



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, July 14, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
400 La Crosse Street

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Roll Call

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

One seat vacant due to resignation of Justice Weaver effective July 5, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Mindel to APPROVE minutes of June 9 and 29, 2022; the motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[22-0908](#)

Financial Report from the Interim Director of Finance for the Month of May 2022.

2022-07-001

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

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

Notices and Discussions

Council President Janssen and Mayor Reynolds acknowledged Council Member Weaver's service on the Common Council and wished him the best in the future.

Mayor Reynolds acknowledged the IT Department for sourcing new audio equipment for the Council Chambers and setting it up immediately so it could be in use for the current meeting.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[22-0636](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Sec. 32-191 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse prohibiting Conversion Therapy. *(Note: The Committee 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.)*

Referred to September 2022 meetings.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Mindel to convene in closed session pursuant to 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.

On motion and second to reconsider; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Schwarz to AMEND by reinserting "for a fee;" the motion failed by a vote of 5 to 7 (No - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Neumeister, Woodard, Happel, Neumann).

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Richmond, that the Ordinance be REFERRED 60 days. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

No: 2 - Schwarz, Trost

[22-0909](#)

Resolution approving 2022 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in July 2022.

2022-07-002

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

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[22-0904](#)

Board of Zoning Appeals: Ryan Seib. International Committee: Mindy Wiesjahn, Jerry Burns. La Crosse Center Board: Phillip Addis. Municipal Transit Utility: Gary Padesky.

2022-07-003

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Woodard, that the Appointment be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE VIII FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (2/3 Vote Required)

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Mindel to Suspend Council Rule VIII for items 22-0858, 22-0865, 22-0866; motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[22-0820](#)

Report of Bids for the Northside Pedestrian Upgrades Project.

2022-07-004

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kiel, that the Report of Bids be REJECTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[22-0855](#)

Report of Bids for the River Point District - Phase 2 (Street & Utilities) Project.

2022-07-005

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Mindel, that the Report of Bids be REJECTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-0825](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Wieser Brothers General Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$1,183,925.00 for the La Crosse Police Department Renovations Project.

2022-07-006

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

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

[22-0830](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Winona Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$492,350.00 for the Breezy Point Lift Station Improvements Project.

2022-07-007

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

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

ITEM WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[22-0858](#)

Request for exception to Multi-Family Housing Design Standards by Steve Schlicht allowing for an exception to the standard that building plans shall be prepared and approved by a Registered Architect for a project at 1024, 1034, 1036, 1038 Denton Street.

2022-07-008

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

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

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED[22-0773](#)

Resolution approving Application of Western Technical College for a Conditional Use Permit at 310 8th St. N. allowing for demolition of structure for green space. *(Note: The Committee 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.)*

2022-07-009

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Mindel to convene in closed session pursuant to 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.

The recommendation to NOT ADOPT failed on a vote of 3 - 7 (No - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel; Recused - Sleznikow, Kiel).

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

Yes: 7 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel

No: 3 - Kahlow, Trost, Neumann

Recuse: 2 - Sleznikow, Kiel

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA[22-0865](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$11,950,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2022A, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of bond, awarding the bonds to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters.

2022-07-010

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Kahlow to AMEND by adding Robert W. Baird Company, Inc. as winning bidder; the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

[22-0866](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,185,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022B, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of note, awarding the notes to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters.

2022-07-011

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Kiel to AMEND by adding Robert W. Baird Company, Inc. as winning bidder; the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-0765](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Local Business District - to the Multiple Dwelling District allowing for an apartment with two bedrooms at 1033 Caledonia St.

Ord. 5224. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[22-0776](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend sec. 2-606 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding meetings of the La Crosse Center Board.

Ord. 5225. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[22-0777](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - General - to the Planned Development District - Specific allowing for mixed use redevelopment at 2415 State Road.

Ord. 5226. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[22-0631](#)

Resolution advocating for improvements State energy efficiency regulations that would benefit the City of La Crosse in reaching its carbon neutrality goal.

2022-07-012

- [22-0739](#) Resolution to appropriate funds for Council Chambers Equipment.
2022-07-013
- [22-0762](#) Resolution approving Application of People's Food Cooperative, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit at 315 5th Ave. S. allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.
2022-07-014
- [22-0788](#) Resolution approving Application of The Charmant Hotel LLC dba The Charmant Hotel for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License to the 100 Block of State Street for special event on Friday, August 19, 2022.
2022-07-015
- [22-0790](#) Resolution authorizing the City of La Crosse to submit an application to Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for the Idle Sites Redevelopment (ISR) Grant Program for the Copper Rocks development.
2022-07-016
- [22-0805](#) Amended Resolution approving an appropriation of the City's ARPA monies earmarked for childcare to go towards a one-year contract with The Parenting Place.
(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.)
2022-07-017
- [22-0814](#) Amended Resolution approving lease renewal with Rivercrest Village Partners.
2022-07-018
- [22-0815](#) Resolution authorizing additional funding for amendments 1 and 2 to design and bidding services contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) for Phase II of River Point District.
2022-07-019
- [22-0821](#) Resolution approving Application of Pato Azul, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 127 4th St. S. allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.
2022-07-020

- [22-0826](#) Resolution approving Preliminary Plat of River Point District to the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.
2022-07-021
- [22-0829](#) Resolution approving Request of Householder Taverns LLC for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 4329 Mormon Coulee Road for the license year 2022-23.
2022-07-022
- [22-0833](#) Resolution appropriating unused funds to upgrade Water Utility network infrastructure for the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system.
2022-07-023
- [22-0837](#) 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 (July).
2022-07-024
- [22-0851](#) Resolution denying application of Carter Bell 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.
2022-07-025

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.