



Waconia Wavelength

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Presidential Nomination Primary:

What You Need to Know

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting for the March 3 Presidential Nomination Primary for Waconia residents is available at Waconia City Hall (201 South Vine Street) at the following dates and times:

January 17 to March 2, 2020

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional dates and times include:

Mondays, February 3/10/24:

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 22:

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 29:

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 2:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There will be no absentee voting from **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on February 4.**

There will be no absentee voting on **Monday, February 17.**

Please note that if you are issued a ballot at City Hall for absentee voting, you must vote in-person that day. No ballots are being issued for take-home voting from City Hall. If you want to vote from your home or are a Waconia resident who is currently at school or out of the City, you can request a mail-in ballot from the Secretary of State's office online.

Voting on Election Day

For those who do not vote absentee, the Presidential Nomination Primary will take place on March 3, 2020 with the polls opening at 7:00 a.m. and closing at 8:00 p.m. Ward I residents vote at the Waconia Ice Arena (1250 Oak Avenue) and Ward II residents vote at Trinity Church (601 2nd Street East). If you are unsure of your ward, maps can be found on the City's election website by going to www.waconia.org/elections.

About the Presidential Nomination Primary

This will be Minnesota's first Presidential Nomination Primary since 1992. When you vote, you must designate which political party's ballot you want. Sample ballots are available at each location, as you cannot change your selection after receiving your ballot. By law, only major political parties can participate in the primary. In Minnesota, there are four major political parties, but only two parties are participating in the Presidential Nomination Primary: Democratic-Farmer-Labor and Republican.

For More Information

Please keep an eye on the City's website at www.waconia.org/elections and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CityofWaconia) for upcoming dates and more information related to the 2020 Elections! Anywhere you see the "Election 2020" logo, you'll be able to find additional information and details specific to the 2020 election cycle.



2020 City Council Meeting Schedule & Procedure

The Waconia City Council typically meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Sometimes, due to holidays, meetings are moved to another day. Occasionally, there may be additional special meetings added. Schedule changes are posted to the City's website.

Individuals who would like to have an item added to the agenda for Council consideration at a meeting can contact the City Administrator one week before the meeting. All council meetings and work sessions are open to the public and take place at City Hall, 201 South Vine Street. Council workshops typically take place immediately following the meeting.

Council meetings are shown live and rebroadcast on Cable Channel 8 in the week following the meeting. You can view the recordings of past meetings, as well as the agenda packets at www.waconia.org. Below is the schedule for the remainder of 2020:

February 3, 18	August 3, 17
March 2, 16	September 8, 21
April 6, 20	October 5, 19
May 4, 18	November 2, 16
June 1, 15	December 7, 21
July 6, 20	

Agendas for City Council meetings are posted to the website, at the latest, the Friday prior to the meeting. If you are interested in speaking at a meeting in regards to an agenda item, there will be "Request to Speak" cards available at each meeting. These cards will be on blue printer paper and available immediately to your left when you walk into the Council Chambers. Please try to arrive early to fill out the card.

Once completed, you will turn your card in to a City staff member, who will give the cards to the Mayor prior to the meeting. The Mayor will call you to the podium to address the City Council at the appropriate time. You will be asked to state your name and address for the record, and to discuss your topic of interest. Please be sure to direct your comments to the Mayor and Council and note that your comments may be limited to three minutes. Additionally, please note that although the City Council does not take specific action on Visitor's Presentation topics, they will hear the topic and then may:

- Have the item placed on a future agenda for action
- Refer the item to a City Board, Commission, or Committee
- Refer the item to City staff for study or conclusion

For more information please visit the City's website at www.waconia.org.

Seasonal Maintenance Opportunity

Looking for a summer job? The City of Waconia is currently hiring Seasonal Maintenance Workers.

The Seasonal Maintenance Worker is a part-time position that assists the Waconia Public Services team with the upkeep and maintenance of the City's streets, street signs, alleys, storm sewers, and parks.

The typical schedule for Seasonal Maintenance Workers is 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Positions typically start as early as May (we work with individuals hired to accommodate various start dates) and employees typically work until mid-August (flexible).

For a detailed job description, application, and details on how to apply visit the employment section of the City's website at www.waconia.org/jobs.



Office Closure Reminder

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, February 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the City's annual employee recognition event.



City offices will also be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of the President's Day holiday. We will resume with regular business hours on Tuesday, February 18.