026, 04:25 PM	1		1				
May 19, 2026, 04:25 PM		1				1	As a fellow library director where they reused part of the old building, that portion of the building has the most mechanical problems since things are 70 years old. The new part of the building is 24 years old. Best to do the whole thing new with the intention of it lasting 50 years. All the mechanicals will be the same age and on the same replacement schedule.
May 19, 2026, 04:22 PM		1				1	
May 19, 2026, 03:12 PM	1		1				After the last property assessment and with all the recent tax increases I don't know how residents are expected to afford another tax increase. Option 1 is the only option that I would even consider re electing the current counsel members if chosen
May 19, 2026, 02:49 PM		1				1	As a daily library user, I see how much traffic this place gets. Even with the maintenance people working to keep things looking and functioning as well as they can, this many people using a space so heavily takes a toll on how sound it is structurally. Especially in the children's area, you can just see how stuffed to the brim it is and all the peeling wallpaper, stained carpet, and aisles that are too small for strollers are not very welcoming, even if the librarians themselves are literally welcoming people in. A new space that could match the energy of the staff and the events that happen at the library would make the library even more of a destination. City Hall is a confusing maze. I don't know who designed that place, but they were not thinking about accessibility when it was originally built in the 50s and it shows. A new space for both is what this community deserves.
May 19, 2026, 02:41 PM	1		1				Think that necessary upgrades should be the focus especially with all of the tax increases we have seen from the school referendums.
May 19, 2026, 02:30 PM	1					1	What kind of community to we want to live in? I want to invest in mine and have future generations to take pride in the community they live in. Spend the money and watch us grow!
May 19, 2026, 02:19 PM	1				1		
May 19, 2026, 01:41 PM	1					1	
May 19, 2026, 01:22 PM	1		1				Option 1 plus a Westside 3rd space for kids
May 19, 2026, 01:06 PM	1				1		
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May 19, 2026, 11:39 AM	1			1			Appears to provide all of the needed improvements without totally rebuilding both areas.
May 19, 2026, 11:27 AM		1			1		Very excited to see these options for updates! I think option 1 is too short sighted, tosa is a growing and thriving community so our shared spaces should grow and modernize to meet the needs of today and 20 years from now.
May 19, 2026, 10:59 AM	1				1		
May 19, 2026, 10:35 AM	1					1	
May 19, 2026, 10:29 AM	1				1		This option would allow the library to stay open and fully functional during the entire renovation.
May 19, 2026, 10:04 AM	1		1				
May 19, 2026, 10:01 AM	1		1				The optics of all of the ask is piss poor at this current time. The high rise residences as well as big business allowed to thrive tax free in Wauwatosa, should be on the hook instead of being a drain. Quotes gathered for cost of completion of each option should be provided and made public to see how your government spending is determined. Fix our roads, and grow/back our civil services before you come asking for money. Shame on you.
May 19, 2026, 09:55 AM		1			1		
May 19, 2026, 09:32 AM	1			1			If the stucture is sound, which I believe it is. Why would build new? New isn't always better, and often it will not provide the longevity of an existing structure with a quality rehab.
May 19, 2026, 09:27 AM		1		1			
May 19, 2026, 08:52 AM	1		1				Spend the least amount of money.
May 19, 2026, 08:31 AM	1				1		
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May 19, 2026, 06:54 AM	1		1				Enough with taxes raising!!!
May 19, 2026, 06:45 AM	1			1			In general, I'm in favor of repurposing and retrofitting existing structures whenever possible. Option 2 should have much lower construction related carbon output than 3 or 4 and will maintain more of the charm of the current complex. It will also be less costly than any new construction.
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May 19, 2026, 04:05 AM	1		1				With all of the recent tax increases, I believe that the most responsible option is 1.
May 19, 2026, 03:38 AM			1				Option 1 is still too much for struggling families and seniors with high inflation caused by unnecessary COVID federal spending.
May 19, 2026, 03:17 AM	1		1				
May 19, 2026, 01:22 AM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 11:11 PM	1				1		As a mom in Wauwatosa, I love the proposed updates that will benefit kids! I'm okay paying extra taxes if it means better resources like this for families.
May 18, 2026, 10:57 PM					1		
May 18, 2026, 10:49 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 10:44 PM	1				1		The biggest thing that swayed me to option three instead of two was the maker space. I have been so jealous of local libraries with those! We love the craft/maker space at New Berlin library, and I have friends that love the maker space at Menomonee falls. I'd love to be able to utilize our local library instead of having to travel to other local libraries in the summer.
May 18, 2026, 10:39 PM		1			1		
May 18, 2026, 10:34 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 10:28 PM	1		1				More work than option 1 is needed. However, we should stick with option 1 in the interest of fiscal discipline; we need to make choices. The expensive school work means a less expensive option should be pursued here.
May 18, 2026, 10:19 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 10:13 PM	1		1				Don't increase our taxes to pay for this. Not even a penny. You are pricing home owners out of the area with all these tax increases. And why does city hall & the library have to be so far east? I live far west Tosa. Why can't the facility be in the middle of the city? Honestly considering moving out of Tosa as the taxes are ridiculous. The city does nothing for West Tosa. Just look at the area west of Mayfair Rd up Bluemound. Vacant buildings for years. No one in government cares. All they want to do is add apartments to these vacant buildings with low income housing in them. Or a portion would be low income. No more tax increases for a new library etc. Raise the money some other way.
May 18, 2026, 10:10 PM	1		1				How much more can you honestly raise our taxes? It's unbelievable.
May 18, 2026, 10:08 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 09:53 PM	1				1		

May 18, 2026, 09:49 PM	1		1				There is no mention of the square footage for the collection of books, periodicals, dvds, etc. This should be the priority of a library. It appears that with other options there will be a sizeable decrease in the book collection. Taxpayers have paid for these resources and librarians have carefully collected them. And what about an area to display art?
May 18, 2026, 09:36 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 09:33 PM	1			1			While the 3rd and 4th options look great, they are very expensive. I'd prefer an update that is still mindful of the tax implications especially since there will not be a referendum for people to vote on.
May 18, 2026, 09:28 PM	1		1				Our taxes are already too high. I have lived in this city for over 50 years and fear that the taxes are getting out of control. While I value our library I think we don't need all the bells and whistles that the other options would have.
May 18, 2026, 09:28 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 09:17 PM		1				1	
May 18, 2026, 09:10 PM	1		1				Open to 1 or 2. Wauwatosa is a city built on history. I think that ad much of the current building should be kept as possible. There is much to be played up on mid-century architecture. Let's not lose that character.
May 18, 2026, 09:09 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 09:06 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 09:06 PM		1			1		
May 18, 2026, 09:03 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 08:48 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 08:48 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 08:41 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 08:40 PM	1				1		Updating the library and city hall is a great plan and much needed. Adding a maker space would make a lot of things not normally accessible to the general public available especially to the economically diverse residents of Wauwatosa. Doing these updates while keeping the tax burden low will also help keep Wauwatosa economically diverse and welcoming to people of all means.
May 18, 2026, 08:39 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 08:38 PM		1		1			
May 18, 2026, 08:37 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 08:29 PM	1						None. Unnecessary. Waste of taxpayer funds.

