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Council Ends Wheel Tax Discussions; Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Possible Public Safety Referendum; City Launches Budget Hub

NEW BERLIN, WI – The City of New Berlin will hold a **Special Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall. This meeting will include critical discussion and possible action on a **potential public safety referendum**. As service demands continue to grow and state-imposed levy limits restrict funding, the City is exploring long-term solutions to maintain the level of public safety our residents expect and deserve.

The Common Council meeting will begin immediately afterward. Residents are encouraged to attend and share their input during the Privilege of the Floor.

At the most recent Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 29, 2025, **the Common Council expressed no interest in pursuing a wheel tax**. As a result, all discussions related to the wheel tax have officially ended.

To provide residents with greater transparency and access to financial information, the City has launched the **New Berlin Budget Hub** — a centralized, easy-to-navigate resource that offers accurate, up-to-date details on the City's financial planning, service needs, and potential funding strategies.

"We created the Budget Hub with our residents in mind," said Mayor Dave Ament. "Our goal is to provide a clear and accessible way for the community to stay informed and engaged in the City's

budget process. This tool is part of our commitment to transparency and ensuring residents have the information they need to understand the challenges we face and the options being considered.”

Residents are encouraged to explore the Budget Hub at:
www.newberlinwi.gov/2445/New-Berlin-Budget-Hub

All Committee of the Whole and Common Council meetings are open to the public. Agendas are posted in advance and are available on the City of New Berlin Meeting and Agenda Portal at <https://newberlinwi.portal.civicclerk.com/>. Residents are welcome to share their input by submitting written comments to citizencomments@newberlin.org. All comments are forwarded to the Mayor and Common Council members. Community members may also contact the Mayor’s Office or their alderperson directly.

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Wisconsin flag and City of New Berlin flag (1846) flying in front of a brick building.