

MINUTES

July 27, 2026

Members Present: Alder Kristin Slonski (Chair), Alder Terry Kilian, Chris Filtz, Cody Shaide, and Arlene Kaatz

Others Present: Makayla Galecki (Wausau MPO), Thomas Niksich (staff) and Carrie Edmondson (staff)

Location: Wausau City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Council Chambers

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Call to Order by the presiding officer

Chair Slonski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement

One emailed public comment was received from Jonathan Smith and included information about RRFB's, speed concerns with bicyclists going south on River Drive, and noting that a car had accidentally driven on the River Edge Parkway from Adolph Street.

3. Consideration of the June 22, 2026, meeting minutes.

Motion/second by Kilian/Kaatz to approve with modification correcting spelling of Cody Shaide. Passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Discussion and possible action

- a. Approve Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Thomas Street and River Drive.

Carrie noted that the pedestrian crossing counts were well below the suggested threshold of 20 or more in one hour and were done over two different days. However, all other criteria were met. Alder Kilian noted that counts may be low because it is dangerous and that there may be higher utilization during the Farmer's Market. Alder Slonski noted that there is a new development under construction on Thomas Street and Grand Avenue. Thomas Niksich, Project Engineer, noted that there is a controlled crossing at Thomas Street and Grand Avenue. Kaatz noted that there are still pedestrian concerns.

Motion/second by Kilian/Shaide to recommend approval of the RRFB to the Infrastructure and Facilities Committee. Passed unanimously, 5-0.

- b. Approve fall Wausau Works for You newsletter topic.

Newsletter content is due Monday, August 17 and the BPAC can include a submission of 500 words. Alder Slonski noted that she hears a lot of concern about e-bikes and she thought there would be value in publishing an article about rules of the road, she would like the emphasis to be on motorists. Carrie noted that the summer newsletter provided a good overview of the new e-bike ordinance created by Patrol Captain Pauls and Lieutenant Kurtzhals from the Wausau Police Department. Alder Slonski agreed to author the article with Shaide providing edits.

Motion/second Kaatz/Slonski to approve submitting a rules of the road/right-of-way article for the fall newsletter. Passed unanimously 5-0.

5. Discussion

a. Wisconsin Open Meetings Law

Carrie provided an overview of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law including discussion of proper procedure for agenda discussion, public noticing of agendas, and walking quorum. Chris noted that public comment is one-sided if not related to an agenda item.

b. Bicycle Friendly Community survey discussion

The survey is currently open and closes on September 8. Chris shared with the Cycling Without Age community. Arlene noted that she brought it to WAEGOS – Women Actively Enjoying the Great Outdoors. The MPO has shared with CWOC and Wausau Wheelers. The group agreed to share with their networks.

6. Update on City projects.

a. RRFB installation 6th Avenue/Bridge Street

Will be installed in the near term.

b. River Edge Parkway

The OCR petition process continues to move forward.

c. Comprehensive Plan Update – Public Engagement

Carrie provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan update and public engagement strategies currently available.

7. Items for future agendas.

- RRFB at 6th Avenue/Bridge Street
- River Edge Parkway
- Updates on previously approved items

8. Adjournment

Motion/second by Kilian/Filtz to approve. Passed unanimously. 5-0 The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.