



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Wausau, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting on the date, time and location shown below.

Meeting of the:	COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU
Date/Time:	Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:30 PM or at the conclusion of the Joint Committee of the Whole and Wausau Water Works Commission scheduled prior to this meeting.
Location:	City Hall (407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403) - Council Chambers
Members:	Carol Lukens, Michael Martens, Tom Kilian, Doug Diny, Gary Gisselman, Becky McElhaney, Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson, Dawn Herbst, Lou Larson, Chad Henke

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call / Proclamations

Public Comment: Pre-registered citizens for matters appearing on the agenda and other public comment.

Presentation: Children's Imaginarium Update

File #	CMT	Resolutions and Ordinances	ACT
24-0202	MAYOR	Mayor's Appointments	Placed on file
24-0201	COUN	Approve Minutes of a previous meeting (02/13/2024).	Place on file
		Suspend Rule 6(B) Filing and 12(A) Referral of Resolutions (2/3 vote required)	
18-0915	TRANSIT & FIN	Resolution Recommending submission of an application for State of Wisconsin Transit Capital Assistance Grant under the VW Mitigation Program and acknowledging that receipt of those funds will result in a reduction of future municipal revenue payments pursuant to §79.035(7), Wis Stats.	Approved 3-0 Pending
22-1209	COUN	Resolution Approving the Extension of the Special Committee – Wausau Drinking Water Treatment Facility Solar Array Project Task Force.	Pending

Public Comment & Suggestions

Adjournment

Signed by Mayor Katie Rosenberg

Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may view the meeting live on the Internet, by cable TV, Channel 981, and a video is available in its entirety and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/WausauCityCouncil>. Any person wishing to offer public comment who does not appear in person to do so, may e-mail kaitlyn.bernarde@ci.wausau.wi.us with "Common Council public comment" in the subject line prior to the meeting start.

This Notice was posted at City Hall and transmitted to the Daily Herald newsroom on 02/23/2024 @ 4:00 PM
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Proclamation

WHEREAS, Down syndrome is a condition in which a person has an extra 21st chromosome, instead of two, there are three; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in every 700 babies will be born with Down syndrome; this syndrome occurs naturally with no known cause; and

WHEREAS, in 1886, John Langdon Down, an English physician, recognized Down syndrome as a distinct and separate condition, rather than just random characteristics, and it was identified in 1959 as a chromosomal condition by Dr Jérôme Lejeune; and

WHEREAS, GiGi's Playhouse is a nationwide Down Syndrome Achievement Center that offers over 30 different educational and therapeutic programs at no charge to families, aiming to help achieve maximum self-confidence and greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, GiGi's Playhouse in Weston is a place where parents, children and adults can come for a fun and purposeful learning space, including areas like a family resource area, therapeutic play area, three tutoring labs, a Café G kitchen, sensory room, Club GiGi teen and adult area and a GiGiFit gym; and

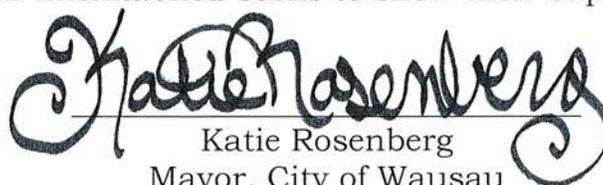
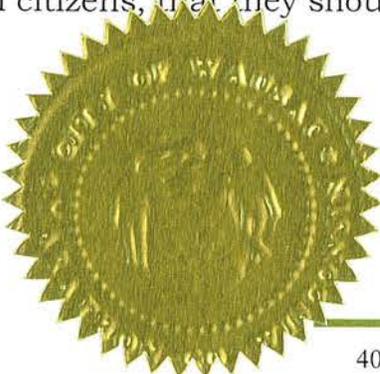
WHEREAS, the theme for the 2024 campaign is "End The Stereotypes" because people with Down Syndrome are often stereotyped and treated like children, underestimated and excluded, treated poorly and sometimes even abused; and

