



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 5, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Douglas Happel, Paul Medinger, Roger Christians, Barb Janssen, Phillip A. Ostrem, Larry Sleznikow

Agenda Items:

[19-1032](#)

Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Historic and Cultural Museum Planning Task Force to enter into a Professional Services Contract with the UW-La Crosse Tourism Research Institute for the preparation of a La Crosse Historical and Cultural Museum Feasibility Study.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED (with revision to contact - September version) to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1227](#)

Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin for Storm Water Conveyance System at 4451 El Camino Real Drive.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, to open public hearing. The motion carried.

The following persons spoke in OPPOSITION: Pat Houlihan, Stephen Rose, Jeff Fredrickson, Sean O'Flaherty

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Sleznikow, to close public hearing. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED with no recommendation to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1241](#)

Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin for 2019 Concrete Alley Paving:

Alley 1 - between 6th & 7th, from Adams to Johnson.

Alley 2 - between 6th & 7th, from Vine to southern terminus.

Alley 3 - between Ferry & Madison, from 14th to the western terminus.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED (correction to Board of Public Works meeting date 9/3/2019) to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Slezniow

[19-1048](#)

Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to approve a Temporary Construction Easement to Xcel Energy for a transmission line in Riverside Park.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Slezniow

[19-1060](#)

Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works hire a Geotechnical Consultant to design soil stabilization in areas of the City that are currently eroding.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, to adopt.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, to amend to appropriate an additional \$20,000 to pay consultant from Sanitary Sewer Utility reserve funds. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, to ADOPT AS AMENDED. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, to reconsider. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, to amend changing source of funds to #483. 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 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Slezniow

[19-1069](#)

Resolution approving Proposal for Professional Services for Feasibility Study, Design and Construction Service for La Crosse Fire Station - North.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1102](#)

Resolution declaring certain property located at 732 George St. (parcel #17-10290-10) as surplus property.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1130](#)

Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept a Wisconsin Department of Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1195](#)

Resolution approving proposed water rate changes as determined by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC).

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1215](#)

Resolution authorizing submittal of letter of interest regarding the acquisition of United States Postal Service property located at 425 State St and allocation of associated funds.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED (revision in Exhibit A - Purchaser Representation) to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1224](#)

Resolution approving a reclassification of the position of Clerk Steno III in the department of Fire Protection and Building Safety.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1228](#)

Report of amendment to Employee Handbook regarding new Social Media Policy. *F&P item only, unless otherwise directed.*

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Policy be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1233](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for Safety Improvements on West Avenue at the intersections of King Street and Badger Street (Project I.D. #5220-04-04/74).

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1234](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for Safety Improvements at Various Traffic Signals on Connecting Highways (Project I.D.s #1641-03-75, 7575-07-70, and 5120-02-70).

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1239](#)

Resolution approving 2019 Communication from the City Assessor relative to corrections of prior year's assessment and tax rolls.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1242](#)

Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to approve and accept a Temporary Construction Easement and Permanent Storm Sewer Utility Easement and Fee Title for a portion of El Camino Real Drive from Vista Del Rio Homeowners and Homeowner's Association for the Construction of Storm Sewer Conveyance System.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1251](#)

Resolution approving position of Program Specialist be added to the Wage Rate Schedule for Part time, Seasonal and Casual Employees.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1188](#)

Resolution approving the purchase and release of Airport Operating funds for an industrial forklift not stated in the 2019 Capital Equipment Budget.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, to adopt.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, to amend adding a source of funds from Airport Operating Funds. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1268](#)

Resolution approving the hiring of Donahue and Associates to perform Preliminary Design Analysis and prepare Final Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED to a special meeting of the Common Council on 9/18/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1269](#)

Resolution approving proposed Sanitary Sewer rate increase effective January 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED to a special meeting of the Common Council on 9/18/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1285](#)

Resolution approving a revised amendment to the Project Plan and boundaries of Tax Incremental District No. 6, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-1308](#)

Resolution approving first change order to the Performance Contract with Johnson Controls, Inc.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/12/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[19-0064](#)

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.**

No action taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Christians, to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. The motion carried.