

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Burns, Ald. Bowring, Malecki, Kilburg, Kosirog, Reinecke, Marks, Paschke, Palmquist

Elected Officials Absent: Ald. Furnish, Mayer

Staff Present: Voigt, Passarelli, Antenore, DeGroot, Babica, Tymoszenko, Milewski, VanGyseghem, Holton, Javed, Landers, Lohse, Schultze, Fornari

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7pm in City Hall Council Chambers, noting those in attendance. Burns then recognized Deputy City Clerk Jeanne Fornari on her twenty years of employment with the City and thanked her for her service, with Fornari then thanking the Mayor for the opportunity. Burns then read aloud a statement from city attorney Ron Sandack which laid the ground rules for the evening's discussions, noting no potential amendments or votes on the proposed budget would take place until City Council consideration on February 17, 2026.

**2. Continued FY2027 Budget Discussion**

At the February 2, 2026 City Council meeting, the council requested an additional meeting to further discuss the proposed budget. Admin. Voigt noted that initial questions from the committee had been posted in the budget section of the website. Additional questions regarding funding for a cemetery columbarium, rebate programs for solar installations, and any future funds allocated to EV charging stations were heard. Asst. Dir. Landers and Dir. DeGroot provided information as it related to these items, both noting that the respective budget items were not yet ready for full and final implementation.

A brief discussion on the utility revenue projections was heard, as well as clarifications on the City's budget portion of the East State Street reconstruction project, and status of the State Street pedestrian bridge, which has been deferred to the next fiscal year. Directors Milewski and Babica responded to these queries accordingly.

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. New Business**

Several alderpersons invited residents to their respective open houses in the coming weeks regarding the March referendum.

**5. Adjournment**

On a motion by Ald. Kosirog, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 7:21pm.

*Submitted by Deputy Clerk Fornari*