



Meeting Minutes
Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Immediately following the special Council meeting scheduled at 7:35 p.m.

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Richard Swantz, Council President, called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

Present: 17 - Andrea Richmond, Dempsey Miller, Ryan Cornett, Jai Johnson, Katherine Svitavsky, David J. Krump, James Cherf, Robert Seaquist, Richard Becker, Peg Jerome, Audrey Kader, Sara Sullivan, Francis J. Formanek, Paul Medinger, Douglas Happel, Marilyn Wigdahl, and Richard Swantz

Judiciary and Administration Committee

Bob Seaquist, Chair, presided.

[14-0250](#)

Application of Turtle Stack Brewery LLC for a Conditional Use Permit allowing for a craft brewery and tasting room at 125 2nd St. S.

A motion was made by Becker that this Application be RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAME to the Common Council, due back by 4/10/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0388](#)

Various license applications pursuant to Chapter 20 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2013-14 (April through June).

A motion was made by Becker that this Application be RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAME to the Common Council, due back by 4/10/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0308](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Public/Semi-Public District to the Community Business District to allow property to be used as student housing at 400 4th St. N.

Unanimous consent to open public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. The following person spoke in FAVOR: Brian Fakuda. Unanimous consent to close public hearing.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Cherf, that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED for 30 days to the Common Council, due back 4/10/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0263](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 8.01(Q), repeal and recreate Section 8.06 concerning the Mandatory Inspection and Registration Program for Residential Rental Properties, repeal and recreate Section 8.07 concerning Mandatory Inspection Standards and Enforcement, create Section 8.08 concerning Notice of Building Code Violations, create Section 8.09 concerning Fees for Re-inspection and amend Section 25.01 establishing fees.

Unanimous consent to open public hearing. The following persons spoke in FAVOR: Mary Miller, Len Larson, Barb Janssen, Jacob Sciammas. Unanimous consent to close public hearing.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Wigdahl, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back on 4/10/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 16 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

Abstain: 1 - Cherf

[14-0173](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Paragraphs 20.25(H)(11)(b)(iv), 20.25(H)(17)(b)(iii), 20.25(K)(1)(f)(iii) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to electronic messaging units.

(Note: The Committee, Committee of the Whole 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.)

Unanimous consent to open public hearing. The following person spoke in OPPOSITION: Keith Carson.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Cherf, to convene in closed session at the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jerome, seconded by Medinger, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Richmond, seconded by Cherf, to not adopt. Motion failed 7-8 (1, 3, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17 voted yes; 9 abstained, 2 non-voting)

Motion by Kader, seconded by Cherf, to divide:

a. Delete changes to paragraphs (iv) and (iii) striking language "The measure of just compensation for removal of signs under this section shall be as set forth under Section 84.30(7), Wis. Stats."

b. Approve All other changes.

Motion carried 11-6 (5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14 voted no)

On divided a. Carried 14-3 (8, 13, 14 voted no).

On divided b. Carried 10-6 (1, 3, 7, 11, 15, 17 voted no; 9 abstained).

Actions by Single Vote

Motion by Cherf, seconded by Cornett, to approve the balance of the J&A Items as follows. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

- [14-0199](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsections 9.06 (L) and 9.06 (M) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding parking holidays and the allowance of parking near schools.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0266](#) AN ORDINANCE to repeal any previous ordinance consenting to railroad corporation condemnation of City lands.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0271](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Paragraph 2.23(E)(11)(a) to modify the application review procedure for economic development incentives.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0286](#) AN ORDINANCE to delete Subsection 7.06(B), to delete Paragraph 7.06(C) (3), to renumber remaining Paragraph is 7.06(C) and to create Paragraph 7.06(C)(10) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding abatement of drug and gang houses.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0295](#) Application of Hunan Garden 608, Inc. for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor License at 318-322 4th St. S. for remainder of license period 2013-14 (April through June).
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0322](#) Application of Western Technical College for waiver of two-story requirement for new construction at 232 6th St. N. which is located within the downtown area as defined in 15.25(A)(5) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0324](#) Request of Trinity Holdings, LLC for permission to apply for a Combination Class "B" Beer & Liquor license at 424 Copeland Avenue.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0289](#) Application of Indra M. Book for a Beverage Operator's License and appeal of denial by the Police Department.
(Note: The committee(s) and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the committee(s) and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)
Recommended to be Denied

- [14-0341](#) Application of Shana L. Brown for a Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's License and appeal of denial by the Police Department.
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Recommended to be Denied

Finance and Personnel Committee

Audrey Kader, Chair, presiding.

- [14-0276](#) Resolution approving a Purchase Agreement between La Crosse Industrial Park Corporation (LIPCO) and Reinhart Foodservice for Plant 6 - Parcel C.

A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Medinger, that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back by 4/10/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- [14-0255](#) Resolution appropriating \$4,000 of TID #9 Funds to be used for summer mowing and maintenance at the La Crosse International Business Park.

A motion was made that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back by 4/10/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Actions by Single Vote

Motion by Medinger, seconded by Becker, to approve the balance of the F&P Items as follows. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

- [14-0128](#) Resolution appropriating funds in connection with structural evaluation of Market Square.

Recommended to be Adopted

- [14-0232](#) Resolution appropriating uncommitted bond funds to the Parking Ramps Security Camera project.

Recommended to be Adopted

- [14-0245](#) Claim for excessive assessment for 2013 on behalf of 100 Harborview Partners LLC for properties located at 100 2nd St. N.
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Recommended to be Denied

- [14-0253](#) Resolution appropriating funds for title work involving the BNSF Railroad Double Tracking Project.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0254](#) Resolution appropriating funds for permits and soil boring connected to the 2014 Capital Improvement Program.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0256](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Planning and Development Department.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0264](#) Resolution approving the reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Police Department.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0265](#) Resolution authorizing an extension to the 2014 deadline for use of approved vacation carryover for Transit employees.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0268](#) Resolution approving attached Architectural Proposal for the design of George C. Poage Park and appropriation of funds.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0269](#) Resolution approving the City's Grievance Procedure effective April 11 , 2014.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0272](#) Resolution to purchase street light equipment for neighborhood streetscape.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0273](#) Resolution rescinding Resolution 13-0151 authorizing acquisition of property from the Company Story Factory Inc. in the Airport Industrial Park.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0274](#) Resolution authorizing the Planning and Development Department to apply for and accept a WisDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for the expansion of the VIP Trail and for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements within TID #15.
Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0288](#)

Resolution approving parking lot lease with R&R Restaurants, Inc. d/b/a Piggy's and the Pump House Regional Arts Center, Inc.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0337](#)

Resolution approving a wage increase for La Crosse Public Library Employees effective January 3, 2014.

Recommended to be Adopted as Amended

[14-0402](#)

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement squad for the Police Department.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0405](#)

Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to negotiate a Pipeline Agreement between the City of La Crosse and BNSF Railroad for the installation of a Stormwater Pipe crossing BNSF railroad tracks and appropriation of funds.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0424](#)

Resolution approving monetary donation to the La Crosse Fire Department from Clason Buick, GMC of La Crosse.

Recommended to be Adopted

Adjournment

Unanimous consent to adjourn at approximately 9:30 p.m.