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CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES

**SEPTEMBER
18, 2015**

*A weekly publication
from the Office of the
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Special points of interest:

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Major Projects/Initiatives:

- Continued to finalize 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets

Community Meetings, Activities, and Functions:

- Met with Senator Ringhand
- Met with Rob Gerbitz of Hendricks Commercial Properties
- Participated in Meet and Greet hosted by the League of Women Voters, NAACP and Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce
- Participated in planning efforts for Veteran's Day special events hosted by Culvers
- Co-hosted the Beloit: The College and City: Sharing a Name, Sharing a Future Event
- Coordinated City and School District efforts to improve traffic and pedestrian safety at Fruzen Intermediate

2ND ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST EVENT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The 2nd Annual [Oktoberfest](#) event will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 5:30—11:00 p.m. in Downtown Beloit. Shauna El-Amin, Executive Director of the Downtown Beloit Association is looking for volunteers to staff a variety of shifts and positions. Volunteers will receive FREE admission into the event and one complimentary drink of your choice as a thank you for volunteering.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Shauna El-Amin at 608-313-1370 or e-mail her at shauna@downtownbeloit.com

FALL TREE PLANTING

The City of Beloit's Department of Public Works is now accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this fall.

The terrace tree species selection will be determined by the City Forestry Supervisor while taking into account the size of the terrace, presence of utilities and exotic invasive insects. Trees will be planted on a first-come, first-served basis. Public Works will accept requests through Friday, October 30, 2015.

To be placed on the list, please call the Department of Public Works at 608-364-2929.

BELOIT FLAGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

The Beloit Flag was designed for the Beloit Pageant, presented in 1916. Although it was designed almost 100 years ago, the design remains relevant today. The golden yellow suggests “the riches of autumn on our prairies, colored with grain and yellow wild flowers.” The green expresses the “promise of spring-time,” while the blue signifies the Rock River. The “flaming wheel” in the center of the flag depicts the City’s history of industry and tells of “Beloit’s energies as very manifest in waterwheel, windmill, engine and their created products” (all references to the water-power mills, Wheeler’s Eclipse windmill, Fairbank-Morse engines, and A.P. Warner’s speedometer in Beloit history).



If you are interested in purchasing a Beloit Flag, please stop by the Treasurer’s office on the 2nd floor of City Hall. The cost is \$64.35.

FRUZEN SCHOOL TRAFFIC UPDATE

City staff continues to coordinate with School District staff, including the personal involvement of the Interim Beloit Police Chief Zibolski, City Manager Luther, and Superintendent Dr. Johnson, to improve traffic and pedestrian safety along Milwaukee Road.

WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (WEDA) AWARD

State Representative Amy Loudenberg and former Senator Tim Cullen were recently recognized by WEDA as “Legislative Champions” for economic development leadership. Congratulations! (Please see [attached](#) press release for more information.)

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

The Beloit Public Library encourages residents to “reDiscover!” the library. During the month of September, there will be special programming and events, along with a limited edition library card designed by Reiyah Jacobs, winner of the library’s Superhero Library Card Design Contest.

Library card requirements:

- Valid Photo ID
- Proof of current address with name
- Those under the age of 16 must have parent or legal guardian present to obtain a library card (parent or legal guardian must provide proof of address and valid photo ID)

For more information to obtain a library card, please review the Beloit Public Library’s website:

<https://beloitlibrary.org>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

The City Council will hold a **Workshop** in the City Manager's Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