May 18, 2026, 08:28 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 08:21 PM						1	
May 18, 2026, 08:18 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 08:13 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 08:08 PM	1				1		Have small children and would love a new nice library like other cities have
May 18, 2026, 08:05 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 08:05 PM	1			1			This option updates City Hall and the library but keeps our taxes lower.
May 18, 2026, 07:56 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 07:54 PM		1				1	
May 18, 2026, 07:38 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 07:37 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 07:35 PM							Leave it alone.
May 18, 2026, 07:34 PM	1			1			Most fiscally responsible and meets the needs.
May 18, 2026, 07:19 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 07:19 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 07:15 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 07:09 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 07:03 PM		1				1	
May 18, 2026, 06:56 PM	1		1				I've lived in Wauwatosa for 31 years, and I love my town. I voted for the school referendum because I felt our schools really needed it and I believed what I was told about the effect on my taxes. Then I saw my taxes go up \$2700 in one year. In. One. Year. That's insane. Based on the information given, I estimate my taxes will go up another \$500/year for a new building. No way. I can't afford any more, and I think a lot of people in this town will agree with me.
May 18, 2026, 06:44 PM		1	1				Personally, I think the cheapest option (#1) is the best, as well as not changing much of the 90's charm of the building. There's always time for glamorization after the economy improves (hard to get tax payers on board that kind of an project when gas is \$5 per gallon, grocery bills are skyrocketing, and their taxes already went way up this year, post-reassessment) Also, the next generation is much more in to preservation than wastefulness - just my two cents.
May 18, 2026, 06:32 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 06:26 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 06:15 PM	1				1		I really enjoy options 3 & 2, the solar panels would be really fantastic for the building and I love that people are using them to cover parking lots.

May 18, 2026, 06:11 PM	1			1			this option seems best to me as it accomplishes a lot w/less cost passed on to us per year. I do not believe getting a whole new building is necessary. Please be mindful of residents who are paying for these things.
May 18, 2026, 06:01 PM	1					1	I think we should build the library in City Hall that we need to have. I'd like to see the building re-situated on the Platt of land and for there to be an external Cafe connected to it with a new building. I'd love to see the mature tree landscaping be activated as a space for outdoor programming for children library programs so family can take their books outside and picnic and librarians can do storytime in nature
May 18, 2026, 05:55 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 05:43 PM	1		1				My family has enjoyed the library as is. We've also enjoyed the Firefly room for community events as is. None of us see a need for more than just upkeep. If we're going to spend more money as a community, we'd prefer to see the city partner with the school district to develop a youth indoor sports complex. This would be a significant value add for our community - much more than a polished library with more meeting rooms. I have a great deal of respect for the city and our elected officials. I appreciate the opportunity to share my opinion.
May 18, 2026, 05:40 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 05:37 PM	1						None of these options are good. I'm being taxed out of my home. Research Park has newer buildings and it's mostly vacant, if things are so dire, which I doubt, move there. This is irresponsible to propose. Go to referendum if needed.
May 18, 2026, 05:34 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 05:31 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 05:22 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 05:20 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 05:19 PM	1		1				With a significant increase in property taxes because of the school referendums, the idea of having an additional taxes to fund the library renovations is concerning. I know a number of people, myself included, who are considering leaving Wauwatosa because the taxes have risen so precipitously. At a certain point there can't be more squeezing of the homeowners for funds that should be coming from the state or from fundraising campaigns.

May 18, 2026, 05:18 PM			1			Wauwatosa doesn't have enough money to repair the water damage from 2026 in athletic fields. We are self insured and don't have enough money to repair pot holes, trim trees in timely manner, build roads. How much money is in city savings? How can the city expect to spend money in these chaotic times especially when people's jobs are at risk and you have already increased taxes. I think your extra money should go to schools because people buy homes based on the standard of education. I'm tired of hearing that's a different budget, so change the laws to so Wauwatosa can prioritize our needs. The number of people actually using city hall for meetings could be done at the new schools. How many times have road improvement? How many officers is the police dept down? No enforcement on speeding, and rule breaking Asking for more taxes is insulting and if this went to referendum, you would loose. I think the building is fine for the number of people using it.
May 18, 2026, 05:17 PM	1		1			Wauwatosa's charm comes from the integrity of the village and town. Staying true to the original concept is paramount to keep Tosa as lovely as it normally is. With the destruction of old buildings only blocks away, Tosa is incredibly lacking any of its original designs and coziness. Demolishing the current building will only further distance the lovely people who have enjoyed Tosa for generations. Not everything has to be new and pristine. Signed a very disappointed and affronted loyal village resident.
May 18, 2026, 05:14 PM	1		1			Cost of living and taxes have gone way up for your average citizen. These options seem like an extravagant want when you just raised taxes. Our income isn't going up in the amount that expenses in life and taxes are. This is the wrong time to ask of your community.
May 18, 2026, 05:05 PM	1			1		
May 18, 2026, 04:57 PM	1		1			Ultimately, I am not necessarily on board with having a big tax hike to fund a 100+ million dollar facility, I would prefer option 1 or 2. However, I completely understand that there are required updates and eco-friendly energy sources that need to happen. I would rather have tax payer funds go to schools and roads.

