

July 7, 2025

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Harold E. Getty Council Chambers
4:15 p.m.
Roll Call.

Members present: Mr. Boesen, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Simon and Ms. Wilder. Ms. Creighton-Smith, Mr. Chiles and Mr. Feuss were absent.

Agenda, as proposed or amended.

Nichols/Simon
to appoint Mr. Boesen to chair the meeting. Voice vote - Ayes: Four. Motion carried.

Nichols/Simon
that the agenda as proposed be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Four. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the June 16, 2025, Council Work Session minutes, as proposed or amended.

Nichols/Simon
that the minutes of June 16, 2025, Work Session, as proposed, be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Four. Motion carried.

Discussion of House Bill 969 and Fire Department cancer prevention initiatives.

Bill Beck, Fire Chief, provided an overview of House File 969, signed by Kim Reynolds on June 8, 2025, and went into effect July 1, 2025. The new bill has two significant changes that could directly affect the City of Waterloo. The new law establishes a definition of what cancer is, rather than singling out certain kinds of cancers, and changes all cancers as presumptive with firefighters and police officers in the pension system. It increases the reporting window for retirees from one year to three years. That 3-year look back puts the city at fault, not the lifestyle choices of the individual. He shared that after he became Chief, they initiated the cancer prevention program, and he provided examples of prevention efforts made to date. He provided both short-term and long-term vision goals that still need to be achieved.

Mr. Nichols thanked Chief Beck for the presentation and questioned if there are any routine screening guidelines for lung cancer.

Chief Beck explained that all regular firefighters are screened upon hire, and it is up to them to do regular wellness checks. He noted that the Hazmat team have bi-annual physicals that test everything.

The council continued to discuss the presentation points with Chief Beck.

ADJOURNMENT

Boesen/Simon
that the council adjourn at 4:46p.m. Voice vote-Ayes: Four. Motion carried.

Kelley Felchle
City Clerk