



Wauwatosa, WI

Common Council

Meeting Agenda - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:30 PM

Common Council Chambers and Zoom:
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/273225010>,
Meeting ID: 273 225 010

SPECIAL MEETING

HYBRID MEETING INFORMATION

Members of the public may observe the meeting in-person or via Zoom at the link above. To access the Zoom meeting via phone, call 1-312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to join proposed national opioid settlement against Purdue Pharma L.P. and Sackler Family [25-1318](#)
Action requires suspension of the rules
2. Resolution amending the 2025 Common Council meeting calendar to add a regular Common Council meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 [25-1319](#)
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3. Resolution waiving permit fees for flood-related repairs for 90 days to Wauwatosa residents affected by flooding on August 9 and August 10, 2025 [25-1317](#)
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4. Report on the City's response to recent flooding and ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal of, or other action concerning, the proclamation of emergency issued on August 10, 2025 related to the recent flooding, pursuant to Section 323.14(4)(b) of Wisconsin Statutes [25-1320](#)

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

Persons with a disability who need assistance to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk's office at (414) 479-8917 or send an email to tclerk@wauwatosa.net, with as much advance notice as possible.



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Staff Report

File #: 25-1318

Agenda Date: 8/26/2025

Agenda #: 1.

Resolution to join proposed national opioid settlement against Purdue Pharma L.P. and Sackler Family

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa is eligible to participate in a proposed nationwide settlement agreement that has been reached with Purdue Pharma L.P. (and certain affiliates and/or successors-in-interest) and the Sackler family concerning alleged misconduct related to opioids; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa finds it is in the best interests of the community to participate in this settlement in order to obtain funds that can be used in the continued battle against opioid addiction; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the city attorney is authorized to take any necessary measures to join the settlement class against Purdue Pharma L.P. and the Sackler family.

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***TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:
THIS NOTICE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW
NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT.***

PURDUE PHARMA L.P. & SACKLER FAMILY SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW

A proposed nationwide settlement agreement has been reached with Purdue (and certain of its affiliates) and the Sackler family concerning alleged misconduct related to opioids.

The proposed settlement is being implemented in connection with Purdue's bankruptcy proceedings, and consists of, among other things, a settlement of Purdue's claims against the Sacklers and certain other parties (referred to as the "Estate Settlement"), and a settlement of direct claims against the Sacklers held by States, local governments and other creditors (the "Direct Settlement", and together with the Estate Settlement, the "Settlement"). The Settlement contemplates that the Sacklers will be paying an aggregate of \$6.5 billion in 16 payments over 15 years, including \$1.5 billion on the settlement's Effective Date (expected to be in 2026), though some amounts are subject to discounted prepayments. These amounts are in addition to amounts available from the Purdue estate including amounts available on the Effective Date (expected to be around \$900 million) and amounts that may be paid in the future.

The Settlement also contains injunctive relief governing opioid dispensing practices and requires the successor-in-interest of Purdue Pharma L.P. to implement safeguards to prevent diversion of prescription opioids, and also restrict certain Sacklers from directly or indirectly engaging in the manufacturing or sale of opioids, as detailed in the Settlement.

The proposed settlement has two key participation steps now that **all eligible states and territories elected to participate in the Direct Settlement.**

First, eligible subdivisions within each participating state decide whether to participate in the Direct Settlement. The Direct Settlement is documented in the Governmental Entity and Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement, which is commonly referred to as the "GESA". The more subdivisions that participate, the more funds flow to that state and its subdivisions. Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly share in any of the Direct Settlement funds, even if the subdivision's state is settling and other participating subdivisions are sharing in settlement funds.

YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE DIRECT SETTLEMENT BY RETURNING YOUR PARTICIPATION FORM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THE SETTLEMENT.

Second, concurrently with the solicitation of eligible subdivisions to participate in the Direct Settlement, votes will be solicited for approval of Purdue Pharma L.P.'s bankruptcy plan, which plan will provide distributions in respect of the Estate Settlement. NOT ALL SUBDIVISIONS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT WILL RECEIVE PACKAGES TO VOTE ON THE PLAN.

Please note that this is NOT a solicitation or a request for subdivisions to submit votes on the Purdue bankruptcy plan. This settlement package only pertains to a decision to participate in the Direct Settlement with the Sacklers.

If you receive a package to vote on the plan you should follow the applicable instructions for voting. PLEASE NOTE THAT VOTING ON THE PLAN IS SEPARATE FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE DIRECT SETTLEMENT. **IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO VOTE ON THE PLAN IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THE SETTLEMENT.**

WHO IS RUBRIS INC. AND WHAT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTRATOR?

