



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Public Works

Monday, April 29, 2019

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Randy Turtenwald, Tim Kabat, Gary Padesky, Phillip A. Ostrem, Jason Gilman

Others present: Scott Schumacher, Christopher Flach, Todd Nedegaard, Dan Trussoni, David Reinhart, Craig Snyder, Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Chuck Lee, Jourdan Vian, Jim Flottmeyer, Steven Asp, Mike McArdle, Bernard Lenz, Matt Gallager, Jared Greeno, Jason Odegaard, Doug Kerns, Sondra Craig, and News Media.

[19-0396](#)

City Brewery -Sanitary Sewer Permit Compliance Order.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Ostrem, to approve with modified language explaining the threshold for the third forfeiture item. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0575](#)

Preliminary Resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under Secs. 66.0829 and 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the operation and maintenance of a downtown parking system.

A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Gilman, to approve the resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0598](#)

Resolution approving a request from Kwik Trip to build in the north eight (8) feet of Utility Easement created February 7, 2012 with the vacation of Palace Street from Commerce Street to Larson Street.

A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Gilman, to approve the resolution. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0608](#)

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse seeking vacation and/or abandonment of some City streets in vicinity of Campus.

A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Padesky, to refer so Engineering staff and other impacted department staff can meet with UW-La Crosse to work on a plan with language addressing the pedestrian mall, easements, and fire safety. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0614](#)

Request of Christopher Flach (property owner of 610 Harvey Street) to pave a portion of the alley in the block between Harvey Street & Powell Street-from

St. Andrew through the end of his driveway.

A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Padesky, to direct staff to begin the process by having survey work done to understand drainage issues at that location; if there are no issues, the Board authorizes the section of paving with the property owner fully funding the requested area with the option of having it on their taxes as an assessment. If staff finds issues, it would need to come back before the Board for approval. Engineering staff were further directed to create an estimate of the cost to each property owner for paving the full alley and to request the location's Council Member to speak to the property owners. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0628](#)

Updated Access Easement for O'Reilly Auto Parts at St. Cloud Street and George Street.

A motion was made by Turtenwald, seconded by Gilman, to deny the easement, but grant access through an agreement; staff was directed to come back with more information on identifying utilities, leasing, or selling part of the area. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0632](#)

ADA Compliance on State Street between 2nd & Front Street.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Padesky to direct staff to work with property owners to find options within the block on the south side of State Street from Second Street to Front Street and to look at ways to improve ADA accessibility including potentially changing the parking. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Ostrem for staff to come back in 60 days with information on the sidewalk program: what has been done in the last 5 years on sidewalks and ADA ramps, where the needs are, and what the plan is going forward. Motion carried.

[19-0633](#)

St. James Church Street Privilege Permit Request For Canopy In Right-of-Way.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Ostrem, to approve the permit. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0648](#)

Allow XCEL Energy access through city property to make emergency repairs to electric distribution line located in the La Crosse River Marsh

A motion was made by Gilman, seconded by Ostrem, to have this approved administratively with the caveat that the City is provided a letter from the University granting access; the approval should include Xcel's commitment to the City for restoration work, that they avoid the City's water line area, and provide clarification on whether they are replacing the poles or guide wires. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0609](#)

Biosolids Storage and Disposal Status Update.

Discussion only; no action taken.

[19-0610](#)

Flood Response Update and Impacts on Sanitary and Storm Sewer Utilities.

Discussion only; no action taken.

Election of Board of Public Works Officers

Motion by Padesky, second by Ostrem to nominate Mayor as Chair. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion by Padesky, second by Gilman to nominate Ostrem as Vice Chair. All in favor; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Gilman to approve the minutes of April 22, 2019. Motion carried.

[19-0602](#)

Contract Change Orders - April 29, 2019.

No Changes.

[19-0603](#)

Construction Contract Final Payments - April 29, 2019.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Turtenwald, to approve the construction contract final payments. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0604](#)

Bidder's Proof of Responsibility - April 29, 2019.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Gilman, to approve the bidders proof. The motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion by Padesky, seconded by Gilman to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Motion carried.