The attached **agenda** is for the **Monday, September 21, 2015** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation recognizing **Friends of Beckman Mill** 25th Anniversary. The Friends of Beckman Mill formed in 1990 to restore the Mill, and have continued to preserve the heritage that is so important to Beloit's history.
- b. Proclamation recognizing **International Day of Peace** on September 21, 2015. This date is observed around the world as an annual day of non-violence, as proclaimed by the United Nations.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of September 8, 2015.
- b. Resolution approving **Class "A" Beer License** for Mexico Dominicana, 854 Henry Avenue. The Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee has reviewed and recommended 4-1 for approval of the license.
- c. Resolution approving **Change of Agent** for Walgreens, 1901 Prairie Avenue. This is a routine change of agent. The Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee has reviewed and recommended 5-0 for approval.
- d. Application for a **Planned Unit Development (PUD)** - Master Land Use Plan, for property located at 1633 Keeler Ave. (Kolak Education Center). Commonwealth Development has submitted an application for review and consideration of a Planned Unit Development for the Kolak Education Center property. Commonwealth proposes the adaptive redevelopment of the Kolak building into housing units. This item is being referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- e. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification from PLI, Public Lands & Institutions District to PUD, Planned Unit Development District, for property located at 1633 Keeler Ave. (Kolak Education Center). This Zoning Map Amendment refers to the Kolak Education Center property and is being referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- f. Resolution approving the **Sale of Land to Wisconsin DOT** for Interstate Highway 39/90 Right-of-Way. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation seeks to acquire 0.2 acres of the property located at 2702 Colley Road for right-of-way purposes when the section of I-39/90 adjacent to that property is reconstructed and widened. The Plan Commission reviewed and recommended for approval.
- g. Resolution adopting the City's intention to utilize its **Special Assessment** powers for the purpose of extending sanitary sewer to 3155 Prairie Avenue. The property at 3155 Prairie Avenue is served by water, but not sewer. The owner is marketing the lot for development and sewer service is critical in his marketing strategy. The Engineering Division has reviewed and recommends approval of the preliminary resolution. A public hearing and final resolution will follow.
- h. Resolution awarding **Public Works Contract** for C15-23 Milwaukee Road Concrete Repairs. This project will replace broken pavement slabs near East Ridge Road. Two bids were received, with the low bid coming in from CPR Inc. The Engineering Division recommends awarding this Public Works Contract to CPR, Inc. in the amount of \$49,484.50.

7. LICENSES

- a. Resolution **Setting Return Date and Authorizing the Issuance of a Summons** for an Alcohol License Sanction Hearing for HRNS V Entertainment d/b/a Adiktion, Edgardo Garrido, Agent, located at 1310 Cranston Road. At their meeting on August 11, 2015, the Alcohol Beverage License Control and Advisory Committee recommended that the alcohol beverage license for this business be revoked. This is a resolution to set a hearing date on this matter.

8. ORDINANCES

- a. Ordinance to create section 16.08(3)(b)3 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Smoking Outside City-Owned Buildings**. The Beloit Public Library requested that the City amend its smoking regulatory ordinance to prohibit smoking within 30 feet of the Library's entrances. Staff proposes expanding on the Library's request to include the areas around entrances for all city-owned property.

9. APPOINTMENTS

There will be appointments at this meeting.

12. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution supporting the expansion of the **Riverside Energy Center**. Wisconsin Power and Light Company, a subsidiary of Alliant Energy Corporation, filed a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to construct a larger power plant at its Town of Beloit campus. The estimated project investment is \$750 million and is estimated to supply the power needs of business, industries and residential homes. It is projected to be operational in 2019. The Town of Beloit, Rock County, and City of Janesville have all approved similar resolutions.
- b. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to acquire **846 Harrison Avenue** from the Rock County Treasurer. By purchasing this property, the City plans to remove sub-standard housing from the market. The plan is to demolish the house and make the vacant land available for sale. Funds are available to acquire this property.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— SEPTEMBER 14—18, 2015

Monday, Sept. 21	10:00 a.m.	Joint Policy & Technical Advisory Committee , Stateline Area Transportation Study, Rotary River Center (M. Sloniker)
Monday, Sept. 21	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, Sept. 21	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Wed., Sept. 23	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum (C. Kincaid and A. Kelly)
Wed., Sept. 23	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission Workshop , Forum (C. Kincaid, All City Councilors Invited)
Thurs., Sept. 24	8:00 a.m.	Downtown Beloit Association meeting (D. Luebke)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website: www.visitbeloit.com

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information.

Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market. Over 85 vendors every week and live music at Gantry Park in downtown Beloit. Every Saturday until the end of October. For more information, please contact the Downtown Beloit Association at 365-0150.

