MINUTES OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

COUNCIL ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 450 S. MAIN ST., RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cairns called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. A quorum was present. Molzof affirmed proper notice. Members present: Ryan Cairns, Melony Walters, and Rachel Schultz. Members absent: none.

MINUTES: *Motion by Schultz, second by Walters, to approve May 28, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

PAYMENT OF BILLS: *Motion by Schultz, second by Walters, to approve the bills in the amount of $761,859.31 as presented. Upon roll call vote, all members voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.*

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
Public Works & Economic Development: Glasbrenner reported that the CDA grants for Wild Honey and Los Amigos have been finalized. Representatives from WEDC will be in Richland Center on June 24 to tour various facilities. Concrete work for the Panorama project is underway. A meeting with Richland County is scheduled for July 1 regarding campus redevelopment, housing initiatives, and Hive Drive improvements. Work on the Jefferson Street Parking Lot project is progressing, and advancement continues on both the Symons Planning Grant and the Regional GIS Grant.

BUDGET vs ACTUAL REVIEW: The Committee reviewed the year-to-date budget summary and line-item detail through May 31, 2026. No areas of concern were identified.

<u>CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, LEASES</u>
Intergovernmental Agreement with Richland County for the Operation of the Symons Recreation Complex: *Motion by Cairns, second by Schultz, to recognize Symons Recreation Complex as a valuable community amenity that the city should continue to support; however, the City Administrator shall work with Richland County and the Foundation toward a revised agreement providing for a 50% cost-sharing arrangement with an annual cap, and a phased reduction of the City's contribution towards operations and long-term maintenance. Motion carried 3-0.*
Discussion was held regarding the importance of the Symons Recreation Complex to the community, budget constraints related to levy limits and expenditure restraint programs, the challenges of budgeting under the current agreement due to variable assessment amounts, and the importance of implementing any changes gradually rather than all at once.

City's Continued Participation in the Shared Ride Taxi Program, including service continuation, fare adjustments, and contract options: *Motion by Cairns, second by Schultz, to direct the City Administrator to proceed with a public hearing regarding the potential discontinuation of the City's subsidy for the Shared Ride Taxi Program by not renewing the contract upon its expiration on December 31, 2026, and instead relying on the now-operational private taxi service to provide transportation services to residents. Motion carried unanimously.*
Discussion was held regarding the services currently being provided, the amount of tax levy required to subsidize the program, the City's competition with a private transportation provider, and budget impacts associated with levy limits and expenditure restraint requirements.

<u>COUNCIL RULES</u>
Amendment to Appendix A of the Council Rules to add the Mayor as a non-voting, ex officio member of the General Government Committee: *Motion by Walters, second by Cairns, to amend Appendix A of the Council Rules to add the Mayor as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the General Government Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion was held regarding amending the Council Rules so soon after their comprehensive revision, the advantages and disadvantages of adding the Mayor as a non-voting ex officio member versus a voting member, and the overall role of the committee.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: July 28, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion by Cairns, second by Walters, to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.*

Meeting minutes recorded by Misty Molzof