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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

6:30 PM

Christine Nuernberg Hall

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Mayor Nerbun called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present:

Mayor Andrew Nerbun
Alderman Robert Strzelczyk
Alderman Kelly Tolocko
Alderman Dale Mayr
Alderman Jeffrey Hansher
Alderman Gregg Bach
Alderman Brian Parrish
Alderman Peter Bratt
Alderman William Gebhardt

Also present: City Administrator Jones, Assistant City Administrator Wolff, City Attorney Sajdak, City Clerk Fochs, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen, Assistant City Engineer McCraw, and interested public

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. October 14, 2025

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [9-0]
MOVED BY: Alderman Strzelczyk
SECONDED BY: Alderman Bach

AYES:	Nerbun, Strzelczyk, Tolocko, Mayr, Hansher, Bach, Parrish, Bratt, Gebhardt
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3. Discussion

- a. Presentation of the Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission's Prioritization of Projects Contained within the 2025-2045 Mequon-Thiensville Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan

Jim Doornek and Ken Maciolek representing the Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission presented a background of their group's mission and an overview of the master plan which launched in March 2024. Discussion involved short-term projects prioritizing safety and high traffic corridors in 2025-2027.

- b. Review and Consideration of Design Alternatives for the Reconstruction of Lake Shore Drive (South of Mequon Road) and Mequon Road (East of I-43)

Assistant City Engineer McCraw addressed the Committee requesting an agreed consensus to move forward with the project and introduced Brad Hartjes, Senior Project Manager from raSmith.

Mr. Hartjes provided an overview of the analysis for the 2.25-mile road project and three alternative designs including tree surveys, right-of-way impacts, effects on ditches, and cost estimates. Mr. McCraw indicated the efforts to encourage public engagement with three public meetings and presentations, as well as an online survey for residents.

The Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission recommends option #2, with 5-foot paved shoulders on both sides of the roadway and to also consider an additional 8-foot side path on the East side of Lake Shore Drive.

The Committee welcomed the public to speak on the subject. Tom Taagen at 902 W. Mequon Road, opposes all updates with suggestions to lower the speed limit and save money for school zones instead. Nicholas at 320 E. Circle Road, Matt Deloge at 103 E. Mequon Road, and Patrick at 1109 W. Lake Shore Drive, spoke in favor of alternative option #2 with revision of a 4-foot shoulder. Ron Heinritz, representing the Thiensville branch of the Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission suggested the creation of a 4th option to include a separate bike path. David at 10020 N. Sheridan Drive spoke with concerns of the effects of additional water runoff from the road widening. Connie Taagen at 902 W. Mequon Road submitted her opposition to the project but chose not to speak.

The Mayor called for a straw poll to eliminate alternative option #1 which passed unanimously by all Committee members. Committee discussion ensued, with topics focusing on the safety of bikers and pedestrians, cost effectiveness, impact to vegetation and trees, and the overall differences of 5-foot vs 4-foot shoulders.

City staff requested a general decision from the Committee to stay on schedule for phase one bidding in early 2026, which resulted in a unanimous straw poll in favor of alternative option #2.

4. Informational Items
 - a. Committee of the Whole Planning Calendar

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:39 PM.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [9-0]**
MOVED BY: Alderman Bach
SECONDED BY: Alderman Gebhardt

AYES: Nerbun, Strzelczyk, Tolocko, Mayr, Hansher, Bach, Parrish, Bratt, Gebhardt
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Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Meyer
Deputy Clerk