



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, April 14, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
400 La Crosse Street

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 12 - Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Excused: 1 - Scott Neumeister

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to APPROVE minutes of March 10 and March 14, 2022; the motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[22-0544](#)

Financial Report from the Interim Director of Finance for the month of February 2022.

2022-04-001

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

Notices and Discussions

Schwarz brought attention to the May 5th 5K Run/Walk honoring and bringing awareness to the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women movement. Happel noted the groundbreaking events for Mayo and the new City Fire Station. Mayor Reynolds recognized the departures of Bernie Lenz from the Utilities Department and Ken Gilliam from the Fire Department, and highlighted their contributions to the City.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[22-0277](#)

Second Amended Resolution approving easements with Birdd Land Investments, Inc. for property located near the International Business Park.

2022-03-030

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Richmond to RECONSIDER; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Richmond to AMEND AS PROPOSED; the motion carried unanimously.

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

[22-0543](#)

Resolution approving 2021/2022 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in April 2022.

2022-04-002

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR[22-0528](#)

Board of Park Commissioners: Robbie Young. Board of Zoning Appeals: Olena Bilous. Building and Housing Appeals Board: Matt Diehl. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Nicolette Kvam. Library Board: Jessica Thill. Municipal Transit Utility Board: Jake Williams. Weed Commissioners: Steven Cash, Andrew Berzinski, James Woychik, Mike Suntken, Kelsey Hanson, David Reinhart, Jason Riley, Eddie Young, Sarah Rafajko, David Foster.

2022-04-003

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

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

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for files 22-0465, 22-0486, 22-0523, and 22-0502; the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[22-0476](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$133,873.25 for the 2022 Miscellaneous Curb and Gutter - City Pave Project.

2022-04-004

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

[22-0477](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to All American Lumber, Inc. dba American in the amount of \$403,150.00 for the Historic U.S. Fish Control Lab Building Rehabilitation Project - Phase 2 Re-Bid.

2022-04-005

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

[22-0478](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to McCabe Construction in the amount of \$314,777.00 for the Kramer St Reconstruction Project.

2022-04-006

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

[22-0479](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$767,356.93 for the 2022 Curb & Gutter with Utilities project.

2022-04-007

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

[22-0480](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$596,639.02 for the 2022 Curb & Gutter Project.

2022-04-008

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION[22-0502](#)

Second Amended Resolution in support of the people of Ukraine as they defend against Russia's attack.

2022-04-009

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Kahlow to AMEND AS PROPOSED (by adding Sleznikow amendment); the motion carried 7 - 4 (No - Richmond, Janssen, Weaver, Woodard; Abstain - Trost).

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow to AMEND to add that the Dubna flag will be flown in place of the Russian flag until military assault is completed; the motion carried unanimously.

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 2 - Janssen, Woodard

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[22-0353](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence District - to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific allowing for two 4-unit townhouses and two 4-car garages at 1024, 1034, and 1038 Denton Street.

Ord. 5213. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 1 - Kahlow

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[22-0206](#)

Resolution approving the partial alley vacation between 11th Street and 10th Street, Ferry Street and Division Street.

2022-04-010

On recommendation to refer for 30 days, the vote failed unanimously.

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-0386](#)

Second Amended Resolution designating the month of May 2022 as "No Mow May".

2022-04-011

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Richmond to AMEND AS PROPOSED (Woodard amendment); the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Mindel to AMEND further by adding "registered"; the motion carried 11 - 1 (No - Woodard).

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

No: 2 - Woodard, Happel

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

[22-0400](#)

Resolution proclaiming the fifth of May as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Day of Awareness.

2022-04-012

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Neumeister

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-1689](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - Specific allowing for the conversion of first floor retail/commercial area to four residential units at 703 Farnam St.

Ord. 5214. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[22-0361](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Local Business District - to the Planned Development District - General allowing for mixed use redevelopment at 2415 State Road.

Ord. 5215. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[22-0192](#)

Resolution appropriating Utility funds to advance order utility trucks in 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget.

2022-04-013

[22-0236](#)

Resolution authorizing support of the City of La Crosse application for grant funding through the Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternative Program.

2022-04-014

[22-0333](#)

Resolution approving Application of LAX Food Hall LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 508 Jay St. allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.

2022-04-015

- [22-0340](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign the First Amendment to Easement Agreement for Pipe and HVAC at the Pine and Vine Condominium.
2022-04-016
- [22-0355](#) Resolution approving Application of Studio Motif LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 313 Pearl Street allowing for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.
2022-04-017
- [22-0381](#) Resolution approving Request for exception to Commercial Design Standards by Todd Page allowing for an exception to the requirement that no parking stall may be closer to the street than the building setback line or the building on the same parcel and an exception to the requirement that parking areas shall be separated from primary buildings by a landscaped buffer for a project at 2552 Rose Street.
2022-04-018
- [22-0382](#) Resolution authorizing the City of La Crosse to submit an application to Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for the Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant program.
2022-04-019
- [22-0383](#) Amended Resolution approving the Use and Facility Management Agreement of Green Island Ice Arena by River City Youth Hockey.
2022-04-020
- [22-0391](#) Resolution to increase the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department vehicle fleet with an additional unit.
2022-04-021
- [22-0404](#) Resolution approving a title change for lead janitor in the table of positions and classifications for the La Crosse Center.
2022-04-022
- [22-0409](#) Resolution approving the 2037 La Crosse Regional Airport Master Plan.
2022-04-023
- [22-0410](#) Amended Resolution approving additional funds for overhead door repairs at the Airport.
2022-04-024

- [22-0412](#) Resolution approving hiring above Step 6 for the Deputy Director of the Airport position.
2022-04-025
- [22-0420](#) Resolution declaring authorized representative to file applications for financial assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund for La Crosse Street and South Avenue projects.
2022-04-026
- [22-0426](#) Resolution approving the carryover of unexpended appropriations from the 2021 Operating Budget to the 2022 Operating Budget and year end budget adjustments for department cost overruns.
2022-04-027
- [22-0428](#) Amended Resolution creating Wards 27 and 28.
2022-04-028
- [22-0434](#) Resolution confirming appointment of Matthew Gallager as Director of Engineering and Public Works.
2022-04-029
- [22-0435](#) Resolution authorizing renewal for the Wisconsin Urban Search and Rescue Emergency Response Services 2022-2024 agreement.
2022-04-030
- [22-0436](#) Resolution authorizing the reallocation of 2021 Capital Equipment Budget funds for a "Fire Safety Trailer."
2022-04-031
- [22-0442](#) Resolution Granting Various License applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2021-2022 (April).
2022-04-032
- [22-0465](#) Resolution approving wage step 9 for the finalist for the position of Industrial & Operations Specialist.
2022-04-033
- [22-0486](#) Resolution approving the wage adjustment for Interim Fire Chief.
2022-04-034

[22-0520](#) Amended Resolution creating and appropriating funds for Capital Improvement Projects in the 400 block of Market Street and 1100 block of Gohres Street.

2022-04-035

[22-0523](#) Amended Resolution approving three-month extension of the Animal Control Agreement.

2022-04-036

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

[22-0242](#) La Crosse Fire Department 2021 Annual Community Report.

2022-04-037

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.