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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

6:00 PM

Christine Nuernberg Hall

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Mayor Nerbun called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Mayor Andrew Nerbun
Alderman Robert Strzelczyk – attended virtually
Alderman Kelly Tolocko – Arrived at 6:01 PM
Alderman Dale Mayr
Alderman Jeffrey Hansher
Alderman Gregg Bach - **Excused**
Alderman Peter Bratt
Alderman William Gebhardt
Alderman Brian Parrish

Also present: City Administrator Jones, Assistant City Administrator Wolff, City Attorney Sajdak, City Clerk Fochs, Finance Director Arnett, Director of Public Works/City Engineering Lundeen, Assistant City Engineer McCraw, Director of Community Development Tollefson, Assistant Director of Community Development Zader, Fire Chief Bialk, IT Manager Fortini, IT Specialist Sauerland, Deputy Clerk Kong, and interested public.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. September 9, 2025

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [8-1]
MOVED BY: Alderman Mayr
SECONDED BY: Alderman Hansher

AYES: Nerbun, Strzelczyk, Tolocko, Mayr, Hansher, Bratt, Gebhardt, Parrish DEEMED NO: Bach

3. Discussion

a. Mequon Commons: Phase 2 Summary

Morgan Chapman of the Lakota Group provided an overview of the project status and presented a detailed report of the concepts envisioned for the civic campus. Six concepts were created based on feedback results from the Engagement Phase of the project involving the public, targeted focus groups, elected officials and city staff. Results were primarily focused on year-round, multi-generational use for the community and visitors with mixed-uses, water features, gathering spaces, connecting the town center, civic reinvestment, native plantings access to nature, and sustainable growth.

Concept A: Using the current footprint, this plan would focus on upgrading the existing features and allow for additional parking.

Concept B1: Will increase the current footprint with a bold reimagining of the aquatics center and relocation of the baseball field to allow for multi-use space(s).

Concept B2: Uses B1 as a template with some reconfiguration and enhancements including park support building relocation and a lazy river in the aquatic center.

Concept C1: Focuses on community gathering spaces such as an amphitheater and flex lawn instead of a baseball field and an enlarged aquatic center including cabanas.

Concept C2: Essentially C1 with alternate positioning of elements.

Concept D: Baseball field focused with substantial baseball operation and spectator upgrades and no pool.

Ms. Chapman concluded her presentation with preliminary cost estimate ranges for each concept that require additional evaluation, including infrastructure and engineering review and requests more definitive decisions from the Committee in order for the process to move forward into the Implementation (final) Phase of the project.

Three community members spoke to the Committee expressing their desire to retain Rennie Field in its current location, while also acknowledging the progress for change. An additional query regarding the possible relocation of the baseball field was voiced by 2 Boy Scouts in attendance.

Community Development Director Tollefson advised the Committee that project discussion will soon also involve the Parks & Open Space Board and Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission prior to returning to the Common Council.

Committee discussion and comments included considerations for the Rennie Field legacy and its unclear future depending on the City's overall long-term needs. Committee members shared common interest in multi-use options of the space(s) with year-round usability and prioritization of the pool.

4. Informational Items

a. Committee of the Whole Planning Calendar

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:39 PM.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [8-1]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Mayr

SECONDED BY: Alderman Gebhardt

AYES: Nerbun, Strzelczyk, Tolocko, Mayr, Hansher, Bratt, Gebhardt, Parrish

DEEMED NO: Bach

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Meyer
Deputy Clerk
Approved 11/11/2025