

Resolution to approve Common Council support of the City Vision downtown “Safe-Cam” project.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, properly managed public security cameras are an effective tool in deterring crime and recording activity that will aid law enforcement in criminal investigations; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse City Vision Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to support the City of La Crosse Downtown Business District has initiated a “Safe-Cam” campaign to raise funds to create a network of security cameras in the Downtown district and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, community support has been expressed for the proposed “Safe-Cam” project and its goals; and

WHEREAS, when the fundraising goals of the City Vision Foundation are met, the La Crosse City Vision Foundation will donate the security video equipment to the City of La Crosse, which would require the City of La Crosse to accept and maintain the donation, as well as allow for the security cameras to be placed on City light poles and City infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Crosse that the Council supports the City Vision “Safe-Cam” proposal to assist in deterring crime and promoting safety in the La Crosse community through the installation of publicly placed security cameras in the Downtown district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council supports staff involvement in planning and assisting in the project management of the City Vision “Safe-Cam” initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Crosse Police Department and its officers should ensure that safeguards to protect the constitutional rights of all citizens should be implemented in all policies regarding the use of all public security cameras operated by the police department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, Information Services Director, and the Public Works Director are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.