

**ABSTRACT SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER, WALWORTH AND
JEFFERSON COUNTIES, WISCONSIN**

May 2, 2023

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jim Allen. MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerber, Brown, Dawsey-Smith, Allen, Stone, Hicks. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: City Attorney Jonathan McDonell.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Councilmember Schreiber and seconded by Councilmember Hicks to acknowledge receipt and filing of the following: Community Development Authority Minutes from 02/16/2023, Community Development Authority Minutes from 03/16/2023, Library Board Minutes from 03/20/2023, and Parks and Recreation Board Minutes from 03/15/2023. AYES: Dawsey-Smith, Hicks, Schreiber, Gerber, Brown, Stone, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT. City Manager Weidl gave his bi-monthly update of City events and accomplishments, including Proclamation declaring Friday, April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Whitewater and encouraging citizen support of the planting of trees and Proclamation declaring May 2023 as Mental Health Month in the City of Whitewater.

STAFF REPORTS: Department of Public Works Director Marquardt and Parks & recreation Director Boettcher, and Whitewater Policy Department Chief Meyer provided updates regarding their respective department activities and accomplishments.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

INITIAL REVIEW OF ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS. City Attorney McDonell provided notice that each year, alcohol licenses must be renewed and summarized the statutory process, subject to Wis. Stats. 125.51, the Common Council is required to meet by May 15 to acknowledge the license renewal applications and to take action by June 15. No action was required at this time.

2023-24 STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW AND ADOPTION. City Manager Weidl introduced Steve Chmielewski, Community Development Extension Educator with the UW-Wisconsin Madison Division of Extension, who was engaged by the City to facilitate the Strategic Planning Process. Mr. Chmielewski summarized the resulting 2023-24 Strategic Planning document, the Conclusion of which stated:

“This effort encompassed a set of concepts, tools and procedures to help the City of Whitewater clarify the strategic issues the organization is facing, and to increase the outcomes in high priority areas while delivering on mission and moving toward the vision. Through the three facilitated Strategic Planning Sessions, participants helped clarify and frame the issues or challenges the city is Facing. The City will use these five high priority issues to develop goals and objectives that guide the budget process to create public value.”

Mr. Chmielewski recommended the following next steps: (1) Have a discussion on adopting these prioritized strategic issues; (2) work closely to develop strategies to achieve these broader goals, (3) create an action plan and develop measurable objectives and goals, (4) implement the plan, (5) continue to monitor progress at regular intervals, (6) develop a systematic review process to evaluate the extent to which the goals have been met, (7) reassess the Strategic Plan as external factors affect the environment or as new information about stakeholders needs arise over a couple years, and (8) review performance measures more frequently. Councilmember Stone thanked Mr. Chmielewski for his time and efforts and suggested that the Strategic Plan be made available to the public for comment before the Council takes final action to approve. Councilmember

Dawsey-Smith agreed with Councilmember Stone regarding the public component of the process before approval.

COMBINING OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE WITH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD.

Parks & recreation Director Eric Boettcher stated that the existing Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee has had a lack of agenda items and lack of a quorum. Boettcher recommended that any future concerns regarding pedestrian and bicycle issues be included as an agenda item on the Park Board agenda. Councilmember Brown summarized the history of the creation of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee and stated her support for absorbing this Board into the Parks & Recreation Board. Councilmember Gerber requested that a procedure be established to be sure that information is also disseminated to the Public Works Committee as needed. Councilmember Hicks questioned whether the number of members on the Parks & Recreation Board would be increased. City Manager Weidl stated that the number of members would remain the same, with the ability to create ad hoc committees as necessary. Boettcher stated that current members on the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee can be kept informed of issues relevant to pedestrian and bicycle safety and can be used as resources. It was moved by Councilmember Dawsey-Smith to direct staff to draft a repeal of Chapter 2.51 setting up the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Seconded by Schreiber. AYES: Hicks, Stone, Allen, Schreiber, Dawsey-Smith, Brown, Gerber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