							1. Where’s the actual data? Not just the “community feedback. Ones showing that the current meeting spaces and storytime rooms are really too small? How many people or groups get turned away each week, and what are the real utilization numbers? 2. What specific safety problems or structural failures have actually happened in the building? Or are we just supposed to take their word that the 1957/1992 stuff has “reached the end of its lifespan”? 3. How many real accessibility complaints have come in over the last few years, and why can’t we just fix those specific issues instead of rolling them into this huge “modernized space” project? 4. These days libraries are moving fast toward digital books, remote access, and online programs.... What evidence is there we actually need bigger physical meeting rooms and a fancy new teen lounge instead of cheaper partnerships or virtual options? 5. What other city needs (roads, police, or idk...lower taxes) are going to get shortchanged, and how did they weigh those trade-offs? 6. Why isn’t there a referendum???? If this is such great “big news” for Wauwatosa after years of feedback, why not let the actual taxpayers vote on spending the money? 7. Who really benefits the most from the bigger, more expensive options? City staff, architects, consultants, and contractors get larger budgets and fancy projects and regular homeowners and library users pick up the tab. Whose ideas are actually driving this?
May 18, 2026, 04:55 PM	1						8. Are we still going off those old 2015–2016 studies, or have they updated them with
May 18, 2026, 04:52 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 04:51 PM	1		1				We want minimal tax increases
May 18, 2026, 04:48 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 04:47 PM	1						None of them. Our taxes are too high, stop taxing us constantly

May 18, 2026, 04:29 PM	1				1	The library is consistently used for Longfellow middle school drop off/pickup which disrupts the library flow of traffic. Consider developing an option that addresses this problem/solution. Discovery gardens have been implemented but not always maintained (mainly Tosa Schools) and a natural splayscape/playground may be more welcomed by the community. There is No mention of the health department. Is this being dissolved?
May 18, 2026, 04:27 PM	1				1	New infrastructure sounds like the best idea especially after all we've learned with the schools
May 18, 2026, 04:25 PM	1		1			I have read the entire report on building conditions. I support the ideas in option #1. I do not support adding anything to the library. I support Repairing as needed, and Replacement when it makes more (dollar) sense. I would like to tear down my 100-year-old Wauwatosa house and update with all the latest amenities, but that would be fiscally imprudent. I expect our leaders to think similarly. Paul Lorenz
May 18, 2026, 04:21 PM	1			1		Minimize tax impact while offering a meaningful improvement.
May 18, 2026, 04:19 PM	1			1		I like that Option 2 is a big improvement while working within the same space. Option 4 feels excessive - we can have nice things without replacing it all. Option 3 is my runner up!
May 18, 2026, 04:15 PM	1				1	
May 18, 2026, 04:14 PM	1		1			
May 18, 2026, 04:04 PM	1			1		Tosa has many capital improvement needs, including this project but also, very importantly, replacing lead pipes providing water to residents' homes. After receiving a pamphlet last fall stating the city has not identified a funding source to replace our lead pipes, I am in favor of the most cost-effective approach to renovating City Hall and the Library, which will hopefully give the city flexibility to find funding for lead pipe replacements as well. It is critically important that residents have safe water to drink in their homes. While a brand-new Library and/or City Hall would be nice to have, I do not feel that is a prudent use of city funds at this time.
May 18, 2026, 04:00 PM	1		1			Unless you receive grants and private donations, please do not make any changes to the existing footprint. With all the school district referenda and increased property assessments, most residents I know cannot afford higher taxes. I'm looking to move out of Wauwatosa due to taxes and awful declining taxes.

							I am in favor of option 1 and reject options 2-4. A new City hall/library, with essentially the same square footage as the existing City Hall, will not enhance police/fire protections, fill the 1000's of existing pot holes, trim trees or collect trash or improve the other administrative services that operate out of City Hall. A new building won't make a difference, but quality employees will. To summarize - if the City can't make the case that a new building will improve City wide services and lower taxes, then just do the updates. The City needs to work with the smallest framework to keep the existing City Hall functioning.
May 18, 2026, 03:59 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 03:56 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 03:48 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 03:46 PM	1		1				As a family of 6 we cannot afford another tax increase. When does it end? Every year a tax increase for wants not needs.
May 18, 2026, 03:45 PM	1			1			I really believe this is terrifying time to do this. But out of the 4 options, I prefer #2. Is it going to cost millions to go all electric? Natural gas is an inexpensive and clean energy source. I believe that this pie in the sky idea of renewable energy is nonsense and overly expensive. I would like to see more meeting rooms available, but do we need a “sensory room”? How much does this add to costs? I would prefer that this goes to referendum, because I don’t believe that the people running this city have a clue about how much damage they’ve done to family finances.
May 18, 2026, 03:39 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 03:37 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 03:33 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 03:25 PM	1					1	Additional meeting spaces and a warmer and more welcoming environment would be fantastic.
May 18, 2026, 03:22 PM	1		1				This is nuts that the city is considering spending \$100 million plus. City hall is fine as it is and the library is already great, we definitely do not need and cannot afford these upgrades. There are substantial infrastructure projects (EG. most of the roads in the city) that should be tackled before this boondoggle.
May 18, 2026, 03:19 PM	1				1		We agree with comments below regarding lifecycle cost. If, for example, the 30 year projected total lifecycle cost of option 3 was higher than option 4, then we might lean toward 4

May 18, 2026, 03:14 PM	1		1				We are being taxed out of the city. You all need to figure your spending out. It's out of hand!
May 18, 2026, 03:12 PM	1		1				I love the library/city hall location and offerings and feel option one provides all necessary upgrades at minimal tax payer impact.
May 18, 2026, 03:11 PM	1					1	I support Option #4. Wauwatosa is a place people are proud to call home, and it continues to attract families because of its schools, community, and culture. Our City Hall and library should reflect those same values. With no major renovation since 1992, now is the right time to invest in public spaces that better serve residents and reflect the community we, as citizens, know Wauwatosa to be.
May 18, 2026, 03:09 PM	1				1		Option 3 appears to be the best of both worlds and will increase the functionality of the building greatly.
May 18, 2026, 03:07 PM	1					1	
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May 18, 2026, 02:59 PM	1		1				I really don't care which option you guys go with as long as it's not passed on to the taxpayers. Since you've known you needed to modernize this building for a long time, you should have budgeted so, and that cost shouldn't be on the resident's shoulders
May 18, 2026, 02:59 PM	1				1		Combines the best of the options, including the sustainability and longevity aspects, and within a reasonable time frame. It is expensive, but better to do it right and make it last longer. Less disruptive and costly than a total rebuild.
May 18, 2026, 02:54 PM	1			1			
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May 18, 2026, 02:50 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 02:46 PM	1		1				I don't think solar panels should be included on all of the alternatives.
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May 18, 2026, 02:44 PM	1				1		
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May 18, 2026, 02:38 PM	1		1				Lowest impact to our already high taxes.
May 18, 2026, 02:38 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 02:37 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 02:36 PM	1			1			

