



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

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

Mayor's State of the City Address

Mayor Reynolds highlighted the accomplishments of the City and successes of staff throughout 2023 noted the plans that were brought to fruition as well as those to be implemented in the next year. City staff members Brian Sampson, Julie Emslie, Lewis Kuhlman, Teri Roden, Molly McCormick, Renee Christensen, Jeff Schott, Barry McKnight, and the City's Legal, engineering, water/sewer, street, and parking staff were recognized for their contributions during the year.

Annual Code of Ethics Certification

Certification was acknowledged by all members.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kiel, to approve minutes of December 14 and 21, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[24-0074](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of November.

2024-01-001

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

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

Notices and Discussions

Sleznikow recognized the national effort for accessible and sustainable public transportation as well as Transit equity week, which is taking place January 29 through February 4. Goggin thanked City Clerk Nikki Elsen for her 25 years of service to the city. Dickinson Ian Turner, Airport Director, who is departing for a new position on the 17th. Mayor Reynolds and added that Turner turned things around at airport when he arrived several years ago. Janssen also thanked Turner and the City's new street superintendent, Ryan Rassmussen as she's seen a positive change; she also acknowledged the parking utility on educating the public on snow emergency rules. Schwarz invited the public to the Property Taxes 101 Q&A on January 16.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[24-0073](#)

Resolution approving 2023/2024 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in January 2024.

2024-01-002

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

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[24-0072](#)

Arts Board: Kaylan Smith, Maureen Freedland. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Stephanie Hanna. Ethics Board: Owen Hellwig. International Committee: Carolyn Bald, Art Marson, Michael De Yoe. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Jim Bagniewski.

2024-01-003

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Schwarz, that the Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Sleznikow, to SUSPEND CR XV for file 24-0040. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE DIVIDED

[23-1471](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District and Commercial District to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - General allowing for a surface parking lot and a mixed-use development with the main floor being parking and commercial and upper floors being residential apartments at 118 9th St. N, 922 & 928 State St., 915 & 927 Main St., and 117 & 119 10th St. N.

2024-01-004

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Neumann, that the Ordinance be DIVIDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Woodard

[24-0041](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District and Commercial District to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - General allowing for surface parking and a mixed-use development with the main floor being parking and commercial and upper floors being residential apartments at 922 & 928 State St., 915 & 927 Main St., and 117 & 119 10th St. N.

Ord. 5277. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Woodard

[24-0042](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - General allowing for a surface parking lot at 118 9th St. N.

2024-01-005

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Schwarz, that the Ordinance be DENIED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[23-1338](#)

Second Amended resolution approving application of GMX Real Estate Group LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 3900 State Road 16 allowing for demolition of structure for future development of three quick serve restaurants, a carwash, and new parking stalls. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Goggin, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Kahlow, to CONVENE in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel.. The motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to RECONVENE in Open Session.

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

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be AMENDED to waive the PMSA requirement. The motion carried unanimously.

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

2024-01-006

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Hameister

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Schwarz, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-1428](#)

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 one three-bedroom residential rental unit and one efficiency residential apartment at 3001 State Road.

Ord. 5278. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

- [23-1468](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood District - General to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific allowing for a twindo at 512-514 Farnam St.
Ord. 5279. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [23-1240](#) Resolution approving a partial vacation of the alley located between Maple Street and Weston Street.
2024-01-007
- [23-1391](#) Resolution approving a Fourth Amendment to the Airport Fixed Base Operator's Lease and Operating Agreement between TDM, Inc., D/B/A Colgan Air Services and the City of La Crosse.
2024-01-008
- [23-1414](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Financial Agreement for the Citywide Traffic Implementation utilizing the Signal and ITS Standalone Program to replace Pedestrian Signal heads at 34 intersections (ID# 3700-10-60).
2024-01-009
- [23-1444](#) Resolution creating and appropriating funds for Capital Improvement design for the Losey Boulevard HSIP projects.
2024-01-010
- [23-1445](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Financial Agreements for two Highway Safety Improvement Projects along Losey Boulevard (ID# 5991-07-80/81 & 5991-07-82/83).
2024-01-011
- [23-1470](#) Resolution designating the month of May 2024, as "No Mow May".
2024-01-012
- [23-1492](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications within the La Crosse Regional Airport
2024-01-013
- [23-1494](#) Resolution amending the Declaration of Protective Covenants for the La Crosse International Business Park with respect to Lots 22, 23, & 24 at 2970 Luoyang Ave.
2024-01-014

[23-1496](#)

Resolution authorizing the City of La Crosse to submit an application to Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for the Idle Sites Redevelopment (ISR) Grant Program for the West Channel at Barron Island development.

2024-01-015

[24-0002](#)

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 (January).

2024-01-016

[24-0006](#)

Resolution approving Preliminary Plat of GMX La Crosse Subdivision Plat to the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2024-01-017

[24-0040](#)

Resolution approving a 3-year contract with Coulee Region Humane Society for animal impoundment.

2024-01-018

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.