



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final-revised

Common Council

Thursday, August 8, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

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Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 12 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen, to APPROVE minutes of July 11, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[24-1094](#)

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

2024-08-001

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Notices and Discussions

Mayor Reynolds noted the thirteen National Night Out block parties in the City and thanked the volunteers, sponsors, and the Police and Fire Department staff that were involved in the events. Mayor Reynolds also noted the recent opening of the new fire station #4, and thanked the Clerk's office staff and election workers for their work in providing access to the public for in-person absentee voting. Council Member Dickinson noted the Trinity Lutheran Church block party happening on Monday, August 12.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[24-1093](#)

Resolution approving 2024 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in August 2024.

2024-08-002

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[24-1095](#)

Economic & Community Development Commission; Mary Rohrer. Municipal Transit Utility Board: Gary Padesky. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Tina Pohlman. Aviation Board: Tonya Townsell. Heritage Preservation Commission: Ellie McLoone.

2024-08-003

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Schwarz, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

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

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen, to SUSPEND COUNCIL RULE XV for items 24-1026, 24-1037, 24-1056, and 24-1075. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BID/QUOTE RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[24-1044](#)

Report of Bids for the 2024 Citywide Traffic Signal Interconnect project.

2024-08-004

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Dickinson, that the Report of Bids be REJECTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[24-1037](#)

Resolution prohibiting camping on City properties.

2024-08-005

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

Yes: 7 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

No: 4 - Dickinson, Kiel, Schwarz, Trost

Abstain: 1 - Mindel

[24-1056](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate Sec. 32-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding camping on City-owned property.

ORD. 5303. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow that the Ordinance be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Woodard, that the Ordinance be AMENDED to ban camping on all city owned property (Happel/Neumann amendment). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

No: 5 - Dickinson, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost

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

Yes: 7 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

No: 5 - Dickinson, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost

[24-1075](#)

Resolution removing parcel from “no camping” designation.

2024-08-006

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Woodard, that the Resolution be NOT ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kiel, that the Resolution be REFERRED 30 days. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Kiel, Schwarz, Trost

No: 9 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Mindel, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Goggin, to OPEN public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

The following spoke: Jennifer Steele, Dennis Smalley, and Bill Harnden.

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Mindel, to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion to NOT ADOPT carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Mindel, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

No: 2 - Kiel, Schwarz

Non-Voting: 1 - Trost

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-0744](#)

Amended Resolution approving the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

2024-08-007

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Woodard, that the Resolution be AMENDED to remove Item 896 and move it to 2026 (Pine Street Corridor for \$75,000). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Trost, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move Northside Pool to 2026 (\$900,000). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

No: 5 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 1 - Kahlow

[24-0950](#)

Resolution approving Request of CouleeCap, Inc. to allow re-filing of rezoning petition for 212 11th St. S. due to substantial change in circumstances.

2024-08-008

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

Yes: 7 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

No: 5 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel

[24-0951](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Washburn Residential Neighborhood District to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific allowing for continued use of the property as a professional office space at 212 11th Street South.

Referred to the November 2024 meetings.

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

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Janssen, that the Ordinance be REFERRED 60 days.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Goggin, to change from 60 days to 90 days.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Mindel, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

No: 4 - Dickinson, Kiel, Schwarz, Trost

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Janssen, that the Ordinance be REFERRED for 90 days. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Mindel, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

No: 4 - Dickinson, Kiel, Schwarz, Trost

[24-1026](#)

Resolution authorizing 2024 Action Plan and funding allocation in connection with CDBG and HOME programs.

2024-08-009

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Abstain: 1 - Goggin

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-0904](#) Resolution and report of the Board of Public Works on the costs of operating and maintaining the parking system in downtown La Crosse.

2024-08-010

[24-0957](#) Resolution adopting the City of La Crosse's 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

2024-08-011

[24-0991](#) Resolution authorizing the City of La Crosse to enter into a Client Agreement with Studio GWA for the preparation of the Downtown La Crosse River Area Inventory and Redevelopment Plan.

2024-08-012

[24-0993](#) Resolution allocating funds for Title VI and Community Participation Plans

2024-08-013

[24-1006](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Streets department.

2024-08-014

[24-1010](#) Amended Resolution approving an appropriation of the City's ARPA monies to go to the North La Crosse Business Association (NLBA).

2024-08-015

[24-1014](#) Resolution approving a memorandum of understanding between the City of La Crosse and the La Crosse Professional Police Non-Supervisors Association.

2024-08-016

[24-1016](#) Resolution declaring certain property at 626 Monitor St. (parcel #17-10294-31) as surplus property.

2024-08-017

[24-1028](#) Resolution approving additional Election Officials for 2024-2025.

2024-08-018

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[24-0956](#) Application of Sughra Group of Companies LLC dba Sushi Pirate for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 212 Main St. for the 2024-2025 license period and appeal of denial by the Police Department. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

Referred 30 days to the September 2024 meetings.

[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.

Referred 90 days to the November 2024 meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.