May 18, 2026, 02:33 PM	1					None of the above
May 18, 2026, 02:32 PM	1			1		Electric and plumbing need to be updated. We don't need a new building. As a senior, I do t want to pay more than \$240. Per year
May 18, 2026, 02:32 PM	1				1	I believe building completely new from the ground up would be best for Wauwatosa. However please do not make the new library all digital. I value paper books and that should be the main focus of the library's collection
May 18, 2026, 02:30 PM	1			1		In actuality I am a go big or go home so I like 3 and 4 but what I really like about 2 is the separate entrances -I am not a fan of the one shared entrance. They all look amazing and would be a welcome addition to Tosa!
May 18, 2026, 02:29 PM	1				1	
May 18, 2026, 02:27 PM	1		1			After such a huge tax increase last year I cannot afford anything else. I know the schools will soon be asking for more money too. I love the library but life is too expensive right now.
May 18, 2026, 02:27 PM	1			1		Is there any consideration for the parking lot and chain link fence that abuts neighbors. Also the retaining wall that runs the length of the property that is not being cared for? Weed trees are growing tall, into electric lines, and will eventually destroy wall. If increasing traffic, would like to see more privacy for your backyard neighbors and this taken care of before the parking lot falls into our backyards.
May 18, 2026, 02:26 PM	1		1			I support the library and its services, but we are already feeling the effects of the latest tax increase. I support option 1 - I do not support more than the required updates to keep the building functioning and operational at this time.
May 18, 2026, 02:23 PM	1		1			The other options seem really great but my concern on my tax bill overrides my desire for a nice space.
May 18, 2026, 02:23 PM	1		1			It would appear to be fiscally prudent to make the necessary upgrades to old mechanical systems rather than expanding. I have used the library and I have never noticed the need for additional space. Although it would be outstanding to be able to "have it all", especially with a library, current times are tough for many Wauwatosa residents and another 10% property tax increase is a bit much.
May 18, 2026, 02:17 PM		1	1			When the library is obsolete in 10 years because everyone has a library in the phone. Will we be reimbursed for this project that's not needed? Fisher for everything. Sale the land..we need more low Income housing right there on the Eastside

May 18, 2026, 02:16 PM	1						I want no options and no more tax hikes. Our schools suck and we keep having to pay for them. Enough is enough. No more tosa.
May 18, 2026, 02:15 PM	1			1			I feel we are being taxed to death in Wauwatosa and would like to see costs kept reasonable . No need for options 3 & 4.
May 18, 2026, 02:11 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 02:03 PM	1		1				You are taking it out of the taxpayers hands by not going to referendum. Please pick the least expensive options as we are facing yet another school referendum. Wauwatosans are being taxed right out of our homes.
May 18, 2026, 02:01 PM	1		1				This is a complete joke and somebody is swindling taxpayers. This property should not cost nearly \$1,000 PSF to build when skyscraper office buildings in Manhattan cost the same. There are literally office buildings in the research park selling for a fraction of this. Do not take our money and waste it.
May 18, 2026, 02:00 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 02:00 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 02:00 PM							I like Option 2 the most. It has the most square footage of all 4 options, is a lower cost than Option 3 and 4, and finds a way to use and update the current space, while incorporating many of the ideas shared in Option 3 and 4 (I for one love the idea of the solar panels in the parking lot)! As a former resident of Wauwatosa, one who probably will never be able to afford a home in the city due to rising housing costs (including increasing property taxes), I want to invest in our community and public programs but I want to make sure we are doing so strategically. I'm also saddened by the increase in modern architecture popping up all over town (specifically with apartments), instead of trying to revive and reuse existing spaces. There are countless buildings in Europe older than the United States still in use today. I think we can update a building from the 1950s to continue to serve this community for decades to come. :)
May 18, 2026, 01:57 PM	1					1	This is a desperately needed update to bring our library into the 21st century. As a 30+ year resident of Wauwatosa and homeowner, the minimal impact to my taxes for option 4 (less than the cost of a dinner out) is absolutely worth the incredible service improvements and desperately needed community space that will continue to put Wauwatosa at the top of the best Milwaukee suburbs to live in.

							It has been over 30 years since the last major update to this site, and I expect it will be another 30 before any new changes come along. So, it's best to do it right this time around since it will be a generational update. World-class cities are investing in their public spaces, which includes modernizing libraries. Libraries are no longer about books and microfilm. Now, they're about all-around learning. Mini museums, if you will. This is an opportunity for Wauwatosa to create a space for the community to engage in the city's history and culture, all under one roof. I also believe that if the City of Wauwatosa administration wants to continue to be competitive in the workforce and attract the best and brightest to lead us forward, they need a comfortable workplace in city hall. For these reasons, I support Option 4.
May 18, 2026, 01:55 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 01:52 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 01:52 PM	1		1				Taxes have doubled in the last year already.
May 18, 2026, 01:45 PM	1		1				Why do we need the 100% electric? Show us where the cost benefit is. Why is the cost so high for option 1?
May 18, 2026, 01:45 PM	1					1	The best thing for the community and the city is to expand the library and it's facilities to help grow the community.
May 18, 2026, 01:42 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 01:40 PM		1		1			
May 18, 2026, 01:36 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 01:36 PM	1		1				I really can't afford to vote for anything beyond Option 1. I realize that the need for referendums (for school districts) and property tax increases mostly is the result of policies at the state and national levels, but my family cannot afford to say yes to every ask for money (I realize the school district is a separate entity, but it all comes out of our one bank account). So much of our (mainly stagnant) income is going to increased property taxes, that we have to defer maintenance on our own property. As much as I would love Tosa to have a state of the art library, I can't choose that right now.
May 18, 2026, 01:35 PM	1				1		
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May 18, 2026, 01:32 PM	1					1	
May 18, 2026, 01:31 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 01:31 PM		1					Other libraries have drive through return and pick up windows. Great for seniors and people with small kids. The amount of library open space is concerning...there are consistently too many loud kids from Longgellow hanging out at the library.
May 18, 2026, 01:30 PM	1					1	Do it and do it right.

