



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Finance & Personnel Committee

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Thursday, September 1, 2016

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Call To Order, Roll Call

*Chair Audrey Kader called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.*

**Present:** 7 - Douglas Happel, Audrey Kader, Richard Swantz, Ryan Cornett, Phil Ostrem, Martin Gaul, Elaine Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Paul Medinger

#### Agenda Items:

[16-0777](#)

Financial Statements with Independent Auditors' Report as of December 31, 2015.

**Unanimous approval to open public hearing. Monica Hauser of Hawkins Ash CPA spoke in FAVOR. Unanimous approval to close public hearing.**

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Anderson, that the Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0778](#)

Independent Auditors' Report on Communications with Those Charged with Governance as of December 31, 2015.

**Unanimous approval to open public hearing. Monica Hauser of Hawkins Ash CPA spoke in FAVOR. Unanimous approval to close public hearing.**

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Anderson, that the Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0804](#)

Resolution approving Consent and Estoppel Agreement between the City, Redevelopment Authority and Optum Services as assignee to Riverside Center LLC, Riverside Center II, LLC and Riverside Center III, LLC.  
*(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 Cornett, seconded by Swantz, to approve amendments suggested per City Attorney. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0835](#)

Resolution approving Annexation and Water Connection Agreement for property located at 1903 Nakomis Avenue.

**A motion was made by Swantz, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0467](#)

Resolution approving a loan request from TID # 16 with the Fenigor Group, LLC for the renovation of the Historic Rubber Mills Building at 1501 St. Andrew 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.)*

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0774](#)

Resolution to enter into agreement and transition plan with the La Crosse County Library system for library services.

*Recommendation from F&P was to refer for 60 days with direction to place the issue on the next Council Planning Agenda. This is not allowed pursuant to Council Rule VI.*

**Unanimous consent to open public hearing. The following spoke in OPPOSITION: Dan Gelatt, Robert Haavind. Unanimous consent to close public hearing.**

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED 60 days to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Gaul, Anderson

**No:** 1 - Ostrem

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0772](#)

Resolution approving the reorganization to the table of positions and classifications to eliminate the Director of Public Works, reclassify the Assistant Director of Public Works and reclassify the Public Works Clerk Steno III positions.

**Unanimous approval to open public hearing. The following persons spoke in OPPOSITION: Mark Johnson, Patti Martell, Robert Haines, Tina Erickson. Unanimous approval to close public hearing.**

**A motion was made by Swantz, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED (providing the Mayor to appoint committee to review ordinances, policies, positions descriptions and duties and report back to Mayor with recommendations) to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0685](#)

Resolution vacating a portion of the service road of the Plat of Hoeschler's Park Plaza Addition.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0732](#)

Resolution requesting release of funds for 2016 CIP- Fire Station 2 exhaust removal system project.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0746](#)

Resolution requesting the release of funds from room tax to repair a Variable Frequency Drive for the La Crosse Center.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0748](#)

Resolution authorizing payment and release of funds for airport perimeter fence and gate rehabilitation.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Anderson, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0749](#)

Resolution eliminating airport fuel flowage fee promotion and advertising fund.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0750](#)

Resolution authorizing amended scope of work for parking improvement design.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0751](#)

Resolution authorizing projects for Airport PFC Application 11.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0753](#)

Resolution authorizing payment and release of funds for airport t-hangar rehabilitation and maintenance.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0754](#)

Resolution authorizing payment and release of funds for airport new t-hangar project.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0756](#)

Resolution correcting a clerical error in Resolution No. 16-0035, relating to the sale of \$9,465,000 aggregate principal amount of Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2016-B, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Anderson, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0758](#)

Resolution approving the reorganization to the table of positions for the Water, Parks and Street Department.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0761](#)

Resolution appropriating funds from TID #11 to buy additional lighting equipment for 2016 Streetscaping.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0763](#)

Resolution appropriating funds in connection with Mobilitie/WITN issues related to cell towers in the public right-of-way and updating the City's cell tower ordinance.

**A motion was made by Swantz, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0764](#)

Resolution authorizing new public drinking fountain and appropriation of funds.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Anderson, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0765](#)

Resolution authorizing early replacement of Water Utility vehicle and appropriation of funds.

**A motion was made by Swantz, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0766](#)

Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Information Technology Department effective September 9, 2016.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0769](#)

Resolution reallocating funds for City Hall lobby improvements.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0776](#)

Resolution authorizing the release of funds from the Leo Hammes Memorial Fund for the creation of Vista 2 trail in Hixon Forest.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0779](#)

Resolution appropriating funds for the development of Springbrook Park .

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0781](#)

Resolution approving the Parks & Recreation Department 5 year Strategic Plan.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0782](#)

Resolution authorizing additional funds to develop Poage Park in 2016.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0810](#)

Resolution authorizing the Police Department Parking Utility early order/purchasing of Parking Utility Vehicles approved as part of the 2017-2021 Capital Equipment Program.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, to amend funding up to \$39,000. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0836](#)

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 Gaul, seconded by Cornett, to amend assessment to \$107,842.53. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0838](#)

Resolution requesting release of funds for purchase of 2016 CIP- Heavy Rescue and associated equipment.

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Anderson, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Anderson

**No:** 1 - Gaul

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger



[16-0840](#)

Resolution authorizing Settlement Agreement and Release pertaining to federal lawsuit between Anthony Clark and the City of La Crosse.

*(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 Cornett, seconded by Gaul, to convene in closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Cornett, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/8/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Happel, Kader, Swantz, Cornett, Ostrem, Gaul, Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Medinger

[16-0395](#)

Collective Bargaining Update.

*(Note: The committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. Following the closed session, the committee may reconvene in open session.) F&P item only, unless otherwise directed.*

**A motion was made by Cornett, seconded by Gaul, to convene in closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

## Adjournment

**On motion, unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.**