



From left: Ald. Ken Gehl, Ald. Steve Kurkowski, and newly elected 3rd District Alderperson Ald. Jim Ruetz.

FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Thank you to all the staff that provided feedback on our first edition of the monthly brief! The response was overwhelmingly positive regarding the contents of the monthly brief which, as you noticed, does have a permanent name: "In a Nutshell." A big thank you to Carly Persson, Management Assistant, for putting the idea for the publication forward, and for content creation every month. And thank you to Leslie Flynn, Communications Coordinator, for (as always) providing great branding material.

It's a busy chapter in OC, and at times our workload is overwhelming. In our pending Strategic Action Plan (SAP), we value and will work to provide employees a common operating picture including public decisions regarding OC's bigger projects and issues. "In a Nutshell" and other communications will serve to showcase the ideas and work of our employee teams to others in the organization that may be located in different departments or buildings. Look for those types of goals and others like it in the new SAP, 2023-2027, which Common Council is positioned to formally adopt on May 2. More to come!

With Gratitude,
Andrew J. Vickers, City Administrator

ACTIONS TAKEN

LADDER TRUCK APPROVED FOR PURCHASE

Council approved purchase of Pierce 100' aerial tower (ladder) truck in the amount of \$1,947,398 for the Fire Department. This is the replacement for a 1999 model that has reached the end of its lifecycle. Ladder trucks are important for fighting fires in structures over two stories in height.

Link for [more info \(p. 124\)](#).

PUMPER ENGINE APPROVED FOR PURCHASE

Council approved purchase of Pierce (pumper) engine in the amount of \$1,004,760 for the Fire Department. This is the replacement for a 2003 model that will reach its 20-year lifecycle in 2023. Thank you to the FD team that studied and finalized the specs on both pieces of equipment!

Link for [more info \(p. 128\)](#). Did you know Pierce fire apparatuses are custom-made in Appleton, WI? Learn more [here](#).

RICH DUCHNIAK HONORED FOR SERVICE

Council honored Rich Duchniak with commendation for 6 years of service as 3rd District Alderperson on April 18. He was part of five Boards and Committees and was engaged in lakefront redevelopment, Oakview Business Park, and Drexel Town square planning efforts to name a few. He chose not to run for re-election.

Thank you, Rich!

ACTIONS CONT.

JIM RUETZ SWORN IN AS NEW 3RD DISTRICT ALDERPERSON

On April 18, Jim Ruetz was sworn in as new 3rd District Alderperson, Steve Kurkowski as 1st District Alderperson, and Ken Gehl as 5th District Alderperson. Jim has previously served as Alderperson in Oak Creek, filling Steve Scaffidi's seat when Steve became Mayor. Ruetz ran again in April 2013 and served a two-year term.

PETER COOPER BUILDING DEMO

The "Vat House" is the last remaining industrial building on the lakefront. The demolition project was awarded to Edgerton Contractors at \$648,400. The demolition of this blighted building will allow for future redevelopment of the site. Work is slated to begin in May/June 2023. This work is funded by TID #13 and came in well under budget.

Link for [more info \(p. 44\)](#). Have you ever been inside one of the vacant buildings on the lakefront? Most in [this video](#) have been razed, but the buildings are being demolished for a reason...

NORTH LAKEFRONT BLUFF STABILIZATION & REVETMENT

This project was awarded to Edgerton Contractors at \$9,285,400 to stabilize the lakefront bluff so that it does not erode or fall into the lake. It will also become the basis for the north bluff public park amenity. The bluff runs from the Utility's water intake to MMSD's south shore reclamation facility. Work is slated to begin in May/June 2023. This work is funded by TID #13 and came in well under budget.

Link for [more info \(p. 46\)](#).

2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

This Engineering contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Stark Pavement Corporation, at \$1,559,806.75. Thirteen streets have been approved for rehabilitation and work will begin in May/June 2023.

Link for [more info \(p. 48\)](#)

Keep up to date on construction projects throughout the City [here](#).

LAKESHORE COMMONS TOWNHOMES & MULTIFAMILY PLANS APPROVED

Site and Building Plans were approved by Plan Commission on April 11 for Lakeshore Commons townhomes at 400 E. Lake Vista Parkway and multifamily residential buildings at 4005 E. Lake Vista Parkway.

Link to [updated townhome plans](#) and link to [updated multifamily residential](#).

Check out the full LC project [here](#).

MAIN STREET DREXEL TOWN SQUARE

Site and Building Plans were approved by Plan Commission on March 14 for Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa at 7978 S. Main St.

Link for [more info](#).

Yoga Six, 7966 S Main St., has been granted occupancy. Check out their [website!](#)