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated by wearing colorful, mismatched socks because the karyotype of down syndrome chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks; now

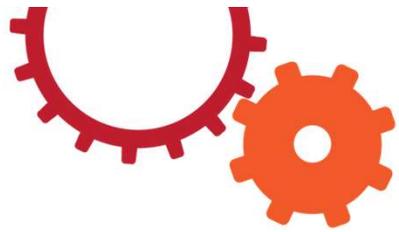
THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Katie Rosenberg, Mayor of the City of Wausau, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2024 as

World Down Syndrome Day

in the City of Wausau, State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all citizens, that they should wear mismatched socks to show their support.



Katie Rosenberg
Mayor, City of Wausau
March 20, 2024



Children's Imaginarium

A MUSEUM FOR KIDS



Vision and Mission



Our Vision

To be a vibrant community gathering space for all children and families to gather and engage in innovative, interactive play that accelerates creativity, development and education.



Our Mission

To inspire discovery and imagination through hands on exploration while providing educational and creative experiences through play.

Collaboration has impact



WISCONSIN
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The logo for Wisconsin Economic Development, featuring the word "WISCONSIN" in a bold, purple, sans-serif font with a small pink arrow pointing right between the 'S' and 'I'. Below it, the words "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT" are written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font.

WAUSAU
WISCONSIN

The logo for Wausau, Wisconsin, featuring a stylized city skyline in grey above the word "WAUSAU" in large, multi-colored letters (W: green, A: yellow, U: blue, S: red, A: orange, U: green). Below "WAUSAU" is the word "WISCONSIN" in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font.

**Children's
Imaginarium**

The logo for Children's Imaginarium, featuring a stylized tree with a brown trunk and green foliage. Inside the foliage are several colorful gears (yellow, orange, blue, red). A swing hangs from the tree. Below the tree, the words "Children's Imaginarium" are written in a green, sans-serif font.

\$250,000

Community Development Investment Grant

Collaboration has impact

Grand Opening was December 6th, 2023

Open for 350 hours

13,800 Square Feet

2 Full-Time Staff and 9 Part-Time Staff

42 volunteers sharing time and talent





Collaboration has impact

8,600 daily visitors since opening

598 Families have become members

700 Students have visited on field trips

47 Field Trips are pre-booked

68 different zip codes have been served





Museum Leadership



Julie Bollmann

Executive Director

jbollmann@childrensimaginarium.org



Amanda Cottrell

Operations Coordinator

acottrell@childrensimaginarium.org

Board of Directors



Thank You!

City of Wausau

Community, Economic and Planning
Development Department
Public Works Department
Inspections and Zoning Department
Finance Department
City Council Members
Mayor Rosenberg



Please come
for a visit!



Children's Imaginarium

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:33 P.M.,
Mayor Katie Rosenberg presiding.

Roll Call

02/13/2024

Roll Call indicated 11 members present.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Proclamations

02/13/2024

The Mayor of the City of Wausau Proclaims:
Transit Equity Day (February 5, 2024)

Public Comment: Pre-registered citizens for matters appearing on the agenda and other public comment

02/13/2024

- 1) Catherine Kronenwetter, 117 Sturgeon Eddy Road – spoke on current lead lateral replacement program.

Committee Reports

02/13/2024

DPW – Insurance Claims – October 2023-December 2023. Report placed on file.

Consent Agenda

02/13/2024

Motion by Watson, second by Henke, to adopt all the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

24-0204 Resolution from the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee Accepting Easement with Wisconsin Public Service to bury electrical facilities at 1211 North 3rd Street and 1213 North 3rd Street.

24-0205 Resolution from the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee Approving Agreement for the Management and Maintenance of a Stormwater Facility (Wausau School District – 3101 North 13th Street).

