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Office of the City Administrator

**PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 5:15 PM**  
**South Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**1) Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mayr at 5:15 p.m.

**Present:**

Chair Mayr

Alderman Bach - Excused

Alderman Parrish

**Also present:** Assistant City Administrator Wolff, City Attorney Sajdak, Alderman Gebhardt, Alderperson Tolocko and Executive Assistant Kong.

**2) Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a) Meeting minutes of November 11, 2025

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 11, 2025
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alderman Brian Parrish
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chair Dale Mayr
<b>AYES:</b>	Alderman Brian Parrish, Chair Dale Mayr
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved by Voice Acclamation

**3) Discussion Items**

- a) Deer Population Management

Alderman Gebhardt said a number of residents in his district have called with concerns about the deer population, the damage they cause to property and landscaping as well as issues related to

driving safety. He has told residents to also share their concerns with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) but he wanted to know what the City does to also help address these issues.

Assistant City Administrator Wolff gave a summary of her findings regarding the increased deer population over the last 10 years. She gathered data from the DNR as well as County Sheriff statistics that showed a fairly consistent number of collisions over the last 6 years, which has averaged 75 per year. A map with the location and number of collisions shows a greater number occurring on Port Washington and Pioneer Roads. The DNR has several resources related to this issue including the Citizen Deer Advisory Council, a Deer Advisory Committee and the Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control Grant. The deadline for the annual Control Grant for 2025 was December 1; however, this could be a worthwhile avenue to pursue for 2026. The grant is designed to help municipalities develop and implement control measures. The City had culling programs in 2012 and 2014, and such programs require approval from the DNR.

The committee discussed the residents having mixed feelings about prior culling efforts, but past programs were successful in reducing the population. The State has seen an increase in the deer population and a decrease in the number of people hunting. The question was raised regarding more humane solutions than sharpshooters or other culling efforts, but chronic wasting or other diseases means deer cannot be relocated. The Committee should look into applying for the DNR grant and determine if the sharpshooter services are still available. It can also be helpful to educate residents to discourage the feeding of wildlife. After gathering additional information about services, deer population and public education, the Committee can bring this item back for discussion in January or February and later present its findings to the Committee of the Whole.

b) 2026 Work Calendar

The Committee reviewed the 2026 Work Calendar. Alderman Parrish raised concerns regarding radon and wanted to promote testing and awareness of potential radon issues in the area. He suggested the promotion of public education about testing and the importance of monitoring radon in homes.

Chair Mayr said the Committee needs to review the full list of 2026 items and set some priorities at the meeting in January to determine when items will be addressed next year. A review of the 2025 Community Survey will also help identify and prioritize the goals for 2026.

**4) Work Calendar**

a) 2025 Work Calendar

**5) Adjourn**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion to adjourn at 5:46 p.m.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alderman Brian Parrish
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chair Dale Mayr

<b>AYES:</b>	Alderman Brian Parrish, Chair Dale Mayr
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved by Voice Acclamation

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Kong