The Direct Settlement provides that an Implementation Administrator will provide notice and manage the collection of participation forms. Rubris Inc. is the Implementation Administrator for the Direct Settlement and was also retained for the prior national opioid settlements.

WHY IS YOUR SUBDIVISION RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

Your state has elected to participate in the Settlement, and therefore your subdivision may participate in the Direct Settlement. This notice is also being sent directly to counsel for such subdivisions if the Implementation Administrator has their information.

If you are represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims, please contact them. **Subdivisions can participate in the Settlement whether or not they filed a lawsuit or are represented.**

WHERE CAN YOU FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Detailed information about the Settlement, including each settlement agreement, may be found at: <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/purdue-sacklers-settlements/>. This website will be updated to include information about how the Settlement is being implemented in most states and how funds will be allocated within your state.

You are encouraged to review the terms of the settlement agreements and discuss the terms and benefits with your counsel, your Attorney General's Office, and other contacts within your state.

Your subdivision will need to decide whether to participate in the proposed Settlement, and subdivisions are encouraged to work through this process before the **September 30, 2025** deadline.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT?

The Settlement requires that you take affirmative steps to "opt in" to the Settlement.

In the next few weeks, you will receive documentation and instructions from the Implementation Administrator. In order to participate in the settlement, a subdivision must sign and return the required documentation.

Please add the following email addresses to your "safe" list so emails do not go to spam / junk folders: dse_na3@docusign.net and opioidsparticipation@rubris.com. Please monitor your email for the Participation Form and instructions.

All required documentation must be signed and returned on or before **September 30, 2025**.



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Staff Report

File #: 25-1319

Agenda Date: 8/26/2025

Agenda #: 2.

Resolution amending the 2025 Common Council meeting calendar to add a regular Common Council meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 62.11(2) says the council shall meet at least once a month, and on the first Tuesday unless a different day be fixed by the council, but allows more frequent regular meetings may be established by the council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopts its schedule of meetings annually via a calendar; and

WHEREAS, during its meeting on March 18, 2025, the Common Council approved a resolution accepting the proposal by McMahon Associates, Inc. for a Shared Service Review for the Cities of Wauwatosa and West Allis; and

WHEREAS, McMahon Associates has completed the Shared Service Review, and the findings are ready to be presented to the Common Council;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the 2025 Common Council Meeting Calendar be amended to add a Common Council meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, such changes are shown on the attached Exhibit A, Common Council Meeting Calendar.

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City of Wauwatosa – Final

Common Council Calendar

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Common Council Meetings - 6:30 PM

Standing Committee Meetings

Community Affairs Committee – 6:30 PM
Financial Affairs Committee – 6:30 PM

*Times are subject to Change

Standing Committee Meetings

Government Affairs Committee – 6:30 PM
Transportation Affairs Committee – 6:30 PM
Community Affairs Committee – 7:30 PM
Financial Affairs Committee – 7:30 PM

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Holidays – City Offices Closed

Election Days

Special Financial Affairs Committee – 6:30 PM



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Staff Report

File #: 25-1317

Agenda Date: 8/26/2025

Agenda #: 3.

Resolution waiving permit fees for flood-related repairs for 90 days to Wauwatosa residents affected by flooding on August 9 and August 10, 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa and greater Milwaukee area experienced record rainfall and flooding on August 9, 2025, and August 10, 2025, in which many residents and business owners of Wauwatosa experienced substantial damage to their properties;

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in relieving financial stress for affected property owners, accelerating recovery for the City and its residents, and demonstrating the City's commitment to supporting residents and businesses during an emergency event;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Wauwatosa will waive permit fees for damage sustained by residents and business owners during the catastrophic flooding on August 9, 2025, and August 10, 2025, for a period of ninety (90) days, beginning on August 18, 2025.

Action requires suspension of the rules



DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT MEMO

To: Wauwatosa Common Council

From: Mark Hammond, Development Director

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

Subject: Waiver of Building Permit Fees for Flood-Related Repairs

A. Issue

Recent flooding in Wauwatosa has caused significant damage to homes and businesses. Property owners undertaking repairs or reconstruction are required to obtain building permits. The question before the Council is whether to waive permit fees for this flood-related work in order to ease the financial burden on affected residents and businesses.

B. Background/Options

Severe storms on August 9 and 10, 2025 led to widespread flooding across multiple neighborhoods in Wauwatosa. Many residents are now facing unanticipated repair expenses. Under current practice, standard permit fees apply regardless of the cause of damage.

