



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, December 4, 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: 5 - Aron Newberry, Barb Janssen, Erin Goggin, Larry Sleznikow, Rosanne Northwood

Excused: 1 - Chris Kahlow

Agenda Items:

[25-1294](#)

Resolution approving the partial vacation of public right-of-way along the western side of the 1800 block of 13th Street South.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025.
The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1319](#)

Resolution approving twenty-year lease extension with the La Crosse Queen LLC, for the business at Riverside Park, located at 401 Front St. S.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025.
The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1327](#)

Resolution allocating Town of Medary Fire Contract escrowed funds to offset new fire station construction cost overruns.

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

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be AMENDED to change dollar amount to \$662,351.31. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1328](#)

Resolution authorizing the appointment of an interim La Crosse Regional Airport Director effective October 24, 2025.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1329](#)

Employee Handbook Annual Review for 2026.

F&P item only, unless otherwise directed.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Northwood, that the Review be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1332](#)

Resolution approving a Lateral Transfer Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1336](#)

Resolution allocating unspent capital funds, from CIP 2024 #856 (Cottonwood Trail Culvert Replacement Project) and CIP 2025 and 2026 #551 (Marsh Hydrology Study and Implementation) to CIP 2024 #857 (Grand Crossing Trail Reconstruction).

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1352](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for the reconstruction of La Crosse Street from 7th St to 12th St. (Project I.D.s #7575-09-01/21/71).

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Newberry, Sleznikow, Northwood

No: 2 - Janssen, Goggin

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1357](#)

Resolution allocating \$2 million to the Employee Benefit Trust Fund.

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1358](#)

Resolution encumbering additional funds from previous allocations for the Rose Street Streetscape & Saint James Street Reconstruction projects (contract CURB-2024-029).

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1359](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file application for Transit Operations and Capital Assistance for 2026 with the Federal Transit Administration.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1360](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file for 2026 Transit Operations and Capital Assistance with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1364](#)

Resolution approving a Vacation Conversion Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters ("IAFF"), Local #127.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1367](#)

Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of La Crosse and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local #519.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1366](#)

Resolution approving a Sick Leave and Personal Business Days Conversion Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1371](#)

Resolution authorizing the Stormwater Utility to re-allocate unused funds from closed capital projects and appropriate additional funds for capital project needs.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1372](#)

Resolution authorizing the Sanitary Sewer Utility to re-allocate unused funds from closed capital projects and appropriate additional funds for capital project and equipment needs.

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

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be AMENDED as proposed (dollar amount changes). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1373](#)

Resolution authorizing the Water Utility to re-allocate unused funds from closed capital projects and appropriate additional funds for capital project needs.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1392](#)

Resolution allowing Drift Share Inc. to store bicycles in the currently vacant fire station located at the former Fire Station #2 on 626 Monitor Street.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

Closed Session Items

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to convene in Closed Session for files 25-1118 & 25-1354 pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel, and 25-1376 & 25-1406 pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Northwood to reconvene in Open Session (for all four items). The motion carried unanimously.

25-1118

Resolution approving the Settlement Agreement in the case of Valley View Realty Holdings, LLC and the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin. *(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 Newberry, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

25-1354

Resolution approving the revised Settlement Agreement in the case of J.P. Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust and the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin of La Crosse, La Crosse County Circuit Court Case No. 23-CV-016. *(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 Sleznikow, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

25-1376

Resolution approving the Certificate and Consent to Assign with regard to the property at 101 State Street (The Charmant Hotel). *(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 Janssen, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[25-1406](#)

Resolution approving Second Amendment to 333 Front Street Development Agreement. *(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 Sleznikow, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 12/11/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Kahlow

[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.**

No action taken.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.