



Meeting Minutes  
Committee of the Whole

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Tuesday, October 8, 2013

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

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**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call**

**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, presiding.*

[13-0574](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate section 20.16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Public Vehicle for Hire Licenses.

*Cherf/Jerome moved to open public hearing, carried unanimously on voice vote. The following persons spoke in FAVOR: Craig Redenbaugh, Beverly Scott. The following person spoke in OPPOSITION: Carrie Smith. Cherf/Formanek moved to amend (D) (2)(J) requiring zoning classification be provided on applications and (I)(8) to prohibit maintenance of vehicles in residential areas, carried unanimously. Cherf/Richmond moved to amend to umbrella to \$1 million (instead of \$5 million), carried unanimously. Kader/Cherf moved to amend the (I)(8) amendment to add "repair" to maintenance of vehicles, carried unanimously.*

**A motion was made by Audrey Kader, seconded by Richard Becker, that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED TO THURSDAY WITH NO RECOMMENDATION to the Common Council, due back by 10/10/2013. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

[13-0575](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by changing the zoning for substantial portions of the city - Comprehensive Rezoning for areas within the Powell-Poage-Hamilton Neighborhood.

*Cherf/Kader moved to open public hearing, carried unanimously on voice vote. The following persons spoke in FAVOR: Phil Ostrem, Andrew Londre. Cherf/Kader moved to close public hearing, carried unanimously on voice vote.*

**A motion was made by Richard Swantz, seconded by Audrey Kader, that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back by 10/10/2013. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

[13-0589](#)

Request for Exception to Multi-Family Housing Design for property located at 801 La Crosse Street relating to off-street parking and resolution denying same.

*Cherf/Kader moved to open public hearing, carried unanimously on voice vote. The following persons spoke in FAVOR: Kevin Biondo, Joe VanAelstyn. The following person spoke in OPPOSITION: Jason Dillaber. Richmond/Kader moved to close public hearing, carried unanimously on voice vote.*

**On committee recommendation that the Application be RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION DENYING THE SAME to the Common Council, due back on 10/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 12 - Richmond, Miller, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Becker, Jerome, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl and Swantz

**No:** 4 - Cornett, Svitavsky, Seaquist and Sullivan

**Abstain:** 1 - Kader

[13-0590](#)

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 Planned Development District - General to the Planned Development District - Specific allowing for new wayfinding signs on the Gundersen Health System campus (1801 and 1901 7th St. S., 700, 701 and 617 Bennora Lee Ct., 2221, 2121, 2101, 2108, 1843 and 1827 Sims Pl.) .

*Cherf/Becker moved to open public hearing, carried unanimously on voice vote. The following person spoke in OPPOSITION: Joe VanAelstyn. Becker/Cornett moved to close public hearing, carried unanimously on voice vote.*

**A motion was made by Andrea Richmond, seconded by Richard Swantz, that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back by 10/10/2013. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

[13-0613](#)

Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapter 20 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2013-14 (October).

**A motion was made by Audrey Kader, seconded by Sara Sullivan, that this Application be RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAME to the Common Council, due back by 10/10/2013. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

[13-0577](#)

La Crosse Fire Department 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.

**A motion was made that this Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE ACCEPTED AND FILED to the Common Council, due back by 10/10/2013. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**Actions by Single Vote**

Unanimous consent to approve the balance of the J&A items as follows:

- [13-0555](#) Resolution approving the abolishment of the City of La Crosse Apportionment Committee.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0557](#) Resolution approving the abolishment of the City of La Crosse Reapportionment Committee.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0558](#) Resolution approving the abolishment of the City of La Crosse Legislative Committee.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0565](#) Annual Report by Police Department regarding School Crossing Guard locations for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED**
- [13-0576](#) AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend various ordinances and a portion of Section 25.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to fees for licenses and/or permits in Chapters 7, 8, 15 and 20.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**
- [13-0588](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend section 9.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to School Crossing Guards and Traffic Control Attendants.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0591](#) 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 Local Business District to the Low Density Multiple District allowing for a four unit multi-family rental at 957 Hood Street.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED**
- [13-0592](#) 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 Light Industrial District to the Multiple Dwelling District allowing for seven (7) multi-family duplexes on lots located at 2200, 2204 and 2222 Avon St.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED**

[13-0623](#)

Application of Michael A. Kluz for a Beverage Operator's License and appeal of denial by the Police Department and resolution denying same. (Note: The Committee, Committee of the Whole 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, Committee of the Whole and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

**RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION DENYING SAME**

### **Finance and Personnel Committee**

*Audrey Kader, Chair, presiding.*

[13-0586](#)

Resolution authorizing legal proceedings to terminate the lease and eviction of La Crosse Municipal Boat Harbor, Inc. from the Isle La Plume Boat Harbor. (Note: The committee(s) and/or Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following any closed session, the committee(s) and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

*Richmond/Becker moved to open public hearing; carried unanimously on voice vote. The following persons spoke in OPPOSITION: Robert Smyth, Sally Newman, Dennis Smalley, Joyce Smalley, Vicki Magadanz, Jeff Bagniefski, David Gregory, Dustin Frost. Becker/Cornett moved to allow 6 minute extension for opponents; carried unanimously. Cherf/Becker moved to close public hearing; carried unanimously on voice vote. Becker/Cornett moved to convene in closed session at the end of meeting (no vote).*

**A motion was made by Swantz, seconded by Formanek, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED 60 DAYS to the Common Council, due back on 10/12/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 10 - Richmond, Miller, Svitavsky, Cherf, Becker, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel and Swantz

**No:** 7 - Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Seaquist, Jerome, Kader and Wigdahl

[13-0593](#)

Second Amended Resolution approving a Use Agreement between the Coulee Region United Soccer Association (CRUSA) and the City of La Crosse.

