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To: Community Affairs Committee of the Wauwatosa Common Council

From: Dennis R. McBride, Mayor

Date: September 19, 2024

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM MEMO** – Wauwatosa Historic Preservation Commission

A. Background/Rationale

Presently, the Wauwatosa Historic Preservation Commission is comprised of seven members, one of whom must be an alderperson and six of whom must be citizens, appointed by the Mayor. (See Wauwatosa Municipal Code § 24.17.010(D)(2).) One of the current citizen members is the former Executive Director of the Wauwatosa Historical Society (WHS), who was first appointed to the Commission while she was the WHS's Executive Director.

The intention has always been to have current WHS representation, but, after the former Executive Director retired from the WHS, that representation has not continued. It would be beneficial to the functioning of the Historic Preservation Commission and of the WHS for the current WHS Executive Director to participate in Commission functions as a voting member.

B. Key Issues for Consideration

None.

NOTE: Most of the enabling ordinances for City commissions are found in Chapter 2 of the Wauwatosa Municipal Code. The reason that the enabling ordinance for the Historic Preservation Commission is found in Chapter 24 is that the Wisconsin Statutes require that enabling ordinances for historic preservation commissions be located in a city's zoning code. (See Wis. Stat. § 62.23(em).)

C. Fiscal Impact: None.

D. Requested Action

Amend Wauwatosa Municipal Code § 24.17.010(D) to expand the roster of the Wauwatosa Historic Preservation Commission by one position and state that the Executive Director of the Wauwatosa Historical Society shall be a voting member of the Commission without necessity of appointment by the Mayor.

E. Attachments: None.

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