

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
Monday, June 02, 2025

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Roll Call
Alderspersons present: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole minutes from May 15, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

CLOSED SESSION

4. Motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(f), “considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par (b) applies, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations,” to wit: to deliberate concerning the contents of an independent investigation related to the conduct and performance of the former City Attorney and the potential ramifications of the report under City ordinances and state law, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(g), “conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved” relating to the aforementioned investigation.

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

5. Motion to reconvene in open session for possible action relating to the matter discussed in closed session.

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

Motion to initiate a limited waiver of the attorney/client privilege only related to the disclosure of the specific 10-page March 17, 2025 Executive Summary: Investigation of

Alleged Ethics Violation prepared by Attorneys Mark Kapocius and Laurie McLeRoy of von Briesen & Roper which was shared in a closed session of the Ethic's Board on March 17, 2025, and with redacting the identities of certain City employees interviewed based upon the balancing test, including the public's strong interests in avoiding the detrimental impact on conducting future investigations, protecting cooperating employees from retaliatory and other negative actions, protecting from the negative impact on City personnel morale, and the chilling effect such a disclosure might have on employees' willingness to participate in internal investigations in the future, among other reasons identified by the records custodian. The limited waiver would extend only to the ten-page report itself and would not extend to any other privileged communications.

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

NEXT MEETING

6. Next scheduled meeting date: To be determined

ADJOURN

7. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:46 PM

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.