



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, May 8, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Draft until approved by Council on June 12, 2025.

Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 13 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Olivia Stine, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Aron Newberry, Jennifer Trost, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston, Rosanne Northwood, Mackenzie Mindel

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Pastor Pedro Luis, La Crosse Seventh Day Adventist Church

Council Member Appointment to the Executive Committee

*Mindel nominated Trost. Goggin nominated Janssen.
By secret ballot, Trost was appointed on a vote of 8 to 5.*

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Mindel, to **APPROVE** minutes of April 10 and 15, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[25-0508](#)

2024 La Crosse Fire Department Community Report

2025-05-001

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Mindel, that the Report be **RECEIVED AND FILED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0538](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of March.

2025-05-002

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Padesky, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

Notices and Discussions

Council Member Goggin recognized Leslie Gaustad, a retired senior who cared for feral cats, and asked that all keep an eye out for those unseen heroes in the community. Council President Dickinson noted the ribbon cutting for the mural at the Family and Children's Center. Council Member Mindel noted a recent mailing regarding savings opportunities for pursuing energy efficiency projects and reminded all that the League of Wisconsin Municipalities 56th annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week is May 4 - 10, 2025. Council Member Janssen recognized Shanneon Grant for her years of work at the Library; she will be retiring from the Library Director position at the end of the month.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[25-0537](#)

Resolution approving 2025 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in May 2025.

2025-05-003

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Bedford, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[25-0530](#)

Aviation Board: Tamra Dickinson. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Larry Sleznikow. Boundary Agreement Task Force: Lisa Weston, Tamra Dickinson, Rosanne Northwood. City of La Crosse Arts Board: Chris Kahlow. City Plan Commission: Olivia Stine, Aron Newberry. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Mackenzie Mindel. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Crystal Bedford. EMS Contract Negotiating Committee: Erin Goggin. Heritage Preservation Commission: Mackenzie Mindel. Human Rights Commission: Rosanne Northwood. International Committee: Larry Sleznikow. Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners: Gary Padesky, Adam Binsfeld. La Crosse Center Board: Barb Janssen, Ralph Geary. La Crosse County Convention & Visitors Bureau: Barb Janssen. Library Board: Rosanne Northwood, Mac Kiel. Municipal Transit Utility Board: Aron Newberry. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Erin Goggin. Public Safety Communications Governing Board: Chris Kahlow. Redevelopment Authority: Barb Janssen. Room Tax Commission: Jennifer Trost

2025-05-004

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Dickinson, that the Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

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

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Mindel, to SUSPEND Council Rule XV for file 25-0502. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[25-0189](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$650,410.15 for the 28th Street - Cass St to Main St project.

2025-05-005

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0267](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to McCabe Construction in the amount of \$516,310.00 for the Forest Hills Tennis Courts project.

2025-05-006

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Dickinson, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0325](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$902,459.27 for the King Street Greenway Construction project.

2025-05-007

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Bedford, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0326](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$148,662.00 for the 2025 Citywide Miscellaneous Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Replacement project.

2025-05-008

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0358](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Pember Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$550,477.40 for the 2025 Signal Replacement project.

2025-05-009

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Stine, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0419](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Market & Johnson, Inc. in the amount of \$1,693,500.00 for the La Crosse Library Interior Renovation project.

2025-05-010

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

Abstain: 1 - Newberry

[25-0424](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to A-1 Excavating LLC in the amount of \$847,682.00 for the Green Bay Street - 14th St to East Ave project.

2025-05-011

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Dickinson, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0425](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to BKC Construction LLC in the amount of \$269,557.53 for the Ward Ave Water Main Replacement project.

2025-05-012

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Bedford, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0527](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to A-1 Excavating LLC in the amount of \$699,261.00 for the Saint Andrew Street project.

2025-05-013

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[24-1287](#)

A CHARTER ORDINANCE to create Section 19 of Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse creating the position, duties and responsibilities of the Office of the City Administrator and removing duties from the Office of the Mayor.

A motion was made by Weston, seconded by Northwood, that the Charter Ordinance be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Padesky, that the Ordinance be REFERRED to the February 2026 meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Mindel

No: 2 - Weston, Northwood

[25-0361](#)

Resolution approving the conditional partial vacation of the 400 block of 12th Street North.

2025-05-014

Council Members Janssen and Kahlow recused themselves and left their seats for this item and the following item (25-0177).

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Weston, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Stine, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

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No: 2 - Goggin, Padesky

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Recuse: 2 - Janssen, Kahlow

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ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[25-0177](#)

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 Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific allowing for the construction of a commercial and residential mixed-use building at 413, 417, 423, 425 and 431 West Ave. N. and 1204 Badger St.

ORD. 5334. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Dickinson, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Stine, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

No: 1 - Goggin

Recuse: 2 - Janssen, Kahlow

[25-0413](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - General to the Planned Development District - Specific, allowing for the construction of 14 single-family homes at 5917 River Run Road.

Council Members Janssen and Kahlow returned to their seats.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Bedford, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Janssen, that the Ordinance be REFER for 90 days to the August 2025 meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Bedford, Northwood

No: 4 - Dickinson, Trost, Weston, Mindel

[25-0312](#)

Resolution reallocating funds from the Airport Capital Budget to the Airport Operating Budget for new capital projects in 2025.

2025-05-015

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Bedford, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0388](#)

Resolution approving new FY2025 Airport capital equipment requests.

2025-05-016

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0474](#)

Resolution authorizing the reallocation of 2021 Capital Equipment Budget funds to purchase Cloud-Based KnoxBox KeySecure Apparatus Hardware and Replacement of CRM Fleet Vehicles.

2025-05-017

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Stine, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0475](#)

Resolution allocating TID11 funding for the King Street Neighborhood Greenway Extension, from Front Street to 3rd Street (CIP 2022 #720).

2025-05-018

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Newberry, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

[25-0477](#)

Resolution reallocating unencumbered capital funds, from CIP 2024 #843 (County Highway B Retaining Walls), to 2025 #648 (Annual ADA Ramp & Sidewalk Replacement).

2025-05-019

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood, Mindel

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Kahlow, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[25-0416](#)

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 Residence District, allowing for the property to be converted to a duplex at 1027 6th Street S.

ORD. 5335. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[25-0311](#)

Resolution reallocating unused Airport Capital Budget funds to the Airport Operating Budget.

2025-05-020

[25-0400](#)

Preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under Secs 66.0829 and 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the operation and maintenance of a downtown parking system.

2025-05-021

[25-0426](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2024-2025 (May).

2025-05-022

[25-0456](#) Resolution to support the designation of the Mississippi River Trail within the limits of the City of La Crosse.

2025-05-023

[25-0457](#) Resolution moving \$50,000.00 from Pettibone Parking Lot Project, CIP#773, to Pettibone Park, CIP #437.

2025-05-024

[25-0478](#) Resolution to contest the WisDOT's proposed modifications, including closure, of the existing public railroad crossings at Liberty Street/St. Cloud Street and Avon Street/Hagar Street.

2025-05-025

[25-0502](#) Resolution clarifying the membership and continuing duties of a City Administrator Working Group and outlining its current recommendation.

2025-05-026

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[24-0977](#) 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 and Commercial Districts to the Traditional Neighborhood District - General, allowing for the combination of parcels and construction of commercial and residential mixed-use buildings at 1822 State Road 16 and adjacent parcels at State Road 16.

2025-05-027

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.