May 18, 2026, 01:29 PM	1		1				
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May 18, 2026, 01:22 PM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 01:21 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 01:20 PM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 01:19 PM	1		1				Not necessary. Roosevelt and other schools are older and are sustainable with minor upgrades. The mayor said the library would have retail on the first floor and be paid for by donations I'm not seeing any of this. Why isn't this put on the ballot for voters to decide? This is a major long-term expense to be decided by 12 temporary common council members.
May 18, 2026, 01:16 PM	1		1				I understand that city hall and library has repairs that need to be made. Both buildings are perfectly fine. Lets keep them and respect the tax payer that already got a large property tax increase in 2026.
May 18, 2026, 12:58 PM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 12:34 PM	1		1				The city is becoming tone-deaf in regards to the tax burden & escalating costs on its residents. Wages are not keeping pace with the tax increases from district referendums & the recent property reassessment, and this increase will further compound those costs. There is nothing wrong with pursuing a maintenance option (#1) - which is the prudent course of action in a climate where costs are compounding. Individuals have to do more with less as stewards of their resources when budgets tighten -- no less should be expected from the city, rather than justifying spending "wants" (versus "needs") on the backs of taxpayers.
May 18, 2026, 12:18 PM	1		1				I don't care for any of these options. Property taxes have already gone up last year. Gas is creeping to \$5 a gallon. This is not the time to ask for more from people who are stretched thin. Why has there been deferred maintenance for so long on the building? Isn't this part of yearly budgets? It seems like a big ask in this current climate.
May 18, 2026, 10:54 AM	1						None - Wauwatosa residents cannot afford it.
May 18, 2026, 10:52 AM	1				1		I prefer a choice between Option 2 and Option 3. City should be looking toward the future. This remodel should last at least as long as the present one has to get our money's worth. It should try to not only solve all of the problems that now exist but try to figure out what would be needed 20-30 years from now. (Tom Schreiner - 70-year resident)
May 18, 2026, 09:21 AM	1			1			It's so exciting to see the net-zero plans for this building!
May 18, 2026, 09:14 AM	1			1			Necessary and beautiful updates without as high of a tax impact.

May 18, 2026, 08:50 AM	1		1				
May 18, 2026, 08:00 AM	1			1			I 100% support doing necessary HVAC, electrical and accessibility upgrades. These will help with the long term upkeep of the library and bring the facilities into this century. The solar panels, window replacements and other upgrades that get the building closer to net zero is also worthwhile. Tearing down the exhausting facilities to build new ones is unnecessary and an improper use of taxpayer funds. It says so in the investigative study that the exterior of the building is in great shape and should continue to be used! Additionally, while the total project length will be longer during a remodel compared to a tear down, it will allow for parts of the facility to still be partially utilized which will be less impactful to the users in our community.
May 18, 2026, 07:17 AM	1				1		
May 18, 2026, 06:42 AM	1			1			
May 18, 2026, 06:12 AM	1					1	I feel that the 4th option gives the most longevity, with better integration of accessibility, and an overall more beautiful space. The library is such a huge asset to the community, and deserves a fresh, more functional space!
May 17, 2026, 08:12 PM	1						How many public parking spaces will you have for community parking for each concept? Will the solar panels be elevated above the parking spaces or will they replace parking spaces that are currently available? I need this information to make an informed decision!
May 17, 2026, 07:42 PM	1			1			Seems most sensible.
May 17, 2026, 06:40 PM	1		1				
May 17, 2026, 06:32 PM	1					1	
May 17, 2026, 06:31 PM	1					1	
May 17, 2026, 01:06 PM	1		1				I really like the layout and design of options 3 and 4, but with Wauwatosa's already high taxes, it's difficult to support these proposals given the significant tax increase they would create over the next 20 years.
May 17, 2026, 11:45 AM	1		1				It has been demonstrated that so-called "Net Zero" options are anything but, and often are worse for the environment, especially when requiring components largely sourced from China. We should stay away from such approaches for obvious reasons.
May 17, 2026, 11:36 AM	1				1		

May 17, 2026, 10:31 AM	1		1			While Options 2-4 look lovely, City of Wauwatosa is taxing it's residents right out of Tosa. Many people are struggling to survive in this current economoy. No more additional taxes!
May 17, 2026, 08:18 AM	1			1		I don't understand a massive entry plaza and community space. It seems like a moderate amount of space for this would be an improvement. City Hall is not ever going to be a "gathering place" for residents. You would do better to fix some of our horrendous roads with some of this renovation budget! I know, it's a different pot of money, but seriously, our roads are what is decrepit in this city! This hits at a bad time, considering your massive reassessment of only some of the properties in Wauwatosa. My postage stamp lot and east side bungalow taxes went up by \$2200, so forgive me if I'm not thrilled with any additional expenses when this should have been better budgeted for over the years.
May 17, 2026, 07:57 AM	1			1		I appreciate the need for updates and maintenance. Improving the electricity generation capacity of municipal buildings is important to me, as is a reassessment of the programming most relevant to Wauwatosa residents. Expanding offerings by adding a maker space and study rooms seems valuable and are attractive proposals. Razing and building a new building however seems excessive. Option 2 presents a nice balance by offering more amenities without the very high price tag of a complete rebuilding. I look forward to more public discourse around this project and appreciate the city for seeking community input.
May 17, 2026, 07:27 AM	1		1			I am a resident of Wauwatosa and a frequent user of the library. I am also retired and am on a fixed income. The recent hike in property taxes has strained my budget so much that I may have to sell my home and move out of the city. This would be heartbreaking as my grandparents built the home 89 years ago, and I have lived in it for over 40 years. While I understand that work needs to be done to older structures, I plead with those making the financial decision to also understand what repeated, and significantly high, raises to our property taxes are doing to the residents. Another worry I have when considering the property tax issue is if we are going to have another great increase next year because the city did not receive FEMA funds due to the flooding last August. Please vote to go with the most financially conservative option to making the repairs and updates needed. Thank you for considering my feedback.

May 16, 2026, 07:53 PM	1				1		I would be excited for a new library and feel a remodeled city hall would be nice. Option three feels good for being slightly cheaper and less construction time. I'd really hope there could be some way to still get books from the library during construction so matter what :)
May 16, 2026, 04:55 PM	1						Is this necessary?
May 16, 2026, 04:38 PM	1					1	
May 16, 2026, 03:59 PM	1						I am increasingly concerned about the continued financial burden being placed on residents through additional taxes and fees, especially the proposal to levy another tax to fund City Hall improvements. This comes after two referendums and significant increases in property taxes resulting from recent assessments. Residents have already absorbed years of rising costs beginning with COVID, followed by inflation and supply chain disruptions that drove up the price of everyday necessities. Families are paying more for groceries, utilities, insurance, transportation, and housing than they were just a few years ago. For many households, there is little room left in the budget for yet another increase. A fiscally responsible community should not rely solely on raising taxes whenever new spending priorities arise. Responsible budgeting also means evaluating existing programs, identifying efficiencies, reducing unnecessary spending, and making difficult decisions about priorities. Shared sacrifice should include government tightening its belt alongside residents who are already being asked to do more with less. At some point, continual tax and fee increases make it harder for people to afford living in this community, particularly seniors on fixed incomes, young families, and middle-income residents. We risk creating a situation where longtime residents are priced out of the very community they helped build and support. Before asking taxpayers for additional money, city leadership should demonstrate a serious commitment to reviewing expenditures, cutting lower-priority programs where appropriate, and exploring cost-saving measures. Fiscal balance requires both responsible investment and responsible restraint.
May 16, 2026, 08:28 AM	1				1		
May 16, 2026, 07:49 AM	1			1			