Sept. 25 & 26 8:30 p.m. **Ghost Hunt at Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead**, 2149 St. Lawrence Ave. Tickets are \$50 for Beloit Historical Society members; \$60 for non-members. Limited number of tickets; small groups of five ghost hunters, led by one Society for Anomalous Studies leader. Call 608-365-7835 for more information, or click here: <http://tinyurl.com/qdqujcj>

Sept. 27 1:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting at **Fruzen Intermediate School**, 2600 Milwaukee Road. Tours and refreshments to follow the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Wisconsin Economic Development Association

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 14, 2015

Contact: Brian Doudna – WEDA Executive Director
(608) 215-2562
Rebecca Hogan – WEDA Legislative Liaison
(608) 258-9506

WEDA Recognizes Representative Loudenbeck, Former Senator Tim Cullen with Economic Development Awards

MADISON – Today, State Representative Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) and former Senator Tim Cullen (D-Janesville) were recognized by the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) at an awards presentation that was held at Forward Janesville, Inc. During this event, Rep. Loudenbeck received WEDA's Legislative Champion Award and former Senator Cullen was the recipient of WEDA's Economic Development Leadership Award.

The WEDA Legislative Champion Award is given to legislators that provide legislative leadership with regards to advancing Wisconsin's economic development programs and policies. Specifically, the Award recognizes legislators who frequently solicit input and feedback, while utilizing the collective expertise, from Wisconsin's economic development professionals.

Rep. Loudenbeck's leadership during the 2013-2014 legislative session was essential to growing, as well as enhancing, Wisconsin's economic development toolbox. She was a major proponent of the Wisconsin Fast Forward program, which provides workforce training assistance to firms that represent a number of Wisconsin's, existing as well as emerging, targeted industries. In addition, Rep. Loudenbeck spearheaded a tax credit transferability workgroup and has remained a strong advocate for Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) reforms – including but not limited to her participation on the Legislative Special Study Committee on TIF. During the 2015-2016 legislative session and while serving as a member of the Joint Finance Committee, Rep. Loudenbeck aggressively championed economic development programs.

WEDA's Economic Development Leadership Award is given to former legislators that provided legislative leadership with regards to advancing Wisconsin's economic development programs and policies. Specifically, this Award recognizes legislators who made WEDA's mission their mission, frequently communicating and engaging with Wisconsin's economic development community.

Throughout his tenure in the Wisconsin legislature, Senator Cullen advocated for innovation and excellence in economic development. During the 2013-2014 legislative session, the senator was a leading voice among his party to support the transition from the Department of Commerce to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation model. Even during challenged political times, the senator's support for economic and workforce development programs and/or related policies remained constant.

WEDA is grateful for these contributions, and sincerely thanks Rep. Loudenbeck and former Senator Cullen for their economic development support.

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About WEDA

The Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to expanding the economy of the State of Wisconsin. Founded in 1975, WEDA's economic development professionals and active volunteers are dedicated to making Wisconsin a better place to live and work through economic advancement that focuses on retaining and expanding existing businesses; facilitating investment and entrepreneurship; and, attracting new companies, employment opportunities and innovation capital.

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DOWNTOWN BELOIT'S
Oktoberfest
SECOND ANNUAL

5:30 - 7:00 pm
THUNDERJUNK
(Beloit College
Faculty & Staff)

7:00 - 8:30 pm
ZWEIFEL BROTHERS

8:30 - 11:00 pm
**JAMIE CAMPBELL &
THE REDNECK ROMEOS**



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Tuesday, September 21, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the 4th floor City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

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Dated: September 16, 2015
Lorena Rae Stottler
City Clerk
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**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 21, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Proclamation recognizing **Friends of Beckman Mill** 25th Anniversary (Haynes)
 - b. Proclamation recognizing **International Day of Peace** on September 21, 2015 (De Forest)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point on the agenda.