24-0206 Ordinance from the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee Amending Section 10.20.080(b) designating loading zone on the east side of N. 2nd Street from a point 180 feet south of the stop bar at Washington Street and extending 80 feet south.

24-0207 Resolution from the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee Authorizing staff to petition the State of Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Railroads to determine the adequacy of warning devices at the rail-highway crossing located across 17th Avenue south of Stewart Avenue and north of Sherman Street.

24-0208 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the State of Wisconsin for the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Program for the Westside Battery Redevelopment project.

24-0209 Ordinance from the Public Health & Safety Committee Amending: Wausau Municipal Code (“WMC”) § 19.08.050 – Records; WMC § 19.12.020 – When required; WMC § 19.12.050 – Restrictions on issuance; WMC § 19.16.060 – Certificate of occupancy. Creating: WMC § 19.12.005 – Plumbing plan submittals. Repealing: WMC § 19.08.030 – Registration of plumbers.

24-0212 Resolution from the Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee Reclassing the Admin I position in Public Works to Admin II.

24-0213 Resolution from the Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee Approving amendment to the Employee Handbook Section 5.17 – Standby Pay.

21-0311 Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Small Government Enterprise Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri).

24-0108 Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee Approving or Denying Various Licenses as Indicated.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

24-0201 **02/13/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Herbst, to Approve Minutes of a previous meeting (01/23/2024).

Diny requested that Corina Norrbom, who is listed as someone who made public comment in the minutes of the previous meeting, be identified as a key member of the Community Infrastructure Partners LLC in addition to as a representative of the Medical College of Wisconsin which was listed. It was stated by the City Attorney that that request is not advised as it adds something to the minutes that did not occur at the meeting as this speaker did not identify as such at the meeting.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

24-0203 **02/13/2024**

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Authorizing the redemption of Certain General Obligation Promissory Notes.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

06-0119 **02/13/2024**

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Watson, to adopt the Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving Consent to Transfer, Waiver of Right of First Refusal, Termination of Recorded Deed Restrictions and Recording Set of Revised Deed Restrictions for 6235 and 6335 Packer Drive (Vandy Enterprises, LLC).

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

24-0202 **02/13/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Martens, to approve the Mayor's Appointments.

- Mary Gallagher to Business Improvement District Board (Reappointment - Term expires 12/31/2025)
- Mark McKinley to Business Improvement District Board (Reappointment – Term expires 12/31/2025)
- Robb Shepherd to Business Improvement District Board (Reappointment – Term expires 12/31/2025)
- Rebecca Bearjar to Business Improvement District Board (Reappointment – Term expires 12/31/2025)
- Mark Craig to Business Improvement District Board (Reappointment – Term expires 12/31/2025)

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

24-0211 Amendment **02/13/2024**

Motion by McElhaney, seconded by Larson, to amend 24-0211 to replace in the be it further resolved section, "to be investigated further and presented again with more details at a meeting of Public Health & Safety before July 2024, with an understanding that other community partners be engaged particularly Marathon County and North Central Health Care.

Watson stated concerns of ambiguous language of future meetings and wanted more details of the future direction of moving a potential program forward. *Without objection*, more detailed language was included in the amendment.

Larson requested future discussions to include funding source options from other community partners and government entities.

Lukens requested specifically that Marathon County and NCHC should be partners in a program direction. Lukens questioned if CW Solutions had experience in transitional housing. It had not but does have experience in rapid rehousing for program participants.

Kilian stated that it was wrong for NCHC not to take a larger role to serve these communities in need. It was also stated that exploring this program along with the county is appropriate as the county has a statutory duty to provide social services. Kilian stated that if the county does not assist with these services, the city must identify a structural umbrella to implement a social service system.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

24-0211

02/13/2024

Motion by Henke, seconded by Larson, to adopt the Resolution from the Public Health & Safety Committee To consider the conceptual idea of partnering with CW Solutions to operate a tailored, two-phase transitional housing pilot program in Wausau as amended.