Options available to the Council include:

1. **Maintain current fee requirements** – Property owners would pay normal permit fees.
2. **Waive permit fees for flood-related repairs** – Fees would be waived for a limited period (e.g., 90–180 days) for work directly attributable to flood damage.
3. **Partial reduction of fees** – The City could consider a partial discount or cap on fees for eligible projects.

Several nearby municipalities have waived or reduced fees in similar situations following natural disasters.

For purposes of this fee waiver, “flood-related work” will be defined as repairs, replacements, or reconstruction made necessary due to direct damage from the flooding event of August 9 and 10, 2025. Eligible work includes electrical, plumbing, HVAC, structural, and interior/exterior repairs caused by flood damage. It does not include elective remodels, upgrades, or additions unrelated to flood damage.

The ordinances require we charge a fee but the amount of the fee is established by resolution. So, to set a waiver in place without changing the ordinance, we recommend the Council set the fee amount to \$0.00 for this period of time for flood-related repairs.



DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT MEMO

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

This action aligns with the City's Strategic Plan focus area of **"Quality of Life and Resiliency"** by supporting residents during a time of hardship. Waiving fees would demonstrate a commitment to community well-being, neighborhood stability, and responsiveness to emergency events. It also supports **"Customer Service Excellence"** by reducing red tape for residents during recovery.

D. Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this action is difficult to estimate. However, compared to a baseline scenario in which the flooding had not occurred, the impact to City fee revenue should be largely neutral. In other words, absent the floods, most of this permit activity would not have been initiated, and the associated revenue would not have been collected. Waiving fees therefore avoids placing an additional financial burden on residents without materially reducing expected revenues.

E. Recommendation

The Development Department recommends that the Common Council waive permit fees for flood-related repairs for a defined period of 90 days by setting the fee amount to \$0.00 for this period of time. This action will reduce financial stress for affected property owners, accelerate recovery, and demonstrate the City's commitment to supporting residents and businesses during an emergency event.



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Staff Report

File #: 25-1320

Agenda Date: 8/26/2025

Agenda #: 4.

Report on the City's response to recent flooding and ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal of, or other action concerning, the proclamation of emergency issued on August 10, 2025 related to the recent flooding, pursuant to Section 323.14(4)(b) of Wisconsin Statutes



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Dennis R. McBride
Mayor

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2025, the Wauwatosa Police and Fire Departments have confirmed that an emergency exists in the City of Wauwatosa due to excessive rain and flooding, which creates concerns for the safety of persons and property and impairs transportation, medical care, and fire and police protection in Wauwatosa;

WHEREAS, the Police and Fire Departments have rescued approximately 20 individuals from standing water and flooding areas, have closed intersections that are unsafe to drive, and have closed public spaces, such as Hart Park, that have suffered severe flooding;

WHEREAS, removing traffic and pedestrians from Wauwatosa streets, reducing access to certain facilities and roadways, clearing the roadways of parked and flooded vehicles and other obstructions, and preserving resources for expected responses in the most expedient manner possible is necessary to reduce safety risks related to such activity and to protect persons and property in Wauwatosa; and

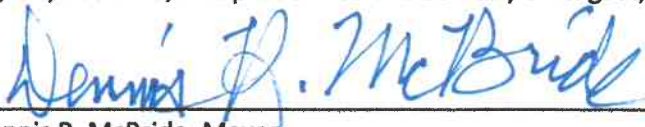
WHEREAS, the excessive rain has caused severe flooding and standing water in various areas of the City (including Hart Park and along the Menomonee River), to protect individuals in the community and allow emergency services to respond to this disaster, a distance of 100 feet must be maintained between individuals and flooded areas including the Menomonee River and any flooded roadway or parking lot;

WHEREAS, it is in the City of Wauwatosa's best interest to prohibit overnight parking of vehicles and remove all possible traffic obstructions in Wauwatosa to protect and preserve the ability of emergency service providers to respond where necessary between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each night, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on August 10, 2025, and ending at 6:00 a.m. on August 12, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis R. McBride, Mayor of the City of Wauwatosa, under the authority granted to me by Sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, declare that the above conditions have given rise to a natural disaster which impairs transportation, medical care, and fire and police protection and have thereby created a state of emergency in Wauwatosa, and that the proclamation of an emergency is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, and protection of people and property in Wauwatosa;

FURTHERMORE, I hereby declare that the above-described actions are hereby ordered to be implemented as described above, that the state of emergency shall extend from today's date through August 12, 2025 at 6:00 a.m., and that this proclamation shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal by the Wauwatosa Common Council as soon as that Council can meet.

Signed, declared, and proclaimed this 10th day of August, 2025.


Dennis R. McBride, Mayor