

FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

ACTIONS TAKEN

Pardon the Dust!

We are about midway through the construction of additional offices and storage space on the 2nd floor of City Hall (pictured on the right). In the end, storage spaces, a large conference room, and one small office will become two private offices for the HR Department, a Common Council workroom, a vacant private office, and more storage room. With the addition of a new Marketing and PR Department and centralizing City Finances, welcoming certain Utility Department staff to City Hall, we also needed to reconfigure space to accommodate.

The “construction zone” at City Hall is not in a very ideal location and I want to thank all staff for their patience during construction. We have been getting our steps in! Special thanks to Toni and Tara in HR, and the IT Department staff for their flexibility during the build-out. We hope to have everyone situated in the new space by Thanksgiving.

Speaking of City facilities, the management team and Common Council met on October 4 for our 2025 Budget workshop. The Common Council moved several projects forward in our 2025 Capital Improvement Budget (CIP). Check out additional City Facility improvements planned for next year here: [2025 Executive Draft Budget](#). The Common Council has scheduled a public hearing and may adopt the 2025 Budget on November 19.

-Andrew Vickers, City Administrator



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

The City has recognized October 15 as White Cane Safety Day through a Mayoral Proclamation. The mission of White Cane Safety Day is to acknowledge the white cane as a symbol of those who have dealt with vision and/or hearing loss, to highlight achievements of those same people, and to inform the public of Wisconsin’s White Cane Law. The White Cane Law requires drivers to come to a complete stop at least 10 feet away from a person using a service animal or white cane while crossing a roadway.

PLAN OF FINANCE: LAND ACQUISITION

Common Council reviewed and authorized the Plan of Finance for the acquisition of 25.442 acres of property located at 10523 S. Howell Ave. This parcel will be combined with the 15 acres the City already owns on Oakwood Rd and Howell Ave and will be marketed for future business development.

Council also adopted Resolution No. 12522-100124 authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale not to exceed \$4,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. The debt service for the \$3,895,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes will be paid by TID 8.

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2025 PASER ROAD RECOMMENDATIONS

Assistant City Administrator and Engineer Matthew Sullivan presented the 2025 Road Recommendations to Council on October 15. The Road Recommendations were previously reviewed for recommendation by the Board of Public Works and Capital Assets on October 8. Ultimately Council concurred with BoPWaCA's recommendation and adopted Resolution No. 12523-101524, advertising the 2025 road improvement projects for public bid.

View the presentation here: [9:02](#)

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GRANT WRITING SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD

Council awarded the Grant Writing Services Contract to MSA Professional Services, Inc. MSA is a highly rated firm that works with a multitude of Wisconsin municipalities. The firm's expertise and competitive pricing ultimately makes them the best fit for the City's needs. This contract will aid the City's efforts in securing funding for a variety of Strategic Action Plan initiatives.

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REFUSE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT AWARD

Council awarded a Contract for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services to GFL Environmental Services for a combined bid amount of \$7,362,003. GFL Environmental's bid was about \$31,000 less than their extension proposal that the City was offered before public bidding. The City will continue contracting with GFL as a refuse/recycling hauler for the next five years.

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AMENDMENT TO SOUTH MILWAUKEE DISPATCH SERVICES IGA

On October 15, Council approved Resolution No. 12524-101524 to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of South Milwaukee for Police, Fire, and Ambulance Related Dispatch Services. The amended contract codifies a new commencement date of December 3, 2024 and includes a one-time payment of \$70,000 from the City of South Milwaukee to account for the additional month of services the City provided.

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