



# 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, August 10, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers  
City Hall, First Floor

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**Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding**

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 13 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

*Moment of silence.*

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, to APPROVE minutes of July 13, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### Reports

##### [23-0907](#)

Engineering Monthly Progress Report

*2023-08-001*

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

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

##### [23-0928](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of June 2023.

*2023-08-002*

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

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

## Notices and Discussions

*Mayor Reynolds spoke on the groundbreaking for Fire Station #4 which will open next year and replaces a station that was built 90 years ago. It sends a message about the community's value of emergency services. Reynolds gave credit to Airport Director Ian Turner who has become an accredited airport manager via the American Association of Airport Executives; Turner is the first accredited director at our airport and one of 92 accredited in the Great Lakes region which includes 12 states and 2 provinces. Reynolds thanked staff and volunteers for their work on the National Night Out. Reynolds recognized Planning Department staff for work on Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER); the reviewer from Housing and Urban Development had not finalized the review of the City's submittal but deemed it THE example to follow. He also thanked all of those involved over the last 40 years in their efforts for pushing forth the development of what is now known as the River Point District.*

## COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[23-0927](#)

Resolution approving 2023 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in August 2023.

2023-08-003

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

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[23-0932](#)

Board of Park Commissioners: Tim Alberts. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Natalie Heneghan. International Committee: Thomas Monson. La Crosse Center Board: Mary Larson. Police and Fire Commission: James Szymalak. Redevelopment Authority: Karen Dunn.

2023-08-004

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

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**[23-0663](#)

Amended Resolution approving the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

2023-08-005

**A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.**

**A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be AMENDED to remove nine pavement-only street projects. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

**No:** 5 - Goggin, Janssen, Hameister, Woodard, Happel

**A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Trost, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move the Pine Street Corridor Project (#896) from 2024 to 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move funding (#810) from 2025 to 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Mindel, that the Resolution be AMENDED to change description (#594) to "for complete green streets design and soft costs on 6th Street from State to Cass, including soil cells and tree planting with consideration from the Climate Action Plan". The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be AMENDED to add 2.5 million in 2024, 5 million in 2025 budget, and 2 million to the 2026 budget (#500) with the funding source as revenue bonds/notes from Water Utility. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

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

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[23-0785](#)

Resolution authorizing the Police Department to expand police department remodeling using the balance of approved funding from CIP project #21U11.

2023-08-006

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

**Yes:** 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 1 - Trost

[23-0826](#)

Resolution allocating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Homeless Outreach Team.

2023-08-007

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Woodard, that the Resolution be REFERRED 30 days. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel

**No:** 7 - Dickinson, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

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

**Yes:** 10 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 3 - Goggin, Janssen, Woodard

[23-0839](#)

Resolution approving additional CIP costs for Riverside South Toilet Rooms Project.

2023-08-008

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

**Yes:** 12 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 1 - Goggin

[23-0795](#)

Resolution approving and appropriating funds for walk through metal detectors for the La Crosse Center.

2023-08-009

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

**Yes:** 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

## CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Kiel, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

### *ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*

[23-0457](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 22-23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding membership of the Human Rights Commission.

*Ord. 5256. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[23-0750](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend various sections in Chapter 36 Solid Waste of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to incorporate changes relating to single-stream refuse and recycling.

*Ord. 5257. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[23-0765](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence District to the Residence District allowing for construction of a 2-unit townhome at 943 Hood Street.

*Ord. 5258. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[23-0787](#) AN ORDINANCE to repeal Subsection 44-69 (5), (37), (40), (44) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to remove the traffic control signals from the intersections of West Avenue and South Avenue; South Avenue, East Avenue, and Ward Avenue; 16th Street and Main Street; and Seventh Street and Cass Street.

*Ord. 5259. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[23-0834](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Light Industrial District to the Community Business District allowing for construction of a mixed use, multifamily development at 401 3rd St. N.

*Ord. 5260. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[23-0438](#) Resolution approving Electrical Underground Distribution Easement.

*2023-08-010*

[23-0762](#) Resolution and report of the Board of Public Works on the costs of operating and maintaining the parking system in downtown La Crosse.

*2023-08-011*

- [23-0776](#) Resolution authorizing the adding of additional unbudgeted utility funds to Brickyard & Millatti Ln Stormwater Drainageway Repairs project.  
2023-08-012
- [23-0778](#) Resolution approving Application of Capella Catering LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 411 3rd St S, allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.  
2023-08-013
- [23-0784](#) Resolution accepting a donation from the North La Crosse Business Association for surveillance/camera equipment.  
2023-08-014
- [23-0790](#) Resolution approving Application of People's Food Cooperative, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit at 315 5th Ave S, allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.  
2023-08-015
- [23-0797](#) Resolution authorizing the reclassification of one (1) position in the 2023 operating budget for the Recycling department.  
2023-08-016
- [23-0805](#) Resolution declaring certain properties located on Kinney Coulee Rd, parcels 17-10575-64 and 17-10575-63, as surplus property.  
2023-08-017
- [23-0815](#) Resolution transferring parcels owned by the Redevelopment Authority to the City of La Crosse.  
2023-08-018
- [23-0833](#) Resolution approving Application of The Chalmers Residences LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 215 Pine Street and 401 3rd Street N, allowing for residential living quarters on the ground floor of a 4-story multifamily development.  
2023-08-019
- [23-0835](#) Resolution approving Application of JJAWC LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 401 2nd Street N Suite 102, allowing for vacant commercial space on ground floor to be built out as 8 apartments.  
2023-08-020

[23-0838](#) Resolution authorizing contract renewal for the State of Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Response System Services contract with City of La Crosse for 2023-2025.

*2023-08-021*

[23-0860](#) Resolution approving Agreement and Acknowledgement between Riverside Center III, LLC and the City of La Crosse regarding the parking ramp.

*2023-08-022*

[23-0864](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2023-2024 (August).

*2023-08-023*

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED*

[23-0791](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Special Multiple Dwelling District to the Planned Development District - General allowing for construction of approximately 14 2-bedroom homes at 5917 River Run Rd.

*Referred 30 day to September 2023 meetings.*

**Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:56 p.m.*