



**Meeting Minutes - Final
Committee of the Whole**

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Richard Swantz, Council President, presiding.

Present: 16 - Andrea Richmond, Dempsey Miller, Ryan Cornett, Jai Johnson, Katherine Svitavsky, David J. Krump, James Cherf, Robert Seaquist, Richard Becker, Peg Jerome, Audrey Kader, Sara Sullivan, Francis J. Formanek, Paul Medinger, Douglas Happel, and Richard Swantz

Absent: 1 - Marilyn Wigdahl

Judiciary and Administration Committee

Robert Seaquist, Chair, presiding.

[14-0151](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create paragraph 11.03(B) (7) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse Extending the Bluff Slough Slow No Wake Zone to the South Lot Line of Parcel 17- 50030-90 within the City Limits of the City of La Crosse.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Formanek, that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back by 3/13/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0180](#)

Application of Western Technical College for a Conditional Use Permit allowing for demolition of building to provide parking with bioswales for storm water management at 402 8th St. N. and resolution approving same.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Cherf, that this Application be RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAME to the Common Council, due back by 3/13/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0246](#)

Various license applications pursuant to Chapter 20 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2013-14 (March through June).

Becker/Kader moved to refer the application of Hunan Garden 608, Inc. 30 days to April 2014. Carried unanimously on voice vote.

Becker/Jerome moved to approve the balance of applications subject to compliance. Carried unanimously on voice vote.

A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Cherf, that this Application be RECOMMENDED TO BE DIVIDED to the Common Council, due back by 3/13/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0178](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood District - General and Specific to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific to provide additional parking at 231 10th St. N., 920 Vine St. and 919 State St.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Cornett, that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back by 3/13/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0179](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family District to the Residence District to allow property to be rented as a duplex at 2326-2328 State St.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Cornett, to open public hearing. The motion carried unanimously on voice vote. The following person spoke in FAVOR: Joshua Dudgeon. The following person spoke in OPPOSITION: Glenn Larson, Barb Janssen, Jacob Sciammas, Diane Withers. Rebuttal: Joshua Dudgeon, Glenn Larson. Motion by Cherf, seconded by Richmond, to close public hearing. The motion carried unanimously on voice vote. Seaquist removed himself from the chair, Richmond presiding, to allow himself an opportunity to speak. Seaquist returned to the chair.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Cherf, to refer 30 days. The motion failed 5-11 (Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Kader, Sullivan voted yes). A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Formanek, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 3/13/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Richmond, Miller, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Swantz

No: 1 - Cornett

Absent: 1 - Wigdahl

Abstain: 1 - Kader

[14-0170](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 2.35 (A) to (D) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the continuity of government.

A motion by Jerome, second by Sullivan, to amend changing word "Alderman" to "Council Member". The motion carried unanimously on voice vote. On motion that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back by 3/13/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0171](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 2.37(A)(6) and to amend Subsection 2.37(B) and (C) Of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding mobs or riots - emergency action.

Note: The ordinance did not have reference to alderman so the amendment is not applicable.

Motion by Cherf, seconded by Sullivan, to amend changing the word "Alderman" to "Council Member". The motion carried unanimously on voice vote. A motion was made that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back by 3/13/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0135](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Paragraph 15.04(N)(3)(vi) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding existing fences adjacent to or encroaching into alley right of way.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Cherf, to amend changing the word "Existing" to "All". The motion carried unanimously on voice vote. On motion that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back by 3/13/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[14-0165](#)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal a portion of Section 25.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to rescind the permit and fee requirements for roofing, siding and window replacements.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Cherf, to amend with proposed resolution to retroactively take effect on November 27, 2011 and allow application for refund. The motion failed 2-13 (Cherf and Becker voted no, Jerome abstained).

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Jerome, to divide the question taking roofing permits separate from windows and siding permits. The motion passed 9-7 (Richmond, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Formanek, Medinger, Swantz voted no).

Before voting, Chair Seaquist clarified a "yes" vote would eliminate fees, a "no" vote would keep fees.

On roofing permits and fees, the motion failed to eliminate fees 6-10 (Richmond, Miller, Johnson, Becker, Formanek voted yes).

On windows and siding permits and fees, the motion carried to eliminate fees 10-6 (Svitavsky, Seaquist, Kader, Formanek, Happel, Swantz voted no).

Motion by Kader, seconded by Kader, to refer to budget committee. The motion failed 4-12 (Svitavsky, Kader, Sullivan, Swantz voted yes).

[14-0172](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Section 2.52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Emergency Management.