McElhaney questioned what model this is based on and the cost to operate the model as outlined in the proposal. It was stated that the funding could serve up to five individuals at a time and that the model is based off the staffing model in other housing programs offered by CW Solutions. McElhaney questioned the benchmarks which are aimed at in the program and who made those decisions. It was stated that benchmarks would be determined through collaboration of stakeholders in the community. Success for an individual would mean having participants complete the phases of treatments. McElhaney stated opposition as the city itself does not have a social services department and the treatment services should not be put solely upon the city for funding.

Rasmussen stated that this item is before the Common Council as the concept had only been discussed in the Public Health & Safety Committee and should be discussed further. The referral to the Finance Committee would task those members with seeking funding options and seeing where the services would fit in with existing services.

Gisselman questioned if these services are under the mandate of Marathon County through North Central Health Care. It was stated that these specific services are not currently available from NCHC and is an ongoing need for the city. Gisselman questioned if NCHC has been approached to provide these services at all. It was reiterated that this specific program is not available at the healthcare center and there were no stated plans to implement such services in the future. Gisselman stated that if this is becoming a larger issue that the city should create a new bureaucratic department to undertake such services.

Diny stated that the county should do more to assist the city in undertaking these services.

Rasmussen stated that the gap in service that is needed is a first stop house where individuals can be housed first and then use case management to guide individuals towards rehabilitation and stable housing. It was stated that staff needs more input from the entire Common Council to explore this programing further and find stakeholders to contribute to a solution.

McElhaney stated that the resolution has made it seem as if this program was moving forward and the final step was funding when this is more about discussing the issue further. It was stated that more details need to be fleshed out to temper expectations and make sure there are enough partners.

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1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	YES
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	YES
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	NO
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 1 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

19-0921

02/13/2024

Motion by Henke, seconded by Watson, to adopt the Resolution from the Economic Development Committee Approving Addendum to Development Agreement with Foundry on 3rd Ph 1, LLC.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES

2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	YES
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	YES
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	NO
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Yes Votes: 8 No Votes: 3 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

Suspend the Rules **02/13/2024**

Motion by Watson, second by Herbst, to suspend Rule 6(B) Filing and 12(A) Referral of Resolutions.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

12-1214 **02/13/2024**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving Termination of Animal Control Services to the Everest Metropolitan Police Department, provided pursuant to an Intergovernmental Humane Officer Services Agreement.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

14-1009 **02/13/2024**

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Resolution Approving Wireless Telecommunications Equipment and Service Agreement with New-Cell, LLC d/b/a Cellcom.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

24-0215 **02/13/2024**

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Lukens, to adopt the Resolution from the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Finance Committee Approving Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Management Planning Grant Agreement.

Kilian agreed that it made sense to take advantage of the grant and reiterated opposition to attaching any public/private partnership when it comes to stormwater management planning.

Rasmussen stated that this would help us comply with the planning to remain in compliance with stormwater management planning requirements and assist in diversifying the utility revenue.

Kilian stated that the government should retain its responsibilities in terms of the grant and future plans for the utility.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

23-1109 **02/13/2024**

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Watson, to adopt the Resolution from the Finance Committee Approving 2024 Budget Modification – Short Street Construction.

Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Voting: 0 Result: PASSED

23-1215 **02/13/2024**

Motion by Larson, seconded by Henke, to call the question to end debate.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES

3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	NO
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	NO
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Yes Votes: 7

No Votes: 4

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

Motion by Watson, seconded by Herbst, to adopt the Resolution from the Common Council Approving Final Form of Master Partnership Agreement between the City of Wausau, Wausau Water Works, and Community Infrastructure Partners LLC, for lead service line replacement and related infrastructure work.

Diny stated that it was unfair to the public that the full language of the contract was released and is being considered on a limited timeframe and questioned the legal cost in relation to refining this contract.

