

October 6, 2025

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Harold E. Getty Council Chambers
Roll Call.

Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Ray Feuss in the Chair. Mr. Boesen, Ms. Creighton-Smith, Mr. Simon, Ms. Wilder and Mr. Feuss. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Chiles were absent.

Agenda, as proposed or amended.

Boesen/Wilder
that the agenda as proposed be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Five. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the September 15, 2025 Council Work Session as proposed or amended.

Boesen/Wilder
that the minutes of the September 15, 2025, Council Work Session, as proposed, be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Five. Motion carried.

Discussion of an ordinance amending regulations for third party fire protection system reviews.

Brock Weliver, Fire Marshal, presented a proposed ordinance change to Section 104.7.2 of the International Fire Code requiring third party plan reviews for all fire protection systems. This would transfer the costs that the city has been incurring, to the contractors or developers of the projects. This change would align the city of Waterloo with many other full-time fire departments and enhance both fiscal responsibility and code compliance. He provided an overview of the current practice and explained that the city has incurred over \$280,000.00 in fees associated with plan review over the past eleven years or so. He further shared several benefits the city would see if this change is approved.

Mr. Boesen questioned if the fees incurred are added to their permit fees.

Brock Weliver explained that he didn't know the details because those fees are paid by the building department, but he would get that information and pass it along.

Mr. Simon questioned if there is a deficiency in the part-time position that is the reason for looking to hire an additional person.

Brock Weliever commented that there are over 2,000 commercial properties in the city, and it is difficult to get through all 2,000 in a year as re-inspections slow down progress.

Ms. Creighton-Smith questioned if the proposed change would help to increase efficiency.

Brock Weliever confirmed and shared the benefits of the system change.

Mr. Boesen commented on the level of staffing in place when he was in the Fire Marshal position and explained that current staff are doing much more with less.

Update on Waterloo Fire Rescue Medical Services.

Bill Beck, Fire Chief, provided an overview of the fire department's transport system, medical office, upgrades to the paramedic program and a SWOT analysis. He shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the various staff responsibilities, service call statistics and projections versus actuals.

Mr. Boesen requested an updated salary schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Boesen/Wilder
that the council adjourn at 5:03 p.m. Voice vote-Ayes: Five. Motion carried.

Kelley Felchle
City Clerk