



# 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, March 10, 2022

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center  
1300 6th St S

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#### Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

*Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 13 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

*Bishop Felix Malpica, from Evangelical Lutheran Church, provided invocation.*

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to APPROVE minutes of February 10 and February 22, 2022; the motion carried unanimously.**

#### Reports

##### [22-0366](#)

Financial Report from the Interim Director of Finance for the month of January 2022.

*2022-03-001*

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Weaver, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

## Notices and Discussions

*Mayor Reynolds spoke on the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI) meetings that he has been a part of this week; the main part of the discussions has been the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that was signed into law earlier this year. As part of the City's membership, we are being offered free lobbying and guidance services in relation to grant processes associated with the IIJA. Mayor Reynolds added that Congressman Ron Kind was recognized for his service by the MRCTI.*

*Mayor Reynolds also noted that this week was the kick-off of the second Amtrak line to run through La Crosse as part of the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Intercity Passenger Rail Project.*

*Mayor Reynolds announced that the next Council meeting will be moved back to the Council Chambers as the remodel has come to a close.*

*Lastly, Mayor Reynolds announced that the Ukrainian flag had been delivered and is now flying above City hall in support of the Ukrainian people.*

[22-0368](#)

ADA Transition Plan Status Update

*No action taken; status update only.*

## COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[22-0362](#)

Resolution approving 2021/2022 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in March 2022.

2022-03-002

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[22-0360](#)

Aviation Board: Tonya Townsell. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Randi Pueschner. Ethics Board: Don Campbell.

2022-03-003

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen, that the Appointment be CONFIRMED . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

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

**A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Weaver to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for items 22-0109 and 22-0367; the motion carried unanimously.**

## REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-0217](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. for the 2022 Concrete Alley Paving in the amount of \$42,136.85.

2022-03-004

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

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0218](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. for the Miscellaneous Sewer Repairs Project in the amount of \$286,835.40.

2022-03-005

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

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0220](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. for the 2022 Water Utility Sidewalk Replacement Project in the amount of \$83,314.50.

2022-03-006

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

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0221](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. for the 2022 Sewer Utility Sidewalk Replacement Project in the amount of \$47,467.40.

2022-03-007

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

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0222](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. for the Citywide Miscellaneous Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Replacement Project in the amount of \$101,440.00.

2022-03-008

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

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

## ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[22-0191](#)

Resolution approving funding for Measurement and Verification Services for Johnson Controls Performance Contract.

2022-03-009

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

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0367](#)

Amended Resolution approving an allocation of funding to extend the temporary winter shelter operations at Econo Lodge.

2022-03-010

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Mindel to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Neumeister to AMEND by changing the funding to April only; the motion carried on a vote of 11-2 (No - Janssen, Sleznikow).**

**The motion to ADOPT AS AMENDED carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 10 - Richmond, Neumeister, Weaver, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 3 - Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED****22-0109**

Amended Resolution Approving Dispute of special charge to property for failing to shovel snow. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision and Wis. Stats. sec 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following any closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2022-03-011

**A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen to CONVENE in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision and Wis. Stats. sec 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel; the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

**A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Janssen to RECONVENE in open session; the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Mindel to AMEND changing reversing to waiving in regard to the fee; the motion carried 9-4 (No - Neumann, Kahlow, Janssen, Trost).**

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

**Yes:** 9 - Richmond, Neumeister, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel

**No:** 4 - Janssen, Kahlow, Trost, Neumann

**22-0181**

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District - Heavy Industrial District allowing for the same zoning across the whole parcel for future improvement and use at 2500 County Road SS.

2022-03-012

**On recommendation to ADOPT; the motion failed by the following vote:**

**No:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0201](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Community Business District, Commercial District, and Special Multiple Dwelling District to the Public and Semi-Public District allowing for consistent zoning across all parcels at 712 La Crosse St, 320, 314, 310 and 308 8th St N, 624 Vine St, and 232 6th St N.

*Ord. 5212. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

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

**Yes:** 7 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Weaver, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 4 - Kahlow, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost

**Abstain:** 2 - Sleznikow, Kiel

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED**

[22-0280](#)

Resolution prohibiting the designation of campground for Houska Park as a campground for unsheltered persons.