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of September 8, 2015 (Stottler)
- b. Resolution approving **Class “A” Beer License** for Mexico Dominicana Inc., d/b/a Mexico Dominicana, located at 854 Henry Avenue, Angel Rodriquez, Agent
ABLCC recommendation for approval 4-1
- c. Resolution approving **Change of Agent** for Walgreens #06096, located at 1901 Prairie Avenue from Jacqueline Shaffer to Julie Punzel (Stottler)
ABLCC recommendation for approval 5-0
- d. Application for a **Planned Unit Development (PUD)**- Master Land Use Plan, for property located at 1633 Keeler Avenue (Kolak Education Center) (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
- e. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning district classification from PLI, Public Lands & Institutions District to PUD, Planned Unit Development District, for property located at 1633 Keeler Avenue (Kolak Education Center) (Christensen)
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9. APPOINTMENTS

10. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

11. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

12. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution supporting the expansion of the **Riverside Energy Center** (Luther)
- b. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to acquire **846 Harrison Avenue** from the Rock County Treasurer (Christensen)

13. ADJOURNMENT

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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday at 8:30 a.m.; and Friday at 1:00 p.m.

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MEETING AGENDA
Joint Policy & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
Stateline Area Transportation Study
Monday, September 21, 2015 at 10:00 A.M
Rotary River Center, 1160 Riverside Drive (U.S.H. 51), Beloit, Wisconsin

1. Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2015 Joint Policy and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings. *Action Required*
4. Approval of \$1,900,497 in STP-U funding for the City of Beloit Prairie Avenue project. *Action Required*
5. Approval of the updated SLATS Bylaws. *Action Required*
6. Review of the Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. *No Action Required*
7. Review of the Draft SLATS 2016 Unified Planning Work Program. *No Action Required*
8. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agency Reports and TIP Project Updates. *No Action Required*
9. Scheduling of Future Meetings of the Policy and Technical Committees (*Tentatively October 19, 2015*)
10. Adjournment

TAC VOTING MEMBERS

City of Beloit Engineering
Town of Beloit Engineering
City of Beloit Public Works
Beloit Transit System
FHWA -Illinois
FHWA-Wisconsin
IDOT District 2
Rock County Planning
Rock County Highway
Village of Rockton Public Works
South Beloit Engineering
SMTD
Town of Turtle Engineering

Winnebago County Highway
Winnebago County Planning
WisDOT Central Office

TAC NON-VOTING MEMBERS

WisDOT Southwest Region
FTA Region V-Chicago
IDOT Bureau of Urban Program Planning
Janesville MPO
Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Village of Roscoe Engineering

This meeting is accessible to disabled individuals. Interpreter or other similar accommodation requests should be directed to T.J. Nee, MPO Coordinator, Engineering Division, 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511, 608-364-6702, neet@beloitwi.gov or the MPO Executive Secretary 608-364-6690 at least five days prior to the meeting so that reasonable accommodation can be made. Please make sure you get a positive response from someone to ensure the request was received.

Para más información o si usted está interesado en participar en el planeamiento del proceso de transporte en su comunidad y si usted necesita asistencia con el idioma, por favor comuníquese al teléfono 608-364-6690.

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
September 23, 2015 at 4:30 pm
The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 26, 2015
4. Housing Authority
 - a. Presentation of March, April, May, June, July and August Activity Reports (Pollard)
 - b. Presentation of March, April, May and June Financial Reports (Pollard)
 - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-16, Approval of 2015 Second Quarter Write-offs (Pollard)
5. CDBG, HOME and NSP Programs
 - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-13, Recommending Approval of the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Budget (Downing)
 - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-14, Recommending Approval of the 2016 Annual Action Plan (Downing)
 - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-15, Recommending Approval of the 2015 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Budget (Christensen)
6. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: September 18, 2015

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beloit Plan Commission will hold a workshop on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in The Forum, located on the first floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to hear a presentation from Commonwealth Development for the proposed adaptive reuse of the Kolak Center located at 1633 Keeler Avenue into a multifamily residential community. No action will be taken at this meeting. Public hearings on this Development Proposal will be held by Plan Commission on October 7, 2015 and by City Council on November 16, 2015.

There may be a quorum of Plan Commissioners and City Councilors present.

Julie Christensen, Community Development Director

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