

CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 6, 2026, by Mayor Jim Shelenske in the Common Council Chambers at South Milwaukee City Hall, 2424 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On roll call, Ald. Peggy Clark, Ald. Brett Briesemeister, Ald. Michal Olechowski, Ald. Tim Backes, Ald. Joe Bukowski, and Ald. David Bartoshevich were present. Ald. Lisa Pieper and Ald. Craig Maass were excused.

The meeting was prefaced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen comment period was opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:02 p.m.

Under President of the Council, Briesemeister/Backes moved to adopt the following items in the consent agenda: a) Approval of minutes from the December 16, 2025 Common Council regular meeting, b) Approval of an application for a Temporary Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Wine license by Divine Mercy Parish for Sipply Divine event located at 695 College Avenue on February 7, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., c) Acceptance of resignation of part-time Library Clerk Nancy Belland, effective January 17, 2026, d) Acceptance of resignation of part-time Self Deposit Station Attendant Pete Mozejewski, effective December 27, 2025, and e) Approval of Financial Reports for the various funds for the period ending November 30, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

Under Finance Committee, Ehlers Financial Advisors presented on the City's Financial Management Plan.

Bartoshevich/Clark moved to approve the Financial Management Plan presented by Ehlers Financial Advisors and to assign ongoing discussions related to the plan to the Finance Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Bartoshevich/Clark moved to adopt a resolution approving a General Fund – Fund Balance Policy. Motion carried 6-0.

Bartoshevich/Clark moved to authorize the proper City officials to execute the underwriter's retention agreement with Huntington Securities for the 2026 – 2027 capital borrowing. Motion carried 6-0.

Under Miscellaneous Business – Economic Development, Savage Solutions presented the status of the South Milwaukee Sam campaign and a proposed 2026 program budget.

Briesemeister/Backes moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss an agreement with Savage Solutions for the 2026 budget for the South Milwaukee Sam campaign with funding provided from Bucyrus Foundation grant funds and to discuss a potential agreement with Piggly Wiggly Midwest to open a grocery store business at 2901 S. Chicago Avenue located in Tax Increment District No. 3. Upon roll call, motion carried 6-0.

Olechowski/Bartoshevich moved to return to open session and take any necessary action on closed session items. Upon roll call, motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to discuss, Backes/Olechowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVED: 1-20-26