



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, August 6, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Call To Order

Chair Goggin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Barb Janssen, Chris Kahlow, Larry Sleznikow, Erin Goggin, Aron Newberry, Rosanne Northwood

Agenda Items:

Unanimous consent to move 26-0545 to end of agenda with other closed session items.

[26-0499](#)

Resolution approving the 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Budget.

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Northwood that the Resolution be **RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Sleznikow, to **AMEND** as proposed (Street Dept. - #E86 & #E87). The motion carried on the following vote: 4-2 (No: Goggin, Janssen).

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, to **AMEND** to move Houska Park Bathrooms #26-996 to 2027 (\$175,000). The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, to **AMEND** to remove Library Parking Lot #27-107. The motion carried 4-1 (No: Northwood; Abstain: Newberry).

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be **RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED** to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Newberry, Northwood

No: 4 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin

[26-0664](#)

Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin - Noncompliant Sewer Lateral Reconstruction.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0685](#)

Resolution and report of the Board of Public Works on the costs of operating and maintaining the parking system in downtown La Crosse.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0699](#)

La Crosse Water Utility YE 2025 Annual Report to the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Northwood, that the Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry

Non-Voting: 1 - Northwood

[26-0700](#)

Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing under the Clean Water Fund Loan Program (#4105-09) for the Sanitary Sewer Utility upgrade of UV Disinfection at the WWTP.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0704](#)

Resolution approving an Amendment to the Project Plan of Tax Incremental District No. 11, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0731](#)

Resolution #2 regarding the administration and financial maintenance of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the City.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0738](#)

Request of the police department to accept a monetary donation from the La Crosse City Vision Foundation for the Safe-Cam Project. *(F&P Item Only per Resolution 14-0884)*

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

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry

No: 1 - Northwood

[26-0739](#)

Resolution allocating TID (Tax Increment District) 11 funds to the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) to oversee predevelopment work for the Public Market project.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0751](#)

Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin - Non-Compliant Utility Services - 10th & King Street.

A motion was made by sleznikow, seconded by Kahlow, to OPEN public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

The following spoke: Karl Green.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0545](#)

Resolution approving assignment of parking assignment at Market Square Parking Ramp from Cameron Park Condo Association to Free Heel Capital. *(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.)*

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Kahlow, to convene in closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters for items 26-0545, 26-0789, and 26-0800 and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for item 26-0755. The motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to reconvene in open session.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED for 30 days to the September 2026 meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0755](#)

Resolution authorizing funds in connection with the appeal of the incorporation for the Town of Campbell. *(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.)*

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Unanimous consent to reconvene in open session.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Newberry, Northwood

No: 1 - Goggin

[26-0789](#)

Resolution approving Estoppel Certificate with regard to Riverstone Hospitality, LLC at 200 Pearl Street. *(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.)*

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Unanimous consent to reconvene in open session.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0800](#)

Resolution approving a settlement in the case of *State Farm Mutual Insurance Co. et al. v. City of La Crosse et al.*, La Crosse County Case No. 25CV402. *(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.)*

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Kahlow, to convene in closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters for items 26-0545, 26-0789, and 26-0800 and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for item 26-0755. The motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to reconvene in open session.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Goggin, Newberry, Northwood

[26-0001](#)

Collective Bargaining Update.
(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.) F&P Item Only, unless otherwise directed.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried unanimously.

No action taken.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned from closed session at 8:47 p.m.