



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Finance & Personnel Committee

---

Thursday, March 4, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

---

#### Call To Order

*Chair Phil Ostrem called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Douglas Happel, Roger Christians, Barb Janssen, Phillip A. Ostrem, Larry Sleznikow

#### Agenda Items:

##### [20-1511](#)

Resolution approving historical pedestrian street lighting standards in the 10th and Cass National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) District.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, to AMEND per the proposed for F&P. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

##### [21-0087](#)

Resolution approving the placement of the City Clerk position in the City's Classification and Compensation Plan.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

##### [21-0088](#)

Resolution electing to self-insure for worker's compensation liability in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Section 80.60(3).

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0102](#)

Resolution authorizing Landfill Siting Agreement between La Crosse County and the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska.

**A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem,Sleznikow

[21-0106](#)

Resolution appropriating Xcel Energy Credits to fund Sustainability Internships through 2021.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem,Sleznikow

[21-0142](#)

Resolution adopting an updated City of La Crosse Investment Policy.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem,Sleznikow

[21-0144](#)

Resolution authorizing the acquisition of property interests for a street opening and infrastructure improvements for the River Point District property and appropriation of funds.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem,Sleznikow

[21-0154](#)

Resolution authorizing Vacant Land Offer to Purchase for lot at 3150 Berlin Drive in the International Business Park with Acquisition Realty & Dev., LLC.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem,Sleznikow

[21-0155](#)

Resolution approving Investment Services agreement for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem,Sleznikow

[21-0192](#)

Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Water Utility Department.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0193](#)

Resolution confirming appointment of Nikki Elsen as City Clerk.

**A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0194](#)

Resolution amending the wage rates and positions summary for part-time, seasonal and casual employees effective March 12, 2021 by adding positions of Police Intern 1 and Police Reserve.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0195](#)

Resolution amending the Appendix C Fee Schedule related to the Extension of the Outdoor Café Program.

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0198](#)

Resolution Approving the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,550,000 Taxable Interim Redevelopment Revenue Bond, Series 2021 by the Redevelopment Authority, and Approving a Contribution and Cooperation Agreement in Connection Therewith.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0220](#)

Resolution authorizing appropriation of funds from Tax Incremental District 14 for Houska Park Improvements.

**A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Happel, Christians, Ostrem, Sleznikow

**Abstain:** 1 - Janssen

[21-0221](#)

Resolution designating \$375,000 in available Tax Incremental District (TID) 14 funds for tree planting and lighting projects in the Powell Poage Hamilton Neighborhood.

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0223](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding siding, window and door replacement in the floodplain.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, to AMEND reducing fees to \$0. The motion carried 4-1 (Ostrem voted no).**

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Sleznikow

**No:** 1 - Ostrem

[21-0240](#)

Resolution to approve First Amendment to the Agreement Concerning Payment for Municipal Services for the La Crosse Performing Arts Center, Inc.

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 1 - Christians

**No:** 4 - Happel, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0248](#)

Resolution authorizing the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to accept a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant for the installation of a new fishing pier at Copeland Park.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0249](#)

Resolution approving Estoppel Certificate for Industrial Park Restrictions for 3003 Airport Road.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, to AMEND per the proposed amendments. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0264](#)

Resolution approving Amendment to Section 125 Plan.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 3/11/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[21-0001](#)

Collective Bargaining Update.

*(Note: The committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. Following the closed session, the committee may reconvene in open session.) F&P item only, unless otherwise directed.*

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Sleznikow, to ADJOURN at 7:15 p.m. The motion carried.**