Rasmussen stated that the directive given to the City Attorney to hammer out language in the contract to ensure that this private entity complies with open record requirements was carried out. The other parts of the contract have remained unchanged thus this has largely been reviewed at the previous Common Council meeting. Rasmussen urged action to move forward with the agreement.

Without objection, Kilian questioned representatives from Community Infrastructure Partners LLC on specific aspects of their business dealings and financing.

McElhaney shared concerns that the contract did not cover all replacement costs, specifically for driveway and landscaping replacement.

Gisselman stated that it was important for residents to know that there will be no charge to them for this replacement project. It was questioned if this was a one-year contract agreement when the contract says that the term of the agreement ends on December 31, 2029. It is a five-year contract that has off-ramps on a year-by-year basis.

Rasmussen requested that staff provide an update each year at the end of construction season, typically in October. This update should include an opportunity for residents who have had a replacement project done to update the Common Council on how that project went.

Kilian highlighted and shared concerns on the termination fee included in the agreement. There were also concerns shared on aggregation by training people through a union training program in the city who might not be ultimately working in the city.

Diny stated concerns that this project is being portrayed as a crisis when the contract can be cancelled potentially each year. It was also stated that the labor needed to conduct this project could be kept locally in the city and county as opposed to just within the state. Diny stated concerns that this cannot be free, and that bonding would be needed to continue this project year by year.

Lukens stated that lead pipes is a crisis because of the damaging impacts of lead poisoning. Clarification was sought on the definition of local workforce as to if that meant from the city and county or from the state. Lukens further highlighted the partners involved in this agreement. *Point of order* raised by Larson against the relevance of the comments. *Point of order was not well taken by the chair* and Lukens continued statements briefly.

<u>District</u>	<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1	Lukens, Carol	YES
2	Martens, Michael	YES
3	Kilian, Tom	NO
4	Diny, Doug	NO
5	Gisselman, Gary	NO
6	McElhaney, Becky	NO
7	Rasmussen, Lisa	YES
8	Watson, Sarah	YES
9	Herbst, Dawn	YES
10	Larson, Lou	YES
11	Henke, Chad	YES

Yes Votes: 7

No Votes: 4

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Result: PASSED

Adjourn

02/13/2024

Motion by Henke, second by Watson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk

DRAFT

CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

RESOLUTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	
<p>Recommending submission of an application for State of Wisconsin Transit Capital Assistance Grant under the VW Mitigation Program and acknowledging that receipt of those funds will result in a reduction of future municipal revenue payments pursuant to §79.035(7), Wis Stats.</p> <p>Committee Action: Transit 3-0, Finance <i>pending</i></p> <p>Fiscal Impact: To be determined</p>	
File Number: 18-0915	Date Introduced: February 27, 2024

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY				
COSTS	<i>Budget Neutral</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<i>Included in Budget:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Budget Source 2025 budget</i>
	<i>One-time Costs:</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount: to be determined</i>
	<i>Recurring Costs:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
SOURCE	<i>Fee Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Grant Financed:</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount: to be determined 90% funding for basic bus</i>
	<i>Debt Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount Annual Retirement</i>
	<i>TID Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>TID Source: Increment Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Debt <input type="checkbox"/> Funds on Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Interfund Loan <input type="checkbox"/></i>			

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Metro Ride fixed-route bus fleet consists of 24 transit buses; and

WHEREAS, 19 transit buses are necessary to provide bus service during the school year; and

WHEREAS, 13 buses have exceeded minimum useful life requirements, standards set by the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, 10 buses in the fleet are eligible for replacement with Transit Capital Assistance funds under the guidelines of the VW Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, your Finance Committee, at their meeting on February 27, 2024, recommended the purchase of ten (10) new busses with Transit Capital Assistance Grant funds under the VW Mitigation Program and has reviewed and acknowledged the projected reduction in municipal revenue payments required to repay 10% of the overall cost over ten years; and

WHEREAS, any enhancements beyond the basic bus will be funded by local dollars; and

WHEREAS, delivery of the buses is expected in 2025 or 2026 and extra local share will be included in the 2025 budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Wausau, that the proper City officials are hereby authorized and directed to apply for Transit Capital Assistance funds under the VW Mitigation Program for the purchase of ten new buses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these replacement vehicles shall be included in City of Wausau equipment inventory records and maintained in accordance and in compliance with FTA requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Wausau acknowledges that receipt of Transit Capital Assistance funds under the VW Mitigation Program will result in a reduction of future municipal revenue payments pursuant to §79.035(7), Wis. Stats.

