City of Stoughton – Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was a hybrid meeting located in the Common Council chambers (2nd floor of the Public Safety Building, 321 S. Fourth St.) as well as held via Zoom.

Committee members present: Regina Hirsch (President), Phil Caravello, Ben Heili (remote), Greg Jenson, Jean Ligocki (remote), Jonathan Schoerlucke, Daniel Payton (remote), Brett Schumacher, Tim Swadley (Mayor).
Members present: Lisa Reeves (Vice President), Tom Majewski, and Christina Wozniak-Scanlon
Guest present: Dave Ehlinger, Rodney Scheel, Josh Ripp, AJ Gillingham, John Montgomery, Jim Ramsey, Cindy McGlynn, Candee Christen (remote), Bill Brehm (remote)

1. **Call to order** – Hirsch called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Roll call and verification of quorum** – Clerk Christen took the roll and noted a quorum was present.
3. **Certification of compliance with open meeting law** – Hirsch noted the meeting was properly posted.
4. **Public comment -** None
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes for 04/06/2023** – tabled to the scheduled Oct. 5 COW meeting.
7. **Operating budget 2024 reports**
    a. Mayor – presented an overview of the priorities he has set for the 2024 budget, additional staffing requests, and the potential future of restructuring the Fire and EMS Departments.
    b. Director of Finance/Comptroller – presented an overview of key factors and information of the proposed 2024 Operating Budget.
8. **Review of scheduled department budgets :**
   General discussion followed from each of the following departments.

   City Attorney
   City Clerk
   Common Council
   Finance
   Fire
   Information Technology / Media Services
   <u>Human Resources / Risk Management</u>
   Municipal Court
   Opera House
   Planning & Development
   Public Library
   Senior Center
   Shared Ride Services
   Tourism Fund (room taxes)

9. **Discussion and possible action regarding 2024 proposed budget – operations -** no discussion or action taken
10. **Discussion and possible action regarding 2024 proposed budget – Capital Improvement Plans** – no discussion or actin taken
11. **Future agenda items –** 2nd COW budget meeting to be held October 5.
12. **Adjourn -** Motion by Jenson, second by Schroerlucke to adjourn. Motion carried 9-0. 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candee Christen
City Clerk