May 16, 2026, 06:36 AM	1						Minimal, minimal Option 1. Essentially do only truly necessary repairs, as we homeowners do while managing our own finances. The complex is fine as is, we don't need bright and shiny nor can we afford it. Our taxes are horrendous as is, especially with three school referendums. BTW, I've lived in Tosa for 30 years and this is the first I've heard anything about this project! And yet we've already paid significant consulting fees! This is Tosa, not the North Shore!
May 16, 2026, 03:54 AM	1				1		How confident are the funding assumptions, specifically the fundraising and grant writing goals? Would be good to communicate this a little bit more. Also, the per house cost per month is easy to understand but also add the total per house over the 20 years, I would think people would be willing to invest in this for 20 years knowing it was only a few thousand dollars.
May 15, 2026, 11:53 PM	1						You give lots of info about how fantastic the library will be and not one word about how city hall will change. Where will offices be? And committee rooms, conference rooms ? What about areas for people to wait for various services? What about expanded restrooms? Obviously, much more information is needed before any options can be considered. Very disappointing presentation.
May 15, 2026, 08:42 PM	1		1				All those solar panels are so ugly and Wisconsin; how much sun do we actually get? That looks horrible.
May 15, 2026, 08:03 PM	1						so a raise in prop taxes for this project? this is on top of the school referendums, of which I am sure there will be more coming, and it Act 10 is revoked, then what? I would vote to do minimum needed to keep building functional. I don't know to many people who, when their homes start getting older tear them down and rebuild from scratch. Although it is easier when you are using someone else's money. If anyone wants to reply to this my name is Mark Van Engen 4465 N 109th St 414-708-4465 cheep_4247@yahoo.com
May 15, 2026, 07:51 PM	1				1		
May 15, 2026, 07:23 PM	1				1		Great opportunity to invest in our community!
May 15, 2026, 07:17 PM	1			1			It is the best option to meet required updates and a facelift to existing building
May 15, 2026, 06:54 PM	1					1	A new state-of-the-art library and city hall will prevent visiting this issue again for years to come.

May 15, 2026, 06:20 PM	1			1			The building needs some updates, but the fully redone option seems out of touch with the current economy and financial strain already in place on residents from the referendums.
May 15, 2026, 06:12 PM	1			1			
May 15, 2026, 04:37 PM	1		1				
May 15, 2026, 04:32 PM	1			1			
May 15, 2026, 04:09 PM	1		1				Doing a renovation is not a priority. I would rather my taxes go toward school renovations.
May 15, 2026, 04:04 PM	1		1				Updates make sense - but a complete re-do and bigger spaces aren't necessary for a community like ours.
May 15, 2026, 03:39 PM	1		1				
May 15, 2026, 03:26 PM	1			1			I love the existing building and am strongly against the renovations that model what I've seen at other locations: a sterile-feeling environment. What I appreciate about Option 2 is the renewable energy focus and installation of solar panels over the parking lot and using the existing charming building.
May 15, 2026, 03:05 PM	1		1				
May 15, 2026, 03:02 PM			1				I prefer to spend the least amount of money to maintain the current space. I don't care for flashy looks.
May 15, 2026, 02:51 PM	1		1				As technology has advanced the library has become a very minimal part of our lives. My interaction with city hall has been limited to dropping off absentee ballots.
May 15, 2026, 02:40 PM	1		1				I feel that the burden that the city of Wauwatosa is putting on residence needs to stop you keep giving away tiffs and if a project is good enough on its merit why does the city need to support it? It needs the tax base more than anything. With the referendums for school ,& and reassessments,and now you want to do this to City Hall I just think we need to pay our current bills first.

May 15, 2026, 02:31 PM		1				1	When looking at the cost/ benefits, option 4 makes the most sense since the layout and all the ADA concerns would likely not be considered and corrected with just a renovation of either the library or city hall. I would also question if we know that other libraries are larger and ours being one of the busiest, why would the plan be to just make a 75k sf library and not add a 3rd level to add additional space (since it might be needed)? I understand this plan would also not have a garage for city vehicles- I feel like this should be included in option 4, it makes sense as the existing parking spaces would stay and are limited on busy days as well as securing the vehicles. I love the idea of solar in the parking lot, but what does this look like from the ground? I've never seen this before, so I would be concerned there could be more visibility issues or blind spots for drivers and cause issues for the plows in winter.
May 15, 2026, 02:02 PM	1				1		Option 2 or 3 A vibrant library supports the whole community.
May 15, 2026, 01:49 PM	1		1				
May 15, 2026, 01:40 PM	1			1			By saving some funding and continue to reuse some structure as long as it is deemed safe is more environmentally friendly for our Wauwatosa community
May 15, 2026, 01:38 PM	1		1				There have just been too many tax increases, we are being priced out of the city
May 15, 2026, 01:28 PM	1			1			
May 15, 2026, 01:17 PM	1		1				I recently moved here, and the library is already the nicest library I have ever been to. I would prefer minimal tax impacts to renovate the building. Going energy efficient is awesome. The other bells and whistles of options 2-4 seem excessive.
May 15, 2026, 01:08 PM	1			1			good balance of what needs to be done, plus some extras, and including more square footage for the library than Option 3 at a lower price tag.
May 15, 2026, 01:07 PM	1		1				I believe city leaders should not limit themselves to these four options alone. The site is a prime location in the city, and sale or lease of the property for private development could generate considerable income to the city. I don't believe that city hall and the library need to be on the same site. Perhaps either City Hall and/or the library could be relocated to existing, vacant office space. The vacancy rate for office space in Wauwatosa is in double-digits. And many Class A office buildings in Wauwatosa are accessible to MCTS bus routes. Thank you for the opportunity to express my point of view.
May 15, 2026, 12:54 PM	1			1			
May 15, 2026, 12:49 PM	1					1	Do it right this time, so you don't have to redo not again in 10 years.

