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Froedtert Health Inc. wants to build a 6,000-square-foot medical clinic on the southwest corner of Sunset Drive and Genesee Road in Waukesha.

Waukesha Common Council to consider annexation proposal

Land would be used for 6,000-square-foot Froedtert clinic

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WAUKESHA — After receiving approval from the city's Plan Commission, a proposal to annex about 3.93 acres of land from the Town of Waukesha at the intersection of Sunset Drive and Genesee Road so Froedtert can construct a 6,000-square-foot clinic will be discussed at Tuesday's Common Council meeting.

The clinic, according to

city documents, would have eight exam rooms, a treatment room, a lab and staff support area on a 4.6-acre site. Access to the building will be from Genesee Road south of the building where there is an existing access to the frontage road. The plans show potential future building addition space directly west of the building. The site plan includes 32 parking spaces, with the potential for an additional 28 spaces to be provided to the south if needed. A stormwater basin

is proposed south of the parking along the entrance driveway.

City staff is recommending approval of the annexation and the preliminary site plan.

Also on Tuesday, the council will have a general discussion about the possibility of the city participating in lawsuits against opioid manufacturers in the future.

According to the details of the agenda item, lawsuits by government agencies

nationwide have been filed and some have had successful settlements in favor of government agencies.

Law firms have been aggressively pushing agencies to participate in the lawsuits, including the city of Waukesha.

The possibility of the city participating will be a general initial discussion and no action will be taken.

Tuesday's meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 201 Delafield St.

NEW BERLIN

Waukesha Water Utility to hold informational meeting on pump station, reservoir construction

Project to cause disruption in New Berlin, mayor says

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NEW BERLIN — A public informational session regarding the pump station and reservoirs slated to be constructed in Minooka Park as part of Waukesha's Lake Michigan diversion project will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in New Berlin City Hall, 3805 S. Casper Drive.

The proposed project consists of constructing two 9-million gallon reservoirs and a pump station in Minooka Park just off the intersection of South Swartz Road and County Highway Y. The reservoirs and pump station are just one component of Waukesha's Lake Michigan diversion project, which will provide Waukesha residents with Lake Michigan water via several underground pipes.

As part of the project, sections of roads will be under construction over two to three years. Although an official water pipeline route has not been selected, the preferred route is Oklahoma Avenue to National Avenue, from National Avenue to Coffee Road and from Coffee Road to Racine Avenue.

The return route for Lake Michigan water used by Waukesha residents will require laying pipe under sections of Racine Avenue, via right of ways along the Interstate 43 corridor, and Moorland Road.

A finalized water pipeline route will not become avail-



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Two 9-million gallon reservoirs and a booster pump station are proposed to be installed in Minooka Park to convey Lake Michigan water to and from Waukesha.

able until the Waukesha Water Utility receives permits from the Department of Natural Resources and approvals from the Public Service Commission, said Dan Duchniak, Waukesha Water Utility manager. He expects those permits and approvals to come forth within the next month.

"Then we'll be trying to drive traffic to our website that will have specific paths in your area for each community that will provide regular updates to the residents along the route," Duchniak said.

While the upcoming informational session will not include information about construction timelines, there will be informational sessions regarding road closures and detours in the near future, Duchniak said. Once construction begins, not all roads will be closed at once and detours will be planned for streets able to handle a similar amount of traffic, Duchniak said.

"I think it's important that we provide ample opportunities to residents to provide input as we move forward with the project," he said.

Mayor's concerns

The project will generate

challenges for New Berlin residents with construction and subsequent traffic being the number one issue, said Dave Ament, the city's mayor.

"This is going to be a 2 to 3 year project and this is going to disrupt New Berlin substantially," Ament said.

Moreover, Ament expects pushback from residents since the pumping station will be constructed in one of the most rural areas of New Berlin, he said.

"People are not going to be happy about it, but (Waukesha) has a health and safety issue they have to deal with," Ament said.

However, Ament wants residents to know this project is Waukesha-led, meaning New Berlin has little control over its direction, he said.

"Our goal now is to try to keep the residents and the businesses in New Berlin as informed as we can," Ament said. "It's going to take a lot of coordination with the county, the city of Waukesha and city of New Berlin to try to control these issues."

For information regarding Waukesha's Lake Michi-

gan diversion project or for future detour and construction updates, visit greaterwateralliance.com.

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