

MINUTES
WASECA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Waseca City Council Work Session began at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Mayor Randy Zimmerman	Mark Christiansen
	Jeremy Conrath	James Ebertowski
	John Mansfield.	Stacey Schroeder
	Daren Arndt	

Staff Present: Carl Sonnenberg, City Manager
Penny Vought, Waseca Police Chief
Nate Willey, City Engineer
Julia Hall, City Clerk

Rapp Strategies, Inc. Todd Rapp, President, and CEO


PURPOSE

Mayor Zimmerman announced that the purpose of the meeting would be the start of the conversation for a Local Option Sales Tax.

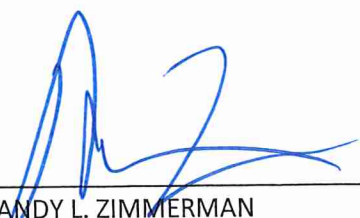
CONVERSATION

- Todd Rapp, spoke on how a Local Option Sales Tax Works.
 1. Explained there are some projects the community does where the value of the project goes beyond the boundaries of the city. That is the purpose of a Local Option Sales Tax.
 2. Currently 75 % of Local Option Sales Tax referendums have been approved.
 3. Must provide the desire for a Local Option Sales Tax, by January 31st. Project must be regional project. Food and Clothes are not taxed. Online purchases are required to provide taxes.
 4. Proposal goes in front of Tax committee
 5. If approved goes back to City Council to prepare to go to election.
 6. Goes to election, must occur in a November election. Each project needs to have its own line on a ballot.
 7. Meetings must be available for both for and against the proposed Optional Sales Tax,
 8. This is just the basics of what the Local Option Sales Tax requires.
 9. It is recommended that due to ongoing conversations in the legislature it will be best to wait until after they close the session in May to see if they have made any firm changes to the program.
 10. Rapp Strategies can help with the process as much or as little as the City would like on any level in the process. They are advisors, they do not lobby.

This being an ongoing conversation the work session adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



JULIA HALL
CITY CLERK



RANDY L. ZIMMERMAN
MAYOR