							Not impressed with any of these. All of them have wasted space. Build something that utilizes all the space. Has there been a study of the use of the library. It always seems to be empty when I go. How much bigger does it need to be. You have already increased our taxes. What have you been using the money for? Its time to be accountable for all expenditures. I definitely would like to see more options. You need to send wauwatosa brief out sooner rather than later in order to get updated information.
May 15, 2026, 12:48 PM	1						
May 15, 2026, 12:47 PM	1					1	
May 15, 2026, 12:25 PM	1			1			Agree that the building could use a facelift and present better to prospective residents, as well as current residents. But I don't think the entire building needs to be replaced, and I don't see any value added between what Options 3 & 4 offer compared to Option 2.
May 15, 2026, 12:24 PM	1				1		Our library is a treasure to the community but needs to be modernized. I prefer option 3 but also like option 2.
May 15, 2026, 12:13 PM	1				1		There is no question that these facilities need to be updated. The Library is VERY busy and definitely needs more space.
May 15, 2026, 11:51 AM	1			1			

							Please help me understand the comments: 1. We would fund this renovation through the capital budget (taxes) and a private fundraising library campaign. There will not be a referendum. 2. The table lists Tax Impact (cost per month for 20 years for an average home of \$418,800). So is it correct that our property taxes will continue to rise? Have you taken into account how much property taxes have already risen in the past 5 years? Is the reflection that the average home price is \$418,000? Just curious as that figure seems low. My concern is that younger families in the community continue to get priced out of the Wauwatosa market and increasing property tax makes this even more challenging. Does the city have a master plan for all buildings, properties, including schools and has an assessment of demographics been included in this analysis? Given the declining enrollment in schools, does it make sense to re-visit the question of keeping the current location vs. re-purposing one of the schools that has low enrollment? If you chose a different location, can you sell the current property to a tax-paying developer? Thank you!
May 15, 2026, 11:50 AM	1		1				
May 15, 2026, 11:47 AM	1		1				Since schools are underfunded and our property taxes have gone up drastically, this is no time to remodel the library or city hall. Naturally, needed repairs should be made.
May 15, 2026, 11:11 AM	1		1				
May 15, 2026, 11:04 AM	1			1			Option 2 provides the more square footage than Option 3, and the same add-ons except for lockers (not sure these are necessary and might actually pose a security concern). If Option 2 does not have adequate fund raising than Option 1 is also acceptable. Thanks for clear information and allowing a community response.
May 15, 2026, 10:53 AM		1	1				
May 15, 2026, 10:51 AM		1			1		
May 15, 2026, 10:48 AM	1						
May 15, 2026, 10:48 AM	1		1				

May 15, 2026, 10:41 AM	1		1				You don't always need to build new things. Sustainability is not about building new things that are supposedly sustainable, it's to use what we have here in front of us and make it work. Look to Europe where their buildings are FAR older than our entire country. They make things work. Yes, they build new where old doesn't exist, but they don't take the old things away just because they get ants in their pants for something new. This is ridiculous and needs to stop.
May 15, 2026, 10:37 AM	1			1			The top things I am concerned about are the cost and the disruption of library services. I think that before any plan is decided on, a detailed plan for how library services will continue during construction should be developed and shared with the public. For options 3 and 4, I don't see how switching sides of the building for City Hall & Library will change much in the way of functionality. Option 2 is my top choice because I agree that refiguring the entrances for both City Hall and the Library will contribute greatly to better functionality, and it includes the parking lot solar panels. I'd support Option 1 as my top choice if it included the parking lot solar panels; I think that is an excellent idea.
May 15, 2026, 10:34 AM	1				1		
May 15, 2026, 10:29 AM	1		1				
May 15, 2026, 10:18 AM	1				1		
May 15, 2026, 10:18 AM	1		1				The Senior Centers at Hart Park and City Hall are very popular. The activities are varied and worthwhile for our senior citizens. Please keep that in mind during your planning and actual renovation work.
May 15, 2026, 10:16 AM	1		1				Our family are frequent visitors to the city hall and library for various reasons. The layout and facilities are welcoming and sufficient. Schools and Hart Park facilities provide appropriate alternatives as civic function locations. Taxes should not be raised or allocated for anything more than the essential requirements of Option 1. Wauwatosa taxes are making our community unaffordable. Spending current tax receipts wisely is critical to our future. Thank you.

May 15, 2026, 10:14 AM	1			1		This preference comes with heavy caveats. There is no reason this option should cost as much as you have listed. The inclusion of solar panels and going "net zero" not only adds to the overall cost of the project but will also add maintenance and upkeep costs. Solar projects--especially in a state like Wisconsin--never recoup the cost of their installation through energy savings. Moreover, the City needs to understand the background situation facing residents. The school district has had two 100 million dollar plus referenda since 2018 and is likely to have a 300-400 million dollar one next year. I understand the district is distinct from the City. But the City should be using its political power to discourage continued burdens on the taxpayers for District projects that are unnecessary and which likely lower support for needed projects like this one. Moreover, the City's plans are at least open to everyone, unlike the District's, which directly benefit only certain families within Tosa.
May 15, 2026, 10:11 AM	1					Do the cheapest repairs and updates. You are taxing us out of our Tosa home. Been here for 22 years and soon won't be able to afford all these taxes and referendums. PS There is no option 1. There are two option 2s.
May 15, 2026, 10:05 AM	1			1		If we can keep the old building, we think that is best ecologically.
May 15, 2026, 10:01 AM	1				1	
May 15, 2026, 09:51 AM	1					1 Better safety and accessibility for Longfellow students, better safety/convenience with the drive through book drop. I love the energy efficiency. I am saying 4 because it is an investment in the community, but I support any option except number 1 and I want what the librarians and city workers want because they know best.
May 15, 2026, 09:46 AM	1		1			
May 15, 2026, 09:45 AM	1		1			If there was an option 0 I would have picked that! After our property taxes were already raised thousands of dollars this year, you have a lot of nerve to ask for another \$100 million so you can have new swanky offices. Why don't you move to one of the old schools you are going to be shutting down.
May 15, 2026, 09:44 AM	1				1	