Note: The committee, Committee of the Whole and/or Common Council 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(s) and/or Council may reconvene in open session.

*Medinger/Wigdahl moved to amend adding a RESOLVED paragraph that all funds collected for use of the fields and all non-resident income be deposited in City Park Improvement Fund, carried unanimously on voice vote.*

**A motion was made by Swantz, seconded by Wigdahl, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back on 10/12/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl and Swantz

[13-0149](#)

Resolution approving lease agreement with the Pettibone Boat Club.

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 10/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl and Swantz

[13-0488](#)

Resolution authorizing the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and the Park Board Commission to negotiate a long term use and development agreement with the Star of the Sea, LLC for use of a portion of Copeland Park for a docking facility and marina.

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 10/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl and Swantz

[13-0510](#)

Resolution vacating a portion of alley located adjacent to 2149 Farnam Street.

**A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Richmond, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 10/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Seaquist

[13-0533](#)

Resolution rescinding reporting requirement of Mayoral departmental directives.

**On committee recommendation that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 10/10/2013. The motion FAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 14 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl and Swantz

**No:** 3 - Johnson, Jerome and Sullivan

[13-0532](#)

Second Amended Resolution adjusting wage rates for part time, seasonal and casual city employees.

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Medinger, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back on 10/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl and Swantz

[13-0636](#)

Amended Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept a 2013 COPS Hiring Program grant to fund three (3) officer positions.

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back on 10/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl and Swantz

[13-0071](#)

Resolution approving license agreement with the 4000 Foundation.

(Note: The committee, Committee of the Whole and/or Common Council 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 committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

**A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Cherf, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED 60 DAYS to the Common Council, due back on 10/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl and Swantz

## **Actions by Single Vote**

**Unanimous consent to approve the balance of the F&P items as follows:**

- [13-0483](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of Traffic Calming Speed Indicator Signs.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0424](#) Resolution authorizing the Engineering Department to install accessible pedestrian pushbutton equipment for the traffic signals at the intersections of George Street & Gillette Street and Onalaska Avenue & Gillette Street, and appropriation of funds.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0439](#) Resolution approving the appropriation of additional capital improvement program funds for the Main Street Parking Facility Repairs project.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0528](#) Resolution authorizing the preparation of a Request for Proposals, Notice to Contractors and advertising for proposals for a study on renovation, remodeling and/or expansion of the La Crosse Center.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0530](#) Resolution approving purchase of airport safety and operations compliance software and associated hardware.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0540](#) Resolution approving a pay adjustment for the position of Airport Maintenance Person/Mechanic in the table of positions and classifications for the La Crosse Airport.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0546](#) Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept a DHS/FEMA Port Security Grant and appropriation of funds to purchase a police patrol boat, security cameras, and necessary equipment and supplies to enhance port and river security in the City of La Crosse.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0550](#) Resolution authorizing appropriation of additional funds for the Parking Access & Revenue Control project.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

- [13-0551](#) Resolution authorizing release of funds in connection with purchase of municipal utility tractor.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0559](#) Amended Resolution authorizing an RFP for Refuse and Recycling Services for City Buildings and Facilities 2014-2020.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**
- [13-0562](#) Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Center to adjust ticket price surcharge applicable minimums.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0564](#) Resolution authorizing purchase of automatic transfer switch for emergency generator at Station 3.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0566](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of Human Resources to secure services with Delta Dental for the Union sponsored voluntary dental plan for the term January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0567](#) Amended Resolution appropriating funds for private contractor to assist with clearing snow from public sidewalks for the 2013-14 season.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**
- [13-0568](#) Resolution appropriating funds to include the International Business Park to the ecological and trail planning efforts with regard to the La Crosse County Landfill.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0569](#) Resolution authorizing Engineering Department to streamline the process of demolishing structures condemned by the Building & Inspections Department.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**
- [13-0570](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a Relocation of Facilities Agreement with Xcel Energy for the Oak Street Bike/Pedestrian Bridge over the BNSF.  
**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**



[13-0572](#) Resolution authorizing new drinking fountain at Gillette and Kane Sts.

**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

[13-0573](#) Amended Resolution re-appropriating funding sources for the preparation of the Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.

**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

[13-0587](#) Resolution approving Final Assessment and Board of Public Works Report for Downtown Parking District for 2013-2014.

**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

[13-0603](#) Resolution authorizing step 8 for Transit Supervisor I candidate effective October 25, 2013.

**RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

### **Adjournment**

*On motion by Swantz, second by Richmond, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.*