

**ORDINANCE No. 2019-2**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

The Common Council of the City of Abbotsford, Clark & Marathon Counties, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

**SECTION I. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS; ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS.**

Section 2-2-5 of the City of Abbotsford Code of Ordinances is repealed and recreated to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-2-5 Common Council Committees.**

- (a) **Common Council Committees Abolished.** The City of Abbotsford Common Council elects to have no regular standing committees of the Council comprised of Alderpersons.
- (b) **Committees-of-the-Whole; Special Committees.**
  - (1) ***Committee-of-the-Whole Organization.***
    - a. The Mayor may declare the entire Common Council a Committee-of-the-Whole for informal discussion at any Council meeting or for such other purpose. Committee-of-the-Whole meetings shall be properly noticed as such.
    - b. The Mayor shall be the presiding officer of such in an ex officio capacity.
    - c. Meetings of the Committee-of-the-Whole may occur on properly noticed regular Common Council meeting dates, at the call of the Mayor, or on dates set by the Common Council.
    - d. No final or official votes are taken at meetings of the Committee-of-the-Whole, although the membership may vote to make a recommendation to be taken up at a regular Common Council meeting or assign tasks to City staff or other City commissions or bodies.
  - (2) ***Committee-of-the-Whole Purpose.*** The role of the Committee-of-the-Whole is to:
    - a. Allow the entire membership of the Common Council, sitting in a deliberative rather than a legislative capacity, to engage in informal discussion and preliminary consideration of matters awaiting legislative action;
    - b. Provide an efficient means for the Common Council and City staff to receive information and reports at the same meeting and engage

- in discussion in advance of a regular meeting of the Common Council;
- c. Engage in review of strategic planning, major projects and/or City policies; and
  - d. Permit City business to be discussed when such business requires simultaneous, initial discussion by all Common Council members.
- (3) **Special Committees.** The Mayor may appoint special committees, subject to Common Council confirmation, as the Mayor deems advisable or as provided by the Common Council, with the purpose stated. Special committee composition, responsibilities and duration shall be determined by the Common Council.
- (c) **Cooperation of City Officers.** All City officers and employees, upon the request of the City Administrator or presiding officer of any committee, shall confer with the committee and provide to it such information as may be requested regarding any matter pending before the committee.

## SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

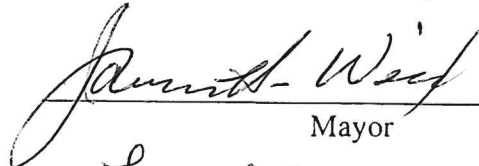
If any provision of this Ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional or if the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or applications.

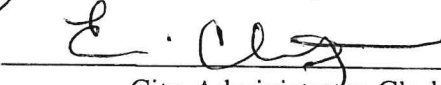
## SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

CITY OF ABBOTSFORD, WISCONSIN

  
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Mayor


  
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City Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

INTRODUCED: November 11, 2021  
ADOPTED: November 11, 2021  
POSTED/PUBLISHED: November 12, 2021

State of Wisconsin:  
Counties of Clark & Marathon:

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true, correct and complete copy of an Ordinance duly and regularly adopted by the Common Council of the City of Abbotsford on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 and that said Ordinance has not been repealed or amended and is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.



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Josh Soyk-Interim Administrator