



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

1. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Common Council and other City committees adopted a hybrid meeting format allowing members, staff and the public to be present in the building and broadcast through "GoTo Meeting" so that individuals could participate virtually.
2. Hybrid options were made available for Plan Commission, CDA and Common Council meetings with the City Manager indicating that staff was not available, at that time, to provide hybrid options for all committees (5/18/21). Clapper also indicated an increase in observers.
3. Currently, the Equal Opportunity Commission meets completely virtual and the Community Development Authority Board, Landmarks Commission, Plan & Architectural Review Board, Parks & Recreation Board, Library Board and Police & Fire Commission offer the hybrid meeting format.
4. Council member Allen has asked for a review of the hybrid meeting format.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

March 18, 2020 – City Manager declared an emergency in the City of Whitewater.

May 18, 2021 – hybrid meeting options approved by Common Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends maintaining the hybrid meeting option due to the observed increase in participation and the enhanced convenience it provides for consultants, vendors, and others to engage in meetings.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. May 18, 2021, Common Council minutes