



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda - Final

Common Council

Thursday, March 12, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

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Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Presiding

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

We recognize that the City of La Crosse occupies the land of the Ho-Chunk people. Please take a moment to celebrate and honor the ancestral Ho-Chunk Land, and the sacred lands of all indigenous people.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 12, 2026.

Reports

[26-0256](#) Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of January.

Notices and Discussions

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[26-0255](#) Resolution approving 2025/2026 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in March 2026.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[26-0253](#) Board of Zoning Appeals: Rachel MacFarland. Economic and Community Development Committee: Gina Miller.

**SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE XV FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
(2/3 Vote Required)**

26-0220 & 26-0221

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

Bids Over Budget

[26-0158](#) Report of Bids for the 2026 Sewer Utility Sidewalk Replacement project.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[26-0089](#) Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Trane US, Inc in the amount of \$87,125.00 for the La Crosse Center Chiller Replacement project.

[26-0151](#) Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Steiger Construction Inc. in the amount of \$229,800.00 for the 2026 Citywide Traffic Signal Interconnect project.

[26-0152](#) Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$110,814.80 for the St. Andrew Street - Copeland Ave to Rose Street project.

[26-0154](#) Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$102,549.50 for the 2026 Citywide Miscellaneous Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Replacement project.

[26-0156](#) Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$119,007.80 for the 2026 Annual Miscellaneous Curb & Gutter and Pavement Replacement project.

[26-0157](#) Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$152,073.95 for the 2026 Water Utility Sidewalk Replacement project.

[26-0159](#) Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$576,428.25 for the Liberty Street - Windsor Street to Clinton Street project.

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

- [26-0128](#) Resolution amending the compression pay for Battalion Chiefs, Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Chief.
Recommendation to Adopt by Finance & Personnel Committee failed on a vote of 2-2.
- [26-0150](#) Resolution amending the compression pay for Police Captains, Assistant Chief of Police and Chief of Police.
Recommendation to Adopt by Finance & Personnel Committee failed on a vote of 2-2.
- [26-0209](#) Resolution requesting TID 11 funds for Downtown Beautification Project.
Unanimous vote of 4-0 of Finance & Personnel Committee to move forward with No Recommendation.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [26-0171](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Sec. 30-3(e) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding nuisance abatement of drug and gang houses.
Vote of 6-1 out of Judiciary & Administration Committee.
- [26-0213](#) Resolution to re-allocate unused funds from completed Capital purchases and/or projects to newly requested capital equipment purchases for the Water Utility.
2/3 Vote required of the Council to Adopt; funds not previously adopted in Capital Budget.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

- [26-0173](#) Resolution creating and appropriating funds for Capital Improvement design for the La Crosse City Hall Sixth Floor Remodeling project.
Unanimous vote of 4-0 out of the Finance & Personnel Committee.
2/3 Vote required of the Council to Adopt; funds not previously adopted in Capital Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda will be approved with a single voice vote, based on the recommended actions, unless an item is removed at the request of the Mayor or a Council Member.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [26-0121](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Secs. 103-34(h)(7), 103-138(e)(5), 103-169(d)(4), and 103-229(e)(5) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding annual increase in fees for certain regarding fees for building, plumbing, electrical, HVAC and erosion control permits.

- [26-0123](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Sec. 103-194. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to adopt the State of Wisconsin current version of the National Fuel Gas Code.
- [26-0127](#) AN ORDINANCE to create Chapter 46, Article II, Subsection 44 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Fire Suppression System Coordination and Testing.
- [26-0143](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Local Business District to the Planned Development District - General, allowing for the construction of a mixed-use development including residential and commercial uses at 2415 State Road.
- [26-0186](#) AN ORDINANCE amending and creating various sections of Article V, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to retail cigarette, tobacco products, and electronic vaping devices licensing and to repeal and recreate Section 32-187 regarding the minimum age to purchase or possess cigarettes or tobacco products.
- [26-0196](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Sections 4-72(a) and 4-142(a) and create Sections 4-72(c), 4-142(c), 4-21 and 4-146 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding alcohol regulations, licensing requirements and municipal sales in City parks.
- [26-0054](#) Resolution approving Investment Services Agreements for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.
- [26-0094](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2025-2026 (March).
- [26-0095](#) Resolution approving application of Twilight Medical Transport LLC dba T.M.T. Medical Transportation & Taxi Service for 2026 Public Vehicle for Hire License.
- [26-0122](#) Resolution amending Appendix C of the Municipal Code for the City of La Crosse entitled "Fee Schedule" regarding fees for building, plumbing, electrical, HVAC and erosion control permits.
- [26-0126](#) Resolution approving 2026 Joint Powers Agreement - County 9-1-1 Emergency System between the City and the County of La Crosse.
- [26-0146](#) Resolution approving First Amendment to development agreements with The Chalmers, LLC, a multi-family housing development located at 215 Pine Street and 401 3rd Street North.
- [26-0149](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Parks and Recreation department.
- [26-0197](#) Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule of the La Crosse Municipal Code to include a fee for late renewal of alcohol beverage and cigarette, tobacco and vaping device applications.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED (with closed session notice)

- [26-0214](#) Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the City of La Crosse Refuse and Recycling Services for City Buildings and Facilities 2022-2026 Contract by and between Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling Services and the City of La Crosse. *(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.)*
- [26-0220](#) Resolution amending a vacation conversion memorandum of understanding ("MOU") between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127. *(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.)*
- [26-0221](#) Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Tri-State Ambulance Employee Leased Agreement Operational and Compensation Changes between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127. *(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.)*

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

- [26-0133](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence District to the Special Residence District, allowing for three rental units (one duplex and a single-family unit) at 1402 & 1410 Gillette Street and 1552 Loomis Street.
Recommended to be referred 60 days to the May 2026 meetings.
- [26-0144](#) Certified Survey Map - Lot 1, Certified Survey Map Number 67, Volume 19, Document Number 1761262, Located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 15 North, Range 7 West, City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin and request for dedication of right-of-way and waiver of platting requirements.
Recommended to be referred 30 days to the April 2026 meetings.

Adjournment

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

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Council Members:

Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Olivia Stine, Christine Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Mackenzie Mindel, Aron Newberry, Jennifer Trost, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston, Rosanne Northwood