



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole

Monday, July 19, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Note - Meeting will also be available via Remote
Conferencing (Zoom)

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: 11 - Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Czekala, Brey, Schlei, Vanderkin, Brunner, Beeman, Cummings, Boldt and Reckelberg

3. Public Comment

Council President Czekala declared the meeting open for public input. In accordance with policy, the public input portion of the meeting is not made a part of the official record.

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Previously Submitted Public Input

4. Discussion and Action Items

[21-0553](#)

Discussion on the reconfiguration of 8th Street and 10th Street

Mayor Justin Nickels gave an overview of the progression of two-way streets over the last month including, answering questions that were brought forward at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 21, 2021. The City reached out to the downtown district regarding their thoughts on the proposed change to two-way streets. Mayor Justin Nickels and City Staff would like to continue to move forward with the proposed change and have a final decision made at the August 16, 2021 Common Council Meeting.

Alder Brey asked Fire Chief Blaser about the impacts the two-way streets would have on emergency response. Fire Chief Blaser explained it would not have an effect on the efficiency of the response and may possibly enhance the response by having alternate routes.

Many Alders spoke on the increased safety of two-way streets including slowing down traffic making it safer for vehicle traffic and pedestrian traffic. Alder Boldt expressed the need to have many arteries to reach our downtown. Alder Brunner expressed his concern with the lack of bicycle lanes throughout the downtown and asked to have bicycle lanes considered with the changing to two-way streets. Alder Reckelberg and

Alder Vanderkin received numerous negative feedback about the change to two-way streets and will not be supporting the proposed change based on the feedback from the constituents.

Moved by Nickels, seconded by Czekala, to authorize staff to prepare the necessary ordinances to revert 8th / 10th / and 11th Streets between Washington Street and Waldo Boulevard to 2-way traffic and recommend at the August 16, 2021 Council meeting approval of 2-way streets and incorporating the necessary funding into the 2022 Executive Budget. The ordinances shall take effect no later than September 30, 2022 and shall take effect after approval by the Director of Public Infrastructure and City Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Czekala, Brey, Schlei, Brunner, Beeman, Cummings and Boldt

Nay: 2 - Vanderkin and Reckelberg

Notice is hereby given that the above governmental body may adjourn into a closed session during the meeting as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which authorizes the governmental body to convene in closed session for the purpose of 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.

The specific subject matter that may be considered in closed session is:

21-0555 Discussion and Possible Action on the Sale of Property Located at 4221 Calumet Ave

5. Closed Session

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Brey, to convene in closed session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 - Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Czekala, Brey, Schlei, Vanderkin, Brunner, Beeman, Cummings, Boldt and Reckelberg

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Committee of the Whole deliberated in closed session. (redacted -- Closed Session)

6. Reconvene in Open Session

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Brey, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 11 - Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Czekala, Brey, Schlei, Vanderkin, Brunner, Beeman, Cummings, Boldt and Reckelberg

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No action taken

7. Adjournment

Moved by Brunner, seconded by Sitkiewitz, that this meeting be adjourned. The

motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Sitkiewitz, Nickels, Czekala, Brey, Schlei, Vanderkin, Brunner, Beeman,
Cummings, Boldt and Reckelberg