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7:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL**

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4. Approval of Minutes – Committee of The Whole – February 25, 2015
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  - a. Next Scheduled Meeting April 22, 2015
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**DRAFT MINUTES  
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1. Call to Order by Council Chair Bloomquist at 7:03 p.m.
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Roll Call: Mayor Pfaff, Steve Arnold, Richard Bloomquist, Dan Carpenter, Dorothy Krause (arrived 7:05), Carol Poole, Patrick Stern and Jason Gonzalez. Absent with Excuse, Becky Baumbach. Others Present: Tony Roach – City Administrator, Tom HovelCity Planner/Zoning Administrator, Ahnaray Bizjak- Transportation Project Engineer, Tom Blatter – Police Chief, Chad Brecklin – Police Lieutenant.
  4. Approval of Minutes – Committee of The Whole – January 28, 2015  
Motion to approve minutes by Pfaff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arnold. Motion carried
  5. Public Appearances Non-Agenda Items - None
  6. Transit Study Presentation – SRF Consulting  
  
Joe Kapper with SRF Consulting, presented report and answered questions.
  7. Space Needs Study Presentation – Dimension IV  
  
Jim Gensich with Dimension IV, presented report and answered questions.
  8. Announcements
    - a. Next Scheduled Meeting March 25, 2015
    - b. Dick Zach, former Alder, passed away on February 24, 2015
  9. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stern, motion carried at 8:57 p.m.
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# Partnership for Prosperity



League of Wisconsin Municipalities,  
Partnership for Prosperity Tour 2014-2015

# Overview

- About the League
- Lay of the land in the state Capitol.
- Challenges and opportunities
- Overview of League's Prosperity Agenda
- How you can help and other next steps!

# About the League



- Founded in 1898
- Nonpartisan
- Almost 600 members
- 190 Cities & 396 Villages
- Median size city/village is 1450

# Legislative Lay of the Land

Senate:

19 GOP & 14 Dem

— (Previously *18 GOP & 15 Dem*)

Assembly:

63 GOP & 36 Dem

- (*Previously: 60 GOP & 39 Dem*)





# Legislative Leadership



Senate Minority Leader – Sen.  
Jennifer Shilling

Senate Majority Leader-Sen. Scott Fitzgerald



Assembly Speaker – Rep. Robin Vos



Assembly Minority Leader – Rep. Peter Barca



# State Budget Bill

- No cuts to shared revenue and other programs like expenditure restraint.
- Levy limits – remain the same
- County assessment
- Local Government Property Insurance Fund
- Recycling Grants

# Legislative Challenges we Foresee

Substantial shortfall in State's Transportation Fund

\$250 million shift of business property tax to homeowners

State interference with room taxes

State interference with PILOTs

# More Legislative Challenges we Foresee

Possible limits on annexation powers

Possible limits on municipal extraterritorial  
zoning powers

State interference with municipal finance  
decisions

# Legislative Opportunities for Municipalities

- Several positive changes to TIF law being recommended by TIF study committee.
- Working with freshmen legislators with municipal government experience on modifying levy limits to allow carry forward of unused levy capacity.

# The Partnership for Prosperity Agenda



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# Thriving cities and villages are a key to Wisconsin's long-term economic success.



# Cities and Villages are where jobs are happening

- 70 percent of the state's population
- 87 percent of the all manufacturing property
- 89 percent of all commercial property
- Wisconsin's metropolitan regions account for 75% of the state's Gross Domestic Product.



# Partnership for Prosperity: An Agenda for a Competitive 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wisconsin

- Includes several policy changes focusing on sustainable funding for local services.
- Levy Limit Flexibility

# Partnership for Prosperity: An Agenda for a Competitive 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wisconsin

- Includes several policy changes focusing on Transportation Aids.
  - Funding Levels
  - Changing Distribution Formulas to favor Municipalities

# What Comes Next?

- Join the League's Lobby Team and/or the Rapid Action Team
- Share P4P Agenda with your legislators
- Adopt the Partnership for Prosperity Resolution
- We need your expertise and knowledge.

Questions and Comments.  
Thank you for being involved!

