



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, February 2, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Douglas Happel, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Rebecca Schwarz, Mark Neumann

Excused: 1 - Mac Kiel

Agenda Items:

Chair Happel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

[22-1535](#)

Resolution approving use of existing, unappropriated project funds for additional work on the 2022 Curb & Gutter with Utilities (Cliffside Drive) project.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 2/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

Excused: 1 - Kiel

[23-0062](#)

Resolution allocating funds for a car rental concession request for proposal.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 2/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

Excused: 1 - Kiel

[23-0063](#)

Resolution allocating funds for Passenger Facility Charge application.

Ian Turner, Airport Director, was called to speak.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 2/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

Excused: 1 - Kiel

[23-0074](#)

Resolution appropriating Tax Incremental District (TID) 10 funds for the Wagon Wheel Trail.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 2/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

Excused: 1 - Kiel

[23-0075](#)

Resolution approving reorganization to the table of positions and classifications to the Parks, Recreation, Forestry, Building and Grounds Department to include additional position; Inclusive Recreation Coordinator.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow to AMEND AS PROPOSED. The motion carried unanimously.

Jay Odegaard, Director of Parks & Recreation, was called to speak.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 2/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

Excused: 1 - Kiel

[23-0090](#)

Resolution authorizing the purchase of two 35-foot electric buses and two charging stations and upgrading electrical grid at facility.

Adam Lorentz, Director of Transit, was called to speak.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 2/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

Excused: 1 - Kiel

[23-0087](#)

Employee Handbook Annual Review for 2023.
F&P item only, unless otherwise directed.

David Buroker, Director Human Resources, was called to speak.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to APPROVE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

Excused: 1 - Kiel

[23-0114](#)

Resolution approving the hire of Rebecca Franzen as Director of Human Resources.

Mayor Mitch Reynolds introduced Rebecca Franzen.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 2/9/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

Excused: 1 - Kiel

[23-0001](#)

Collective Bargaining Update.

(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.) F&P Item Only, unless otherwise directed.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen, to Convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

Absent: 1 - Kiel

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.