



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, September 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Draft until approved by Council on 10/9/2025.

Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 13 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Olivia Stine, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Mackenzie Mindel, Aron Newberry, Jennifer Trost, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston, Rosanne Northwood

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

We recognize that the City of La Crosse occupies the land of the Ho-Chunk people. Please take a moment to celebrate and honor the ancestral Ho-Chunk Land, and the sacred lands of all indigenous people.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Kahlow, that the minutes of the August 14, 2025 regular and special meetings be **APPROVED**. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[25-1100](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of July.

2025-09-001

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Notices and Discussions

Council President Dickinson noted that this evening is the opening night of a play called Every Brilliant Thing at the Pump House and gave the dates for the future showings. Council member Bedford highlighted the Committee for Citizens with Disabilities and the Getting to College program, and she also recognized the upcoming Week Without Driving from September 28 through October 5 and the events that will occur during the week. Council Member Padesky spoke on remembrance of those that lost their lives on September 11. Council member Trost thanked the department heads for their work on the City Budget. Council Member Mindel spoke on the Remembrance Ceremony for 9/11 and the Green Homeowners United press conference that had occurred, and she also noted that the City Information Technology Department was awarded a 2025 EPEAT Purchaser Award for their efforts in the sustainable procurement of IT supplies. Mayor Washington-Spivey spoke on attending the American Planning Conference which took place in La Crosse, and he thanked the Planning Department staff. Council Member Janssen noted the compliments that she has heard from the public regarding Deputy City Clerk Sondra Craig and thanked City Clerk Nikki Elsen for being a good role model.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[25-1099](#)

Resolution approving 2025 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in September 2025.

2025-09-002

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[25-1092](#)

Human Rights Commission: Kerrigan Trautsch.

2025-09-003

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

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

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Northwood, to SUSPEND COUNCIL RULE XV for files 25-1054, 25-1070, and 25-1071. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**25-0910**

Report of bids and resolution awarding contract to Chippewa Concrete Services, Inc. in the amount of \$974,978.28 for the River Point Phase 4 project.

2025-09-004

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

25-0985

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$292,000 for the 5th Floor Utility Department Renovation project.

2025-09-005

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED**25-1054**

Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the department of the Mayor.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Goggin, that the resolution be NOT ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Stine, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be REFERRED for 30 days to the October 2025 meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Stine, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 4 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA[25-0995](#)

Resolution moving funds from CIP#561 City Hall Plumbing Repairs/Bathroom to CIP#563 City Hall Windows, Air Seal Replacements.

2025-09-006

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Kahlow, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[25-0938](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Local Business District to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific, allowing for mixed use of the building as an office space and a residential rental unit at 1202 State St.

ORD. 5347. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[25-0926](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for the Citywide Traffic Implementation utilizing the Signal and ITS Standalone Program (Project I.D.s #3700-11-64).

2025-09-007

[25-0927](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for the Citywide Traffic Implementation utilizing the Signal and ITS Standalone Program (Project I.D.s #3700-11-65) for the installation of PROWAG compliant pedestrian push buttons.

2025-09-008

[25-0928](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for the Citywide Traffic Implementation utilizing the Signal and ITS Standalone Program (Project I.D.s #3700-11-66) to replace Emergency vehicle preemption (EVP) at 42 intersections on connecting highway.

2025-09-009

- [25-0972](#) Resolution approving a twenty-year lease extension with J.F. Brennan Company Inc., for the property located at 300 St Cloud St. and a portion of the property located at 2002 Marco Dr.
2025-09-010
- [25-0984](#) Resolution approving Green Island Tennis Complex Use Agreement between the City of La Crosse and the Coulee Region Tennis Association.
2025-09-011
- [25-0987](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2025-2026 (September).
2025-09-012
- [25-0990](#) Resolution appropriating Utility funds for utility design as part of the WisDOT reconstruction project 7575-09-01, STH 16 (La Crosse St) from 7th St to 12th Street.
2025-09-013
- [25-0991](#) Resolution appropriating additional TID and Utility funds for professional services as part of the Causeway Boulevard reconstruction project, construction administration and inspection.
2025-09-014
- [25-0997](#) Resolution approving Sponsorship Agreement effective September 1, 2025, between Marine Credit Union and the City of La Crosse.
2025-09-015
- [25-0998](#) Resolution authorizing the use of Capital Improvement Project funding for the Downtown Neighborhood Association Paint and Fix Up Grant Program to include Washburn Neighborhood.
2025-09-016
- [25-1022](#) Resolution approving transfer of Tax Incremental District 18 funds as a contribution to the Redevelopment Authority for acquisition of property for River Point District.
2025-09-017
- [25-1023](#) Resolution to allocate additional funds, previously encumbered for Pammel Creek Repairs (CIP #168), to MISC-25-002 (Res. 24-1452).
2025-09-018

[25-1028](#) Resolution approving subordination request by Haven on Main, LLC regarding TIF Development Agreement.

2025-09-019

[25-1070](#) Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing through the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund for the Sanitary Sewer Hagar and Pammel Creek Lift Station upgrade projects.

2025-09-020

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

[25-1027](#) Financial Statements with Independent Auditors Report as of December 31, 2024.

2025-09-021

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED - POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION

[25-0809](#) Amended Resolution approving mobile home leases for residents at Rivercrest Drive North. *(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.)*

2025-09-022

[25-1071](#) Resolution approving agreement with Town of Medary concerning fire protection services. *(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.)*

2025-09-023

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.