Approved:

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor



TO: TRANSIT COMMISSION
FROM: MARYANNE GROAT
DATE: February 8, 2024
RE: VW Bus Funding

The State of Wisconsin has released Round 3 of the VW Mitigation Program for the replacement of transit buses that are powered with a 1992-2009 diesel engine.

The city has 10 qualifying buses: 2 are 2008 models, 8 are 2009 models. Discussions with Transit agencies across the state revealed that we are one of the few agencies with buses qualifying for replacement. In addition, the 2023 capital budget included the purchase of 9 buses with local share of \$1,601,344 and federal grant funding of \$6,405,379. The city was unsuccessful in securing these funds.

Bus prices have increased approximately 40% since our 2022 application. Staff is seeking the opportunity to apply for 10 buses. The VW Program withdraws the local share from shared revenues over a 10 year period. Attached is the resolution adopted in 2022 when we participated in the project.

Staff is compiling expected costs per bus and will provide updated information at the meeting.

We would like a similar resolution to go to Finance and Council on 2/28/2024 to meet the March application deadline.

RESOLUTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Approving the Budget Modification for the Purchase of Seven Buses through the VW State of Wisconsin Grant Assistance Program and Transit Reserves

Committee Action: Approved 5-0

Fiscal Impact: \$3,053,963

File Number: 21-1109

Date Introduced: March 22, 2022

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

COSTS	Budget Neutral	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Included in Budget:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Budget Source: Re-establishing bus purchase
	One-time Costs:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount: \$3,053,963.29
	Recurring Costs:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount:
SOURCE	Fee Financed:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount:
	Grant Financed:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount: \$2,891,985 VW funding
	Debt Financed:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount Annual Retirement
	TID Financed:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount:
	TID Source: Increment Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Debt <input type="checkbox"/> Funds on Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Interfund Loan <input type="checkbox"/>		

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Common Council approved Resolution 18-0915 which authorized the application for Transit Grant Capital Assistance funds under the VW Mitigation Program to purchase 7 buses on September 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 18-0915 also authorized funding the local share from the municipal revenue program reduction proposed by the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2019 the Common Council authorized a budget adjustment Resolution 18-1109 to fund optional equipment not included in the bus base price and for the application of the producer price index; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020 the Common Council authorized a budget adjustment Resolution 19-1109 to increase an additional \$93,813.69 of the local share from Transit reserves to fund the final budget gap; and

WHEREAS, during the 2022 budget deliberations the Transit Director outlined the use of the Cares Funding for the local share; and

WHEREAS, the seven buses were delivered in 2022 and invoices totaling \$3,053,963.29 are due for payment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council annually re-establishes multi-year capital budgets known as a carryover budget in April and

WHEREAS, your Finance Committee has considered and recommends a budget modification so that the bills can be paid timely as follows:

150-237598300	TRANSIT CAPITAL BUDGET	\$3,053,963.29
150-237588416	GRANT PROCEEDS – VW Capital Grant	\$2,891,985.00
164-30009	TRANSIT RESERVES	\$ 161,978.29

RESOLUTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Recommending submission of an application for Transit Capital Assistance funds under the VW Mitigation Program and acknowledges that receipt of those funds will result in the reduction of future municipal revenue payments pursuant to §79.035(7), Wis. Stats.

