



Special Common Council Meeting

Whitewater Municipal Building Community Room,
312 West Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190
*In Person and Virtual

Monday, August 31, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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Citizen participation is welcome during topic discussion periods.**

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 pm Council President Singer called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Michael Smith
Councilmember Steven Sahyun
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Neil Hicks via Microsoft Teams
Councilmember Gavin Kelleher
Councilmember Orin Artsmith

City Attorney Steven Chesebro

City Clerk Heather Boehm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A councilmember can choose to remove an item from the agenda or rearrange its order; however, introducing new items to the agenda is not allowed. Any proposed changes require a motion, a second, and approval from the Council to be implemented. The agenda shall be approved at each meeting even if no changes are being made at that meeting.

Motion made to approve the agenda by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Kelleher.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

No formal Council action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Council discusses that particular item.

To make a comment during this period, or during any agenda item: On a computer or handheld device, locate the controls on your computer to raise your hand. You may need to move your mouse to see these controls. On a traditional telephone, dial *6 to unmute your phone and dial *9 to raise your hand.

No citizen comments at this time.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. Discuss procedure for Common Council Investigation Hearing.

Attorney Chesebro went through the Procedure for Common Council Investigation Hearing.

CLOSED SESSION Adjourn to Closed Session, TO RECONVENE to OPEN SESSION, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

Items to be discussed.

Motion made to into Closed Session at 6:05 pm by Council President Singer, Seconded by Councilmember Kelleher.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher.

Councilmember Artsmith recused themselves and left the Council Chambers.

CS-2. Initial Review of Ethics Complaint received by Brad Ceranske on February 3, 2026.

CS-3. Preliminary Investigation of Ethics Complaint received by Brad Ceranske on February 3, 2026.

CONSIDERATIONS

Motion made to come back into Open Session at 8:11 pm by Councilmember Kelleher, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

4. Review, Discuss, and Direct Staff regarding Ethics Complaint from Brad Ceranske received February 3, 2026.

Motion made to direct staff to do as discussed in Closed Session by Councilmember Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 8:14 pm by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher.

Anyone requiring special arrangements is asked to call the Office of the City Manager / City Clerk (262-473-0102) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

The City of Whitewater's strategic goals for 2026–2028 are: Expand Housing Opportunities and Support Responsible Community Growth; Enhance Communication, Transparency, and Community Engagement; Support Economic and Downtown Development, Business Growth, and Tax Base Expansion; Foster a Vibrant, Engaged, and Welcoming Community; Ensure Long-Term Financial Stability and Strategic Investment.

This agenda may include quasi-judicial items addressing the specific outcome for an individual or property, such as zoning appeals, conditional use permits, land use decisions, licensing, or ethics decisions. For quasi-judicial items, Council Members are only able to consider information presented by interested parties or the public on the record during this meeting. Council Members should not conduct their own investigation but may request additional information from the interested parties.