



FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Notice of Public Meeting
Council Chambers at City Hall
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 – 5:00 PM

Finance and Property Committee

Jake Cattanach, Chairperson

Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson

Michael Timm

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Finance and Property Committee to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and will also be broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. If a member of the public wishes to access this meeting live via Zoom audio conferencing, you must contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting to coordinate your access. This meeting is also available after its conclusion on the City's Facebook page and Community Media's YouTube page, which can be accessed at www.wr-cm.org. It is possible that members of the Council may appear remotely via video or audioconferencing for this meeting. If a member of the public wishes to address the Committee regarding an agenda item, they must contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting to be invited to speak at this meeting. There will be a public hearing on the budget in November for public input from citizens.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Budget Review

- A. Review and discuss the 2026 Park Department Budget

3. Referrals

- A. Consider a Lease and Service Agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. for the installation of a safe haven baby box at a Wisconsin Rapids fire station, and consider an agreement with a funder for funding/sponsorship for the costs of the lease, installation, and maintenance of the safe haven baby box

4. Audit of the Bills

5. Set Next Meeting Date

6. Closed Session

- A. In open session, the Committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session"; and Section 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., which reads "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved."

- B. In closed session, the Committee may discuss litigation strategy regarding former papermill property tax assessment litigation the City is involved in; and may consider retaining outside litigation counsel for the tax assessment litigation

7. Open Session

- A. The Committee will return to open session
- B. The Committee may take action on retaining outside counsel for the tax assessment litigation

8. Adjourn

Notice of Common Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that one half or more of the membership of the Common Council may be present at the above meeting and may gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. Pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd., 173 Wis.2d 553, 494 N.W.2d 408 (1993), such attendance by Council members may be considered a meeting of the Common Council. This notice is given so that members of the Common Council may attend the meeting, although the Common Council will not take any formal action at this meeting.

The City of Wisconsin Rapids encourages participation from all its citizens. If participation at any public meeting is not possible due to a disability, notification to the city clerk's office at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. Call the clerk at (715) 421-8200 to request accommodations.