*2022-03-013*

**A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Mindel, that the Resolution be NOT ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 1 - Woodard

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED*

[21-1689](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific allowing for the conversion of first floor retail/commercial area to four residential units at 703 Farnam St.

*Referred 30 days to April 2022 meetings.*

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen, that the Ordinance be REFERRED for 30 days. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*

[22-0259](#)

Second Amended Resolution assigning development of projects and programs for American Rescue Plan Act funds to City committees.

2022-03-014

**A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Kahlow to AMEND AS PROPOSED (delete "be granted jurisdiction to approve" and add "review and provide guidance" and Council weighs in on decisions); the motion carried on a vote of 9-4 (No - Neumann, Happel, Janssen, Trost).**

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

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

**No:** 1 - Happel

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Mindel to ADOPT the Consent Agenda; the motion carried unanimously.**

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*

[22-0045](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 115-393(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse eliminating off-street parking requirements for non-residential uses in commercial zoning districts.

*Ord. 5211. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

[22-0130](#)

AN ORDINANCE to annex a parcel of land from the Town of Shelby to the City of La Crosse (2602 Shelby Road - Konichek).

*Ord. 5210. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

[21-1642](#)

Resolution approving a partial vacation of street known as Oakland St.

2022-03-015

[22-0068](#)

Amended Resolution vacating the existing sanitary sewer easement and re-establishing a new sanitary sewer easement for property near Valley View Mall.

2022-03-016

- [22-0178](#) Resolution designating Downtown Mainstreet, Inc. as the concessionaire for the La Crosse Center along with authorization for "Class B" intoxicating Liquor Permit.  
2022-03-017
- [22-0180](#) Resolution reallocating available funds for streetscaping project near 10th Street and Cass Street Neighborhood.  
2022-03-018
- [22-0193](#) Resolution creating position of Lead Operations Specialist in the Utilities Department.  
2022-03-019
- [22-0208](#) Resolution approving amendment to the Declaration of Protective Covenants for the International Business Park with respect to Lot 4.  
2022-03-020
- [22-0212](#) Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessment against benefited property in La Crosse, WI for Sanitary and Water in the 2000 block of Hyde Avenue.  
2022-03-021
- [22-0235](#) Resolution approving Investment Services agreement for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.  
2022-03-022
- [22-0243](#) Resolution approving additional Storm Water Utility funds for the construction engineering and management of a U.S. Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration Disaster Recovery Program Disaster Supplemental Program grant funded lift station project.  
2022-03-023
- [22-0244](#) Resolution Approving the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$4,000,000 Interim Redevelopment Revenue Bond, Series 2022 by the Redevelopment Authority, and Approving a Contribution and Cooperation Agreement in Connection Therewith.  
2022-03-024
- [22-0255](#) Resolution approving update to pay table for the position of Airport Operations Coordinator for the La Crosse Regional Airport.  
2022-03-025



[22-0266](#) Resolution requesting waiver of City requirement for a subdivision plat and allowance of the substitution of a Certified Survey Map (CSM) in its place at 2415 State Road.

2022-03-026

[22-0269](#) Resolution appropriating funds for bottled water for Town of Campbell residents negatively impacted by PFAS in drinking water.

2022-03-027

[22-0270](#) Resolution appropriating funds for professional services agreement with Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center for the Johnson Street Pedestrian Lighting project.

2022-03-028

[22-0274](#) Resolution approving Application of A&S Foster LLC dba Bottoms Up for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at 500 Copeland Avenue on June 11, 2022.

2022-03-029

[22-0277](#) Second Amended Resolution approving easements with Birdd Land Investments, Inc. for property located near the International Business Park.

2022-03-030

[22-0278](#) Resolution approving emergency purchase of air handling units for the public safety radio system.

2022-03-031

[22-0279](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2021-2022 (March).

2022-03-032

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED*

[21-1259](#) Resolution declaring certain property located at Nakomis Avenue (parcel #17-10675-165) as surplus property.

2022-03-033

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ACCEPTED AND FILED*

[22-0129](#)

Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval pursuant to Sec. 66.0217(2), Wis. Stats. of land from the Town of Shelby to the City of La Crosse - 2602 Shelby Road (Konichek).

2022-03-034

**Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.**