



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

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Thursday, November 12, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**DRAFT until approved by Common Council on 12/10/2020**

#### Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kabat.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 12 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Phillip A. Ostrem, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Paul Medinger

**Absent:** 1 - Justice Weaver

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Richmond, that the minutes of October 8, 2020 meeting be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.**

#### Notices and Discussions

*Sleznikow - First time volunteering as an election worker on November 3rd. Amazing to see preparations prior to voting, and on Election Day, and to see the counting of ballots, exciting to see first-time voters, and have it be so successful. Kudos to City Clerk and staff.*

*Olson - K-9 meatball dinner cancelled this year.*

## COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[20-1621](#)

Resolution approving 2020 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in November 2020.

2020-11-004

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Medinger

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[20-1603](#)

Citizens Board of Review: Dan Ryan. Economic Development Commission: Debbie McKenney, Al Louis.

2020-11-005

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Ostrem, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Medinger

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

## SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE VIII FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (2/3 Vote Required):

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Richmond, that Council Rule VIII be SUSPENDED on File 20-1492, 20-1494 and 20-1496. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

### [20-1597](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Winona Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$44,271.00 for an unplanned capital project - 2020 La Crosse River Bank Stabilization.

2020-11-006

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution & Report of Bids be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Medinger

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

## Roll Call

**Present:** 13 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Phillip A. Ostrem, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Paul Medinger

## ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

### [20-1244](#)

Resolution creating a Racial Equity Team within the City of La Crosse.

2020-11-007

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Medinger

## ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

### [20-1492](#)

Amended Resolution extending the Outdoor Cafe Program.

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Kahlow, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be AMENDED to correct the expiration date from March 20 to March 12. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Medinger

2020-11-008

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Neumeister, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Medinger

[20-1465](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence District to the Local Business District at 2505 State Road.

*Ord. 5162. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Neumeister, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

## CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Ostrem, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by voice vote.**

### ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[20-1437](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 2, Article IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse pertaining to economic development to Include sustainability principles.

*Ord. 5161. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

[20-1496](#)

AN ORDINANCE to extend the previous sunset date on Ordinance #5151 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse for the Outdoor Cafe Program.

*Ord. 5163. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

[20-1218](#)

Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 15 North, Range 7 West, and all of Lots 9 and 10, Block 1, Tyson Addition to the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin and request for waiver of platting requirements.

2020-11-009

- [20-1283](#) Resolution on Housing Renovation Program for Downtown and Washburn Neighborhoods  
*2020-11-010*
- [20-1330](#) Resolution approving updated and combined Standard Specifications and Procedures for construction in the Public Right-of-Way.  
*2020-11-011*
- [20-1336](#) Resolution authorizing installation of additional neighborhood safety lighting at midblock locations in the 1900 and 2000 blocks of Madison Street.  
*2020-11-012*
- [20-1338](#) Resolution to accept grant from FM Global for Fire Prevention.  
*2020-11-013*
- [20-1364](#) Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding alcohol license fees under Chapter 4 of the La Crosse Municipal Code.  
*2020-11-014*
- [20-1397](#) Resolution levying Special Charges for Services performed in 2020.  
*2020-11-015*
- [20-1403](#) Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska regarding mutual-aid access to La Crosse Fire Department radio frequencies by the Onalaska Fire Department.  
*2020-11-016*
- [20-1406](#) Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to accept a 2019 DHS/FEMA Regional Fire Prevention and Safety Grant.  
*2020-11-017*
- [20-1459](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Finance Department and Water Utility Department in the City of La Crosse.  
*2020-11-018*

- [20-1467](#) Resolution approving Application of Jack Zabrowski for a Conditional Use Permit at 112 24th St. S. allowing an 8-foot privacy fence.  
*2020-11-019*
- [20-1489](#) Resolution opposing U.S. Highway 53 corridor alternative 5B-1 and requesting the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Transportation Projects Commission (TPC) to remove the project from the list of major highway projects.  
*2020-11-020*
- [20-1493](#) Resolution approving Sanitary Sewer Utility rate increases effective January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023.  
*2020-11-021*
- [20-1494](#) Resolution amending the Appendix C Fee Schedule related to the extension of the Outdoor Cafe Program.  
*2020-11-022*
- [20-1495](#) Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule to reflect Sanitary Sewer Fee Increase.  
*2020-11-023*
- [20-1517](#) Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for license period 2020-21 (November).  
*2020-11-024*
- [20-1544](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an updated Amended State/Municipal Agreement for the Reconstruction of Gillette Street, from Caledonia Street to George Street (Project I.D. #5991-07-42/43).  
*2020-11-025*

*ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED*

- [20-1294](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Commercial District to the Planned Development District - General allowing multi-tenant space at 1605 Rose St.  
*2020-11-026*

## ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

### [20-1612](#)

La Crosse River Marsh lead contamination project.

*Note: The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Council may reconvene in open session.*

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Richmond, to discuss the Status Update in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat., sec. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Medinger

**Non-Voting:** 1 - Kabat

### [20-1613](#)

PFAS Groundwater Contamination at Municipal Wells 23 & 24.

*Note: The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Council may reconvene in open session.*

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Richmond, that the Status Update be discussed in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat., sec. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Medinger

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Olson, to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote.**