Committee Action: Approved 5-0

Fiscal Impact: \$564,547 Total / \$56,455 Annually for Ten Years

File Number: 18-0915

Date Introduced: September 25, 2018

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Metro Ride fixed-route bus fleet consists of 22 transit buses; and

WHEREAS, 18 transit buses are necessary to provide bus service during the school year; and

WHEREAS, 7 buses in the existing fleet are more than fourteen years old and have accumulated 350,000-580,000 miles; and

WHEREAS, 7 buses have exceeded minimum useful life requirements set by the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, 7 buses are eligible for replacement with Transit Capital Assistance funds under the VW Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends the purchase of 7 new buses with Transit Capital Assistance funds under the VW Mitigation Program and has reviewed and acknowledges the projected reduction in municipal revenue payments required to repay 20% of the overall cost over ten years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Wausau, that the proper City Official(s) be hereby authorized and directed to submit an application for Transit Capital Assistance funds under the VW Mitigation Program for the purchase of seven new buses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Common Council of the City of Wausau acknowledges that receipt of Transit Capital Assistance funds under the VW Mitigation Program will result in a reduction of future municipal revenue payments pursuant to §79.035(7), Wis. Stats.

Approved:



Robert Mielke, Mayor

CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL	
Approving the Extension of the Special Committee – Wausau Drinking Water Treatment Facility Solar Array Project Task Force.	
Committee Action:	None
Fiscal Impact:	None
File Number:	22-1209
Date Introduced:	February 27, 2024

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY			
COSTS	<i>Budget Neutral</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<i>Included in Budget:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Budget Source:</i>
	<i>One-time Costs:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Recurring Costs:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
SOURCE	<i>Fee Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Grant Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Debt Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount</i> <i>Annual Retirement</i>
	<i>TID Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>TID Source: Increment Revenue</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Debt</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Funds on Hand</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Interfund Loan</i> <input type="checkbox"/>		

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, your Common Council on December 13, 2022, created a Solar Array Project Task Force to study and evaluate proposals for a solar array adjacent to the City of Wausau’s Drinking Water Treatment Facility, and;

WHEREAS, the Task Force met monthly to create a process to recommend a proposal, reviewed options presented by engineering and solar partners, and held two neighborhood listening sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is now working with engineering partners to incorporate neighborhood feedback and task force priorities before finalizing a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is not ready to recommend a proposal to the Wausau Water Works Commission and City Council before its original termination date of March 5, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council approves an extension of the Wausau Drinking Water Treatment Facility Solar Array Project Task Force to terminate on or before May 31, 2024.

Approved:

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor



CITY CLERK – CUSTOMER SERVICES

TO: Common Council

FROM: Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk

RE: Resolution to Approve Extension of the Special Committee –Wausau Drinking Water Treatment Facility Solar Array Project Task Force

DATE: February 23, 2024

Purpose: To extend the Special Committee -- Wausau Drinking Water Treatment Facility Solar Array Project Task Force and delay its termination until May 31, 2024.

Background: The Drinking Water Treatment Facility Solar Array Project Task Force was created in December of 2022. At the time, the new Drinking Water Treatment Facility on Burek Avenue was just coming online. Knowing that the Drinking Water Treatment Facility uses the most power of City facilities, the task force was created to connect with the residents in the neighborhood to explore construction of a potential solar array to fuel the drinking water treatment facility.

The five-member task force met regularly throughout 2023 learning about and analyzing current proposals and developing goals and criteria for a solar array, all while actively seeking community feedback, especially from the neighbors around the water treatment facility. At their latest meeting on February 22, 2024, the Solar Array Task Force identified three proposals they would like vetted more thoroughly by engineers based on their criteria developed from their discovery process.

Therefore, the Task Force is not ready at this time to make recommendations to the Water Works Commission and the Common Council but are expected to be able to in the coming months.

Recommendation: To approve the extension of the duration of the task force until May 31, 2024.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn A. Bernarde