



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, February 10, 2022

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center, 1300 6th St S

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, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Absent: 1 - Mackenzie Mindel

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mindel arrived after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to APPROVE minutes of January 13, 2022; the motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[22-0197](#)

Financial Report from the Interim Director of Finance for the month of November 2021.

2022-02-001

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Notices and Discussions

Trost wanted to acknowledge the difficulties that black-owned businesses experience in La Crosse, and she wanted to thank them for their innovation and hard work. Mayor Reynolds thanked Governor Evers for his stop in La Crosse to announce his awards for the Equitable Recovery Grants, of which, our local YWCA, Coulee Cap, and The Vang Council were recipients.

[22-0202](#)

Discussion and update on Senior Programming. *(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.)*

Parks Director Jay Odegaard and Kerry Gloede presented on the changes that have been made in the senior centers in La Crosse.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Richmond, to Convene in Closed Session; the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Unanimous consent to Reconvene in Open Session.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[22-0196](#)

Resolution approving 2021/2022 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in February 2022.

2022-02-002

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[22-0194](#)

City Plan Commission: Nabamita Dutta. Ethics Board: Matthew Bersagel Braley. Human Rights Commission: Kristin Lettner.

2022-02-003

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumeister, that the Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

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

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Sleznikow to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for items 22-0150, 22-0151, 22-0187, and 22-0195; the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[22-0010](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Poellinger Electric, Inc. for the 10th & Cass Lighting Addition Project in the amount of \$55,856.44.

Withdrawn - duplicate of file 22-0069.

[22-0064](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Americon for the Weigent Park Shelter Project Re-Bid in the amount of \$576,000.00.

2022-02-004

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0069](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Poellinger Electric, Inc. for the 10th & Cass Lighting Addition Project in the amount of \$55,856.44.

2022-02-005

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0070](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Poellinger Electric, Inc. for the 2022 Pedestrian Lighting (Gillette St & Onalaska Ave) Project in the amount of \$547,650.68.

2022-02-006

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0071](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. for the Green Bay Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Replacement Project in the amount of \$48,085.00.

2022-02-007

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[22-0073](#)

Report of Bids for the Historic U.S. Fish Control Lab Building Rehabilitation Project - Phase 2 Re-Bid.

2022-02-008

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[22-0187](#)

Resolution approving the comprehensive plan writing contract with GRAEF.

2022-02-009

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[22-0195](#)

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Brian Nowicki as interim Director of Finance/Treasurer.

2022-02-010

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-0037](#)

Resolution authorizing 2022 Action Plan and funding allocation in connection with CDBG and HOME programs.

2022-02-011

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

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

Recuse: 1 - Schwarz

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-0019](#)

AN ORDINANCE to annex a parcel of land from the Town of Medary to the City of La Crosse (Meyer - Sunset Court).

Ord. 5209. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[21-1697](#)

Resolution approving the partial alley vacation on 9th Street between Main Street and King Street.

2022-02-012

[21-1736](#)

Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Part of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map Volume 2 Page 92 Document #933278. Located in Government Lots 5 and 6, Section 21, T16N, R7W, Town of Medary and the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2022-02-013

[22-0058](#)

Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Regional Airport to accept Federal funds under a Concessions Rent Relief Airport Rescue Grant.

2022-02-014

[22-0067](#)

Resolution reallocating 2022 Capital Equipment Budget fund for equipment at Forest Hills Golf Course.

2022-02-015

- [22-0074](#) Resolution adopting the City of La Crosse Emergency Operations Plan.
2022-02-016
- [22-0082](#) Resolution declaring certain property located at 717 Wall Street (parcel #17-10006-90) as surplus property.
2022-02-017
- [22-0088](#) Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessment against benefited property in La Crosse, WI for Sanitary Sewer Main and Laterals 1800 block of Denton Street.
2022-02-018
- [22-0093](#) Amended Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of up to \$68,755,000 aggregate principal amount of Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, providing details and covenants with respect thereto, prescribing the form of bond, and providing for the payment of said bonds.
2022-02-019
- [22-0095](#) Resolution appropriating funds for the La Crosse River Marsh Lead Contamination Project. *(Note: The Committee and/or Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to consider the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Following any closed session, the Committee and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*
2022-02-020
- [22-0096](#) Resolution approving Deed Restrictions for properties with garages previously built below the floodplain on the north side of La Crosse, which violate the current floodplain standards.
2022-02-021
- [22-0126](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2021-2022 (February).
2022-02-022
- [22-0150](#) Resolution approving Application for State Trust Fund Loan for the purpose of financing neighborhood improvement projects (\$650,000.00).
2022-02-023

[22-0151](#)

Resolution approving Application for State Trust Fund Loan for the purpose of financing floodplain and energy efficiency projects (\$470,200.00).

2022-02-024

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[21-1689](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific allowing for the conversion of first floor retail/commercial area to four residential units at 703 Farnam St.

Referred for 30 days to March 2022 meetings.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ACCEPTED AND FILED

[22-0018](#)

Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval pursuant to Sec. 66.0217(2), Wis. Stats. of land from the Town of Medary to the City of La Crosse (1.02 Acres of land off of Sunset Court - Meyer property).

2022-02-025

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.