



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, August 7, 2025

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

Agenda Items:

[25-0621](#)

Resolution reallocating funds from the Airport Operating Budget to design the Terminal Emergency Generator Replacement project.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0622](#)

Resolution reallocating funds from the Airport Operating Budget to complete final design of the Terminal South Parking Lot Rehabilitation project.

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0673](#)

Resolution approving a Maintenance Agreement for the Wagon Wheel Trail and Bridge between the City of La Crosse and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. (WisDOT).

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0686](#)

Resolution to appropriate funding to design Airport Storm Drainage Improvements.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0717](#)

Resolution to appropriate funds to replace the Airport Road monument sign.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0573](#)

Resolution approving an updated agreement between the City of La Crosse and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin dba Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0574](#)

Resolution approving an agreement between the City of La Crosse and RxValet to administer an alternative sourcing program under the City's medical benefit plan effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0637](#)

Amended Resolution approving the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Budget.

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

The following spoke: Betty Christianson, Steven Hildahl, Grant Mathu, Lisa Middleton, Shawn Navin, John Mills, and Chris Woodard.

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

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

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move CIP #832 from 2028 to 2027. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move CIP #831 from unfunded to 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move CIP #1008 from 2026 to 2027. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move CIP #853 to 2027 with TID 18 funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be AMENDED to add placing of bubblers to 2026 with TID 11 funding.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be AMENDED the bubbler amendment to change the language from "ADA only" to "Accessible". The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be AMENDED the bubbler amendment to add the language to say "Working" bubblers. The motion carried 5-0 (Abstain: Northwood).

The motion to add bubblers AS AMENDED carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Northwood

[25-0637](#)

Amended Resolution approving the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Budget.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move CIP #825 from 2026 to unfunded. The motion carried by the following vote (simple majority default rule):

Yes: 3 - Janssen, Kahlow, Goggin

No: 2 - Newberry, Sleznikow

Abstain: 1 - Northwood

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Goggin, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move CIP #1024 from 2026 to unfunded. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Goggin

No: 4 - Newberry, Kahlow, Sleznikow, Northwood

Abstain: 1 - Janssen

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Newberry, Kahlow, Sleznikow

No: 3 - Janssen, Goggin, Northwood

[25-0714](#)

Resolution approving a Service Upgrade Agreement and Security Update Service to maintain the City Public Safety/Public Works radio communication network.

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0744](#)

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 Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0808](#)

Resolution allocating TID 16 funding for additional design, review, and real estate interests for the Avon Street Greenway (CIP 2025 #944).

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0824](#)

Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the La Crosse Center.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0825](#)

Resolution authorizing the acquisition of land interests for the Hwy 16 New Water Transmission Line project (CIP 2024 #884).

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0925](#)

Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing under the Clean Water Fund Program and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, for Water and Sanitary Utilities on the South Avenue, Green Bay Street to Ward Avenue project.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/14/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25-0809

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.)*

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

The following spoke: Linda Coleman, Virginia Kreger, and Jay Hoeschler.

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Sleznikow, to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, to CONVENE in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow to RECONVENE in Open Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED for 30 days to the September 2025 meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25-0001

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 Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, to CONVENE in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Adjourned from closed session at 9:54 p.m.