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## Self-Governance Action Plan G & H

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City of Whitewater Common Council

### **Action Plan**

#### **G. Transparency in Decision-Making:**

**Objective:** Ensure transparent decision-making processes

##### **Action Steps:**

- 1) Implement practices that encourage members to uphold transparency at the both the Common Council and Committee level

Council is currently promoting many of the facets of promoting transparency in local government including open meetings laws compliance, online transparency budget transparency, online meetings, policy development, public comment and training. Additional suggestions include **public information or engagement sessions** and/or **community engagement platforms**. See Dane County and City of Marshfield attachments ([Engage Marshfield website](#)).

#### **H. General Recommendations:**

##### **Action Steps:**

- 1) Regular Review:
  - a) Periodically review and update the action plan to adapt to changing circumstances and needs.

Suggested review: Every 2 years or as needed.
- 2) Public Engagement:
  - a) Encourage public input on governance and accountability measures to ensure community involvement and satisfaction.

See above.
- 3) Feedback Mechanism:
  - a) Establish a feedback mechanism for council members and the public to provide input on the effectiveness of the action plan.

Suggested mechanism: Every 2 years in conjunction with the periodic review in (1) or as needed.