



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

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Thursday, January 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers  
City Hall, First Floor

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#### Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

*Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 12 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

**Excused:** 1 - Chris Woodard

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

*Pastor Mark Clements, of Living Word Christian Church, presented the Mayor with a donation from his congregation and offered invocation.*

#### Mayor's State of the City Address

*Mayor Reynolds reflected on the accomplishments of 2022 and spoke on the City's goals for 2023 and beyond.*

#### Annual Code of Ethics Certification

*Mayor Reynolds confirmed the review of the Code of Ethics.*

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen to APPROVE minutes of November 14 and December 8, 2022; the motion carried.**

## Notices and Discussions

*Council President Janssen wanted to remind the public of the opportunity to have input on Phase II of Kids Coulee and with the ongoing construction of the La Crosse Street station there is a need for traffic to slow down for pedestrians.*

*Mayor Reynolds spoke on the new Staff Reports, as a reminder, that they are a summary of the legislation that comes before the Council.*

## COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[23-0035](#)

Declaration of Emergency (Winter Shelter).

2023-01-001

**A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Kahlow, that the Declaration be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**Excused:** 1 - Woodard

## Reports

[23-0058](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the month of November 2022.

2023-01-002

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Report be ACCEPTED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**Excused:** 1 - Woodard

## COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[23-0059](#)

Resolution approving 2022/2023 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in January 2023.

2023-01-003

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Neumeister, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**Excused:** 1 - Woodard

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

[22-1509](#)

Amended Resolution approving a revised Tax Increment Financing policy.

2023-01-004

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kiel, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.**

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Kiel, to AMEND AS PROPOSED; motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kiel, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 1 - Kahlow

**Excused:** 1 - Woodard

[22-1534](#)

Resolution creating project and appropriating funds for Capital Improvement project in the 800 block of Sill Street.

2023-01-005

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumeister, that the Resolution be ADOPTED . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**Excused:** 1 - Woodard

[23-0004](#)

Resolution Approving Application of Destinie Bagniewski for a Beverage Operator's License and appeal of denial by the Police Department. (*Note: The Committee 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 Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.*)

2023-01-006

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 1 - Trost

**Excused:** 1 - Woodard

## ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

### [22-1467](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Commercial District to the Special Multiple Dwelling District allowing for commercial and multi-family use including a walking and biking trail and a canoe and kayak boat landing at a portion of 3102 Chestnut Place.

*Ord. 5239. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

**A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Kahlow, to AMEND AS PROPOSED; motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED AS AMENDED . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**Excused:** 1 - Woodard

### [22-1529](#)

Resolution adopting the City of La Crosse's 2022 Climate Action Plan.

*2023-01-007*

**Unanimous consent to ADOPT.**

### [22-1505](#)

A SECOND AMENDED ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate sec. 2-402, sec 2-403, sec 2-404, and sec 2-405 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding economic development.

*Ord. 5243. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumeister, to AMEND AS PROPOSED; the motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED AS AMENDED . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**Excused:** 1 - Woodard

## CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda; motion carried unanimously.**

### *ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*

[22-1435](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 40-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse adding Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Committee for Citizens with Disabilities review of green complete streets projects and identification of green complete streets features in street requests.

*Ord. 5240. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[22-1483](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Washburn Residential District to the Residence District allowing for a two-unit duplex as a rental at 530 8th St S.

*Ord. 5241. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[22-1498](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Special Multiple Dwelling District to the Traditional Neighborhood District allowing for the construction of a 4-story, 64-unit multi-family residential building with community/classroom facility at 410 and 414 Mississippi St, 1107, 1113, 1117, 1119, 1123, 1125 and 1127 4th St S, and 403 and 409-411 Jackson St.

*Ord. 5242. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.*

[22-1439](#)

Resolution designating the month of May 2023, as "No Mow May".

*2023-01-008*

[22-1497](#)

Resolution Approving Request for Exception to Commercial Design Standards by La Crosse Fire Department allowing for facade exceptions for a project at 920 Gillette St., 1534 Liberty St., and 1540 Liberty St.

*2023-01-009*

[22-1513](#)

Resolution incorporating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as a grant to the Affordable Housing Revolving Loan policy.

*2023-01-010*

[22-1515](#) Resolution approving American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support Replacement Housing Program for 2023.

*2023-01-011*

[22-1520](#) Resolution authorizing submission of an application to Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for the Vibrant Spaces Grant Program.

*2023-01-012*

[22-1523](#) Amended Resolution approving a Wisconsin Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program State/Municipal Grant Agreement to construct the Wagon Wheel Trail.

*2023-01-013*

[23-0002](#) Resolution Granting Various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2022-2023 (January).

*2023-01-014*

[23-0006](#) Resolution Approving Request of Pump House Regional Arts Center, Inc. for an Exception to Minimum Height Standards allowing for an infill project to add adequate restrooms at 119 King Street.

*2023-01-015*

**ITEM NOTICED FOR POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION**

*ITEM WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION*

[22-1426](#)

Amended Resolution regarding Harry J. Olson Multipurpose Senior Center, Inc.

*(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 and 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.)*

2023-01-016

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Happel, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Kahlow, to CONVENE in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters and Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel; the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

**Unanimous consent to RECONVENE in Open Session.**

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Trost, to ADOPT the January 5th Resolution; the motion carried 10-2 (No - Richmond & Neumeister).**

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen to AMEND to offer for \$1.00 by the terms of the 5/5/2022 proposal with 30 days to respond; the motion carried 9-3 (No - Richmond, Neumeister, Schwarz).**

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumeister to AMEND to offer a 30-day counter-offer period; the motion failed on a vote of 4 - 8 (No - Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Trost, Happel, Neumann).**

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumeister to AMEND to offer a 60-day counter offer period; motion failed on a vote of 2 - 10 (No - Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann).**

**On vote to ADOPT AS AMENDED, the vote was as follows:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

**Excused:** 1 - Woodard

**Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.*