

**CITY OF WACONIA
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Waconia was called to order by Mayor Waldron at 7:30 a.m. The following members were present: Nicole Waldron, Randy Sorensen, Jacob Coleman, and Jeff Grengs.

The following members were absent: Nick Gleason

The following staff were present: Shane Fineran, Jackie Schulze, Nevin Waldron, and Lane Braaten

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3) **ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion by Sorensen second by Coleman to Adopt the Agenda as Published.
MOTION CARRIED

4) **VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

5) **ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by second by to Adopt the Consent Agenda as Published.
MOTION CARRIED

6) **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

6.1 **Canvass Results of 2024 Municipal Election**

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Resolution No. 2024-242 Canvass Municipal Results from November 5, 2024 Election

Jackie Schulze, Assistant City Administrator, stated that the City conducted its municipal election in conjunction with the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Staff assisted absentee voters from September 20th through November 4th.

Total Number of Voters Registered on Election Day: 9,555

Total Number of Election Day Voters: 4,253

Total Number of Election Day New Registrants: 392

Total Number of Waconia In-Person Absentee Voters 3,543 (128% Increase from 2022)
Total Number of Waconia Voters
(City Hall absentee, election day, mail in, and county in-person absentee): 8,702
(91.6% of registered voters)

Mayor

Nicole Waldron: 3,651
Tim Liftin: 3,964
Write-Ins: 35

City Council

Jim Lohan: 1,935
Derek Siddons: 2,283
Simon Malinski: 1,837
Jacob Coleman: 3,277
Write-Ins: 90

Jackie recognized the efforts of all election judges and the assistance of Public Services for providing delivery, setup, and take-down of election equipment. Also, Hoppers and Mackenthuns for providing lunch and dinner for election judges. And a big thank you to the voters for taking the opportunity to exercise the right to vote.

Also thank you to Vicki Cummings, Brenda Grams, Debbie Bussler, and Constance Nelson. With the huge number of early voters this year, the City would not have been able to this without them.

Waconia continues to be the only Carver County city that offers early voting at City Hall to the residents and the voters seem sincerely appreciative of the opportunity.

Motion by Grengs second by Coleman to adopt Resolution No. 2024-242 Accepting Canvass Municipal Results from the November 5, 2024, General Election.
MOTION CARRIED

6.2 [Site Plan, Design Review & Variance Amendment - Olive & Second Mixed-Use Project](#)

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[Resolution No. 2024-243 Approving Amend Site Plan and Variance](#)

[Amendment Narrative 10-21-2024](#)

[Olive and Second Amended Plans](#)

[Resolution No. 2024-177 Approving Site Plan, Design Review and Variance for Olive and Second Mixed Use Project](#)

Resolution No. 2024-178 Approving the Olive and Second Preliminary & Final Plat

Lane Braaten, Community Development Director stated that at the August 19, 2024 Council Meeting the Council reviewed and approved the Site Plan, design Review and Variance and subdivision/plat associated with the Olive & 2nd Project which proposed to replat six properties into two parcels and redevelop the south half o the block into a 5 level mixed-use building with 92 apartment units and commercial space on both Olive Street South and Elm Street South. The Council based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, adopted Resolutions No. 2024-177 and No. 2024-178 approve the Site Plan, Design Review, Variance and subdivision based on specific finds and the applicant meeting certain conditions associated with the project.

Staff have been working with the developers and they have submitted revisions to the fourth and fifth floors of the Olive and 2nd Street Project.

It would be a change with an additional 273 square feet on the fourth floor and an additional 662 square feet on the fifth floor with a slight square foot reduction for the deck area and the stepbacks. The applicant indicated that the change to the fourth and floor are necessary to both support the safe exiting of occupants of the roof deck and to better align with the upper setback exterior walls with structural elements below.

The Planning Commission received no public comments and recommends approval of Amendments.

Motion by Sorensen second by Grengs to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-243 Approving Amended Site Plan and Variance.

MOTION CARRIED

7) ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

8) STAFF REPORTS

None

9) BOARD REPORTS

None

10) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shane Fineran, City Administrator, wanted to remind residents that City Hall was closed yesterday in observance of Veteran's Day and to be sure to thank all the Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

11) ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Sorensen second by Coleman to Adjourn the November 12, 2024, Council Meeting on 8:00 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Randall Sorensen, Pro Tempore Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Sue Schwalbe, Office Assistant