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Special Meeting of: **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Date/Time: **Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 5:30 PM**

Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street) Board Room, 2nd Floor**

Members: Keene Winters (C), Karen Kellbach, Dave Nutting, David Oberbeck, Bill Nagle

AGENDA ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1 Public Comment on Items Appearing on the Agenda
- 2 Presentation of Fiscal Estimate of Referendum
- 3 Discussion & Possible Action on financing a 2015 Referendum on Changing the Form of City Government

Adjourn

Keene Winters, Chairperson

IMPORTANT: THREE (3) MEMBERS NEEDED FOR A QUORUM: If you are unable to attend the meeting, please notify Mary by calling (715)261-6645 or via email mgoede@mail.ci.wausau.wi.us

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BUDGETING FOR A 2015 REFERENDUM

Background: The process for the development of 2015 city budget is underway. Department budget requests are due to the mayor's office in August, and the mayor will begin compiling the requests and merging them with the revenue forecasts to produce the executive budget request.

If we decide to hold a referendum on changing the form of city government in 2015 it will cost money. The council is scheduled to only meet once in August. **If we want the mayor to include the costs of a referendum in the 2015 budget, we should make that decision in council on August 12th.**

Decision Process Options

Option 1: The council could decide to put the question of changing to an administrator form of government to a referendum in April of 2015. The council could make a commitment that it will abide by the result of the referendum and faithfully implement whatever the public decided.

Option 2: Instead of holding a referendum, the council could decide what form of government the city will have starting in 2016 through a public hearing process. As an example, that process might include three public hearings. The first one could be in January of 2015. It would feature expert witnesses from cities that have an administrator system explaining how it works. The council should invite members of the governmental change task force to join them for this public meeting.

Next, there should be a meeting no later than March of 2015 where the task force presents its findings to the public and the council.

Finally, time should be set aside in April of 2015 for a meeting where the council takes public comments on the matter.

After those three public hearings, the council could go ahead and vote to change the form of government or keep the current form of government.

Timing of the Decision: A decision on whether to change the form of government in the city should be made not later than April of 2015. The change would have to be implemented at the end of the current mayor's term in April of 2016.

If the decision is made to go to an administrator form of government, it will take time to implement. There will need to be a comprehensive review of ordinances to see what needs to be changed. The administrator position should be included in the 2016 budget. We will need to draft a position description and go through a national search process. We should expect the administrator to start in early 2016 so there is some overlap and a transition period from one system to the next. Making a decision later than April of 2015 would really handicap the implementation process.

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