							I do not support any of these proposals. The rate of increase of my tax bill from any of these proposals is completely UNACCEPTABLE. The funds to do renovations should be from grants and private donations only. Stop driving up the cost of living in Wauwatosa. We should be working to bring the cost of living DOWN for our vulnerable population. That's how we help disadvantaged and disenfranchised people. Take EQUITY seriously! It's too expensive already for low income families to own a home in Wauwatosa; these proposals make the problem worse.
May 15, 2026, 09:43 AM	1						
May 15, 2026, 09:41 AM	1				1		
May 15, 2026, 09:41 AM	1				1		This is a really important project.
May 15, 2026, 09:40 AM	1				1		The ongoing school referendum debacle will impact this. History and timing may greatly impact the community's willingness to support the project
May 15, 2026, 09:40 AM							I think in the wake of the largest tax increase I've seen in the 35 years i lived here and paid taxes, the concern over the economy and the school referendum, it's time to hold back on spending. As we become more digital, fewer people will need to come to City Hall. Barbara Grace Parkview Ct
May 15, 2026, 09:39 AM	1		1				We need to be responsible with our money. I live on a fixed income and it is increasingly difficult to continue to pay higher property taxes. I am a huge believer in repairing and repurposing versus tearing down and rebuilding. I expect my local government to be fiscally responsible. I do not want more of my tax dollars wasted. I thought Tosa was looking at affordability for residents. How are seniors or those on fixed incomes supposed to live? Just a thought maybe we should look at how our tax dollars are spent on education in this community. Or when employees responsible to review tax assessments do not behave so smug and tell a property owner if they come through your property your assessment could be higher. Stay out of my pocket!
May 15, 2026, 09:39 AM	1				1		This is an important project.
May 15, 2026, 09:37 AM	1			1			As a very long time Wauwatosa resident I fully support updating city hall and the library. My biggest concern is the extremely busy intersection of 76th and North Ave. Options 3 and potentially 4 alter the flow of vehicles with the plaza etc. Traffic flow is not addressed in any of this - how do I as a citizen drive in/out esp during peak times. Would appreciate further info on this which could impact decision. I personally like the idea of keeping the library where it is but change is inevitable. Would also love the hear views from library staff. How is the library currently being used now and visions for the future.

May 15, 2026, 09:33 AM	1			1			i would love to have option #4, but i do not believe that the community can afford another \$200 or added to their taxes.
May 15, 2026, 09:29 AM		1		1			with Tosa property taxes what they are TODAY with all the referendums passing, i cannot imagine what future taxes will be with this improvement.
May 15, 2026, 09:25 AM			1				retain mid-century modern design, do not spend money on vanity project, this year's tax increases are enough for now
May 15, 2026, 09:24 AM	1		1				We use the library every month for getting books and taking our grandchildren to the library. We love it. We have been taxed out though after the school referendum and don't want anymore taxes.l
May 15, 2026, 09:24 AM			1				
May 15, 2026, 09:23 AM		1	1				Even though I am not a Wauwatosa resident, I own a second resident in Tosa as well as a residential lot, and spend much time living here. I would use library more if it were more centrally located, or if there was a second branch or at least a drop off box on the westside of town. The location of current library is closer and more convenient for many Milwaukee residents than it is for Wauwatosa residents. Further, it gives a distinct advantage to students and their parents on east side of town. For example, students from Longfellow and East are in easy walking distance of library. I personally know this distinct advantage as I attended Longfellow as a student and easily made use of library right after school.
May 15, 2026, 09:23 AM	1					1	
May 15, 2026, 09:21 AM	1			1			
May 15, 2026, 09:17 AM	1		1				I choose option 1 simply for financial reasons. I currently have 3 line item extra tax assessments on my tax bill, all related to school district referendums. They will not end until 2045. Until those items are removed from my tax bill, I'm not interested in adding a fourth item. Our current library is beautiful and functional. City hall, from a visitor stand point seems perfectly functional as well.
May 15, 2026, 09:14 AM		1				1	
May 15, 2026, 09:14 AM	1		1				We do not need HIGHER taxes - be fiscally responsible for once.
May 15, 2026, 09:14 AM	1		1				Seems like we could get a few more years out of the existing structure with just a bit of upkeep :) Rather see extra tax money going to the schools and some low income housing.
May 15, 2026, 07:24 AM		1				1	The current library is uninviting, definitely needs a teen space and more space in general. If the library is at its end it should just be replaced.
May 14, 2026, 09:57 PM		1			1		

May 14, 2026, 09:01 PM	1						None. My taxes are too high already!
May 14, 2026, 06:55 PM	1		1				I support the option that supports our current infrastructure at the lowest cost to tax payers. Milwaukee has a wonderful public library system and I believe the conglomerate of all our libraries are sufficient for residents to enjoy. I strongly disagree with option 4 creating tons of construction waste by demoing and building an entirely new structure. Fiscally and environmentally irresponsible.
May 14, 2026, 03:35 PM	1					1	Would have been nice to have started putting money aside for this in the 1990s.
May 14, 2026, 11:05 AM		1				1	Constructing a new Library and City Hall provides the most responsible long-term investment because it avoids costly structural limitations and ongoing repair needs associated with the existing building. Even though an extensive remodel is planned, the shell and foundation of the buildings remain original, inadequate for today's building standards and ultimately still 70 years old. A full rebuild would allow the City to deliver modern, accessible, and efficient public facilities while minimizing the risk of unforeseen renovation costs that can increase project expenses. Taxpayers would be investing in a durable, future-ready facility rather than continuing to invest in aging infrastructure with limited flexibility and shorter remaining lifespan.
May 14, 2026, 10:10 AM	1		1				Do Option 1 "Required Updates" because the Wauwatosa School District referendums costing us taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in the last couple of years is already raising our Real Estate Taxes so much that Tosa residents are talking about selling their houses and moving away.
May 13, 2026, 10:19 PM	1		1				
May 13, 2026, 09:08 PM	1		1				
May 13, 2026, 08:14 PM	1					1	
May 13, 2026, 06:31 PM	1			1			Would the grants be for specific things? For example, could we get separate and/or more grants for the Maker Space? If not, could we cut it out? (Doesn't the school district have this too, so it becomes duplicative of the taxes we pay to create/upgrade maker spaces in the schools?) Why do we need a grand entrance space?
May 13, 2026, 06:10 PM	1		1				
May 13, 2026, 05:50 PM	1					1	
May 13, 2026, 05:24 PM	1					1	I was in the library earlier this week to access a database to which the University I work at does not subscribe (Ancestry)--it was a typical library day, crowded with folks of all ages reading, using computers, the copiers, meeting spaces, work spaces, etc. Duh--you all know that! But it confirms the central role the library plays in our community. Let's invest in it (and schools!). Taxes = services.