REMOVAL OF CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. City Manager Weidl stated that staff is recommending removal of the citizen appointment as written in the memo. It was moved by Schreiber to approve removal the citizen appointment due to an inability to serve. AYES: Dawsey-Smith, Hicks Schreiber, Gerber, Brown, Stone, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. City Manager Weidl stated he met with Council President Allen to review applications for vacancies on board and commissions and indicated that there were more applicants than positions available on committees. Those applications will be kept on file for consideration on future openings. It was moved by Brown to approve and seconded by Schreiber to approve the appointments as presented. AYES: Schreiber, Brown, Gerber, Stone, Dawsey-smith, Allen, Hicks. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. QUESTIONS. City Manager Weidl stated that Strategic Planning will be added to a future agenda. Pursuant to a citizen request, Councilmember Hicks requested consideration of removing the cement blocks at the “bridge to nowhere” (Indian Mound Parkway) and installing a matching gate. Councilmember Hick also requested that the City consider inspection/repair of water mains and resurfacing of Tratt Street all the way to the County Line. Councilmember Stone would like to consider purchasing a drone for the use by the Police Department. Councilmember Gerber requested that the City consider making improvements to the area around the two art statutes in the East Gateway area (East Main Street and East Milwaukee Street).

CLOSED SESSION. It was moved by Allen and seconded by Schreiber to adjourn to closed session, TO RECONVENE, pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(e) “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” **Items to be discussed: 1) Negotiating Vacant Land Offer to Purchase with Becker & Bolton, LLC regarding parcel of land located at 501 N. Prospect Dr. in the Business Park Tax Parcel No. 292 0515 3434 001; 2) Deliberate Development Agreement with Becker & Bolton, LLC regarding proposed project to be located at 501 N. Prospect Dr. Tax Parcel No. 292 0515 3434 001; 3) Lease and option agreement with ClearPath Energy LLC for a solar energy project to be constructed on the City of Whitewater closed landfill site located at the end of the north terminus of Jefferson Street, Parcel Number: 292-0515-3343-000 and 292-0515-3342-000; 4) Lease Agreement with Cellco Partnership for tower and ground space to erect, operate and maintain communication facilities at the Southwest Water Tower located at 797 Indian Mound Parkway, Parcel Number: /A277200001; 5)**

Fire Chief Employment Agreement 6) Negotiation of Aquatic and Fitness Center Agreement with School District. AYES: Stone, Gerber, Hicks, Brown, Dawsey-Smith, Allen, Schreiber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Brad Marquardt, Eric Boettcher, Sara Marquardt, Jeremiah Thomas and Bonnie Miller were invited to remain. The meeting adjourned to closed session.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION. The meeting reconvened upon unanimous voice vote motion made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

OPTION AGREEMENT WITH CLEARPATH ENERGY LLC. It was moved by Councilmember Dawsey-Smith for approval for a resolution to approve the Option Agreement with ClearPath Energy LLC for a solar energy project to be constructed on the City of Whitewater closed landfill site located at the end of the north terminus of Jefferson Street, Parcel Number: 292-0515-3343-000 and 292-0515-3342-000. Motion seconded by Schreiber. AYES: Schreiber, Brown, Gerber, Stone Dawsey-Smith, Allen, Hicks. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

VACANT LAND OFFER TO PURCHASE WITH BECKER & BOLTON LLC. It was moved by Councilmember Dawsey-Smith to approve a resolution approving a Vacant Land Offer to Purchase with Becker & Bolton LLC regarding a parcel of land located at 501 N. Prospect Dr. in the Business Park (tax parcel listed on Agenda). Seconded by Councilmember Schreiber. AYES: Stone, Gerber, Hicks, Brown, Dawsey-Smith, Allen, Schreiber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH BECKER & BOLTON LLC. It was moved by Councilmember Dawsey-Smith to approve a resolution approving the Development Agreement with Becker & Bolton, LLC regarding proposed project to be located at 501 N. Prospect Dr. (tax parcel number listed on Agenda), motion to include request for public noticing of the development, particularly the plans as approved by staff, in the next Council Agenda. Seconded by Schreiber. AYES: Hicks, Stone, Allen, Schreiber, Dawsey-smith, Brown, Gerber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CELLCO PARTNERSHIP. It was moved by Councilmember Dawsey-Smith to approve a resolution approving the Lease Agreement with Cellco Partnership for tower and ground space to erect, operate and maintain communication facilities at the Southwest Water Tower located at 797 Indian Mound Parkway (tax parcel listed on Agenda), including a request for the lease agreement to be publicly noticed in a future agenda packet for the Common Council. Seconded by Councilmember Schreiber. AYES: Dawsey-Smith, Hicks, Schreiber, Gerber, Brown, Stone, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

ADJOURN. Dawsey-Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Schreiber seconded the motion. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Miller, Recorder