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RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING STARTING TIME FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, state law provides that “all meetings of all state and local governmental bodies shall be publicly held in places reasonably accessible to members of the public and shall be open to all citizens at all times unless otherwise expressly provided by law” to promote an informed electorate; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of the City of Manitowoc are entitled to participate fully in the proceedings of the City of Manitowoc through public input and volunteering to serve on boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, more citizens would have the opportunity to address or participate in the Common Council and other City boards and committees if meetings were scheduled at a time which accommodated taxpayers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor Justin M. Nickels and the Common Council of the City of Manitowoc that any public meeting of the City of Manitowoc or a board or committee thereof scheduled on a weekday shall have a start time not earlier than 5:00 p.m. to accommodate taxpayers who wish to address the governmental body.

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ADOPTED _____

APPROVED _____

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

This resolution was drafted by Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney

Fiscal Impact: Budget neutral

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Approved as to form: /kmm