Swantz, seconded by Cornett, moved to approve and amend designating the Fire Chief as the Emergency Management Director and the Police Chief as the Deputy Emergency Management Director (instead of Co-Directors). The motion carried unanimously on voice vote. A motion was made by Swantz that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back by 3/13/2014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Actions by Single Vote

On motion to approve the balance of the J&A Items as follows. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

[14-0100](#)

AN ORDINANCE to annex a parcel of land from the Town of Campbell to the City of La Crosse (Binsfeld Property).

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0101](#)

Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval pursuant to Sec. 66.0217(2), Wis. Stats. of land from the Town of Campbell to the City of La Crosse (Binsfeld Property - Nakomis Avenue).

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[14-0116](#)

Certified Survey Map Lot 3 and Part of Lot 4 Block 25 T Burns HS Durand ST Smith & FM Rublees Addition, City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin and resolution approving same.

Recommended Resolution Approving Same

[14-0159](#)

Resolution approving Mutual Aid Agreement between City of La Crosse Fire Department and Town of Shelby Fire Department.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0169](#)

Resolution requesting that the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation prepare the Coulee Connections Transportation Study in order to develop new ideas to address transportation needs in the La Crosse area.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0184](#)

Application of A&S Foster LLC dba Bottoms Up for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at 500 Copeland Avenue on May 31, 2014 and resolution approving same.

Recommended Resolution Approving Same

[14-0195](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family District to the Washburn Residential District to combine lots improving a parking situation at adjacent properties and to allow for the construction of a new home on the vacant lot at 812/814 7th St. S.

Recommended to be Adopted

Finance and Personnel Committee

Audrey Kader, Chair, presiding.

[13-0849](#) Neighborhood/Community/Senior Centers Facility and Programs Report.

On motion that the Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED to the Common Council, due back on 3/13/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Swantz

Absent: 1 - Wigdahl

Abstain: 1 - Richmond

Non-Voting: 1 - Sullivan

Actions by Single Vote

On motion to approve the balance of the F&P Items as follows. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

[13-0878](#) Resolution approving the reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Engineering Department.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0021](#) Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell City-owned land on the west side of Copeland Avenue adjacent to the La Crosse River to Dahl Ford.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0067](#) Resolution approving and ratifying a stop loss contract between the City of La Crosse and QBE A&H, LLC effective January 1, 2014

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0103](#) Amended Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Grant with the La Crosse Community Foundation.

Recommended to be Adopted as Amended

[14-0121](#) Resolution authorizing repairs to the Airport Fire Station.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0122](#) Resolution authorizing updates to the Airport Minimum Standards.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0123](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement mower for the Airport.

Recommended to be Adopted

- [14-0124](#) Resolution authorizing funds for Airport runway work.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0125](#) Resolution authorizing Airport sign replacement project.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0127](#) Resolution approving the reorganization of the table of positions and classifications for the Airport.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0150](#) Resolution approving City of La Crosse Three-Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions - 2014.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0154](#) Resolution authorizing purchase of video surveillance storage.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0155](#) Resolution authorizing advance notice of retirement by Department Heads.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0157](#) Amended Resolution endorsing the 2014 joint application to the Wisconsin Main Street program.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0158](#) Resolution approving the Community Development Investment Grant Agreement between the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the City of La Crosse.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0161](#) Resolution authorizing 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan & 2014 Action Plan in connection with the CDBG and HOME Programs.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0162](#) Amended Resolution releasing 2014 2018 CIP Funds up to \$50,000 for a Paint and Fix-up Program.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0166](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of Human Resources to seek proposals from qualified vendors to provide pharmacy benefit management services for the term January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.
Recommended to be Adopted

- [14-0167](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of Human Resources to seek proposals from qualified vendors for Third Party Administration of the City of La Crosse's Internal Revenue Service Section #125 Plan.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0168](#) Amended Resolution approving carryover list of unexpended appropriations from the 2013 operating budget to the 2014 operating budget.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0196](#) Resolution approving changes to insurance requirements for agreement with La Crosse Baseball, LLC and Northwoods Baseball.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0231](#) Resolution appropriating additional funds for public sidewalk snow removal.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0252](#) Amended Resolution appropriating \$50,000.00 to match the \$50,000.00 La Crosse Community Foundation Grant to purchase and plant boulevard trees to replace those ash trees that have been (and will be) removed in response to the Emerald Ash Borer.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended

Adjournment

On motion by Swantz, seconded by Cornett, unanimous consent to adjourn at approximately 9:20 p.m.