



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

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Thursday, August 12, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center  
1300 6th St S

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#### Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

*Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order*

#### Roll Call

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

**Absent:** 1 - Justice Weaver

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

*Moment of Silence*

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to APPROVE the minutes of July 8, 2021; the motion carried.

#### Reports

##### [21-1035](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance/Human Resources for the month of June 2021.

*2021-08-001*

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to RECEIVE AND FILE. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

## Notices and Discussions

*Happel complemented Utilities Manager Bernard Lenz and the Utilities Department on the work done to obtain grant money that was put toward managing sewer backups, which helped greatly after the recent storms.*

## COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[21-1178](#)

Resolution approving 2021 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in August 2021.

2021-08-002

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[21-1179](#)

Aviation Board: William Blank, David Winiecki. Building and Housing Appeals Board: Jerome Gundersen. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Christina Pohlman. La Crosse Center Board: Kim Cable. Library Board: Bryan Morris. Redevelopment Authority: Michael Sigman.

2021-08-003

**A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Janssen to CONFIRM the Redevelopment Authority appointment.**

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Woodard to CONFIRM the remainder of the appointments.**

**The motions both carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

## SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE VIII FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 21-1060, 21-1093, 21-1150 (2/3 Vote Required)

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Sleznikow to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for Files 21-1060, 21-1093, 21-1150; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

[21-0774](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Visu-Sewer for the Copeland Park Sanitary Sewer Lining project in the amount of \$713,545.00.

2021-08-004

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

[21-0957](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to McCabe Construction for the 2021 Trane Park Pickleball Project in the amount of \$257,180.39.

2021-08-005

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

[21-1169](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. for the Fire Station #1 Remodel project in the amount of \$416,800.00.

2021-08-006

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

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

**Abstain:** 1 - Trost

[21-1170](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. for the Forest Hills Golf Course Drainage Improvements project in the amount of \$137,355.94.

2021-08-007

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 13 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

[21-0987](#)

Resolution approving Application of Helfrich Enterprises for the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit at 607 Copeland Avenue allowing for self-storage units.

*2021-08-008*

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

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

**No:** 2 - Kahlow, Mindel

[21-1012](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Public/Semi Public District to the Commercial District allowing for commercial purposes at 520 Veterans Memorial Dr. E.

*Referred 60 days to October 2021 meetings.*

**A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Kahlow to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Mindel to OPEN public hearing; the motion carried.**

**Mary Kavanaugh, Lisa Moe, Carla Pena, Christy Neze, Nancy Green, and Sandra Wieser spoke in opposition.**

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Woodard to CLOSE public hearing; the motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen, that the Ordinance be REFERRED for 60 days. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 10 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

**No:** 3 - Kahlow, Woodard, Trost

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

[21-0876](#)

Resolution accepting the School Resource Officer Program Memorandum of Understanding between the La Crosse Police Department and School District of La Crosse.

2021-08-009

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

**Yes:** 10 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

**Abstain:** 2 - Mindel, Trost

**Recuse:** 1 - Schwarz

[21-0887](#)

Second Amended Resolution approving development agreement for 5th Ward Residences.

*(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 Committee and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2021-08-010

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Weaver to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Richmond to AMEND AS PROPOSED for 8/12/21; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**Unanimous consent to ADOPT AS AMENDED.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was mad by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to ADOPT the Consent Agenda; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*

[21-0918](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Section 18-64(14) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the National Fire Protection Association Fire Prevention Code.

*Ord. 5189. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

[21-1003](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 44-39(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding ADA on-street parking.

*Ord. 5190. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

- [21-1051](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 32-77 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding weapon restrictions.  
*Ord. 5191. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*
  
- [21-0874](#) Resolution approving partial vacation of State Street west of Front Street.  
*2021-08-011*
  
- [21-0980](#) Resolution establishing the City of La Crosse Redistricting Committee.  
*2021-08-012*
  
- [21-0981](#) Resolution rescinding Resolution 48494 regarding departmental activity reporting every two years.  
*2021-08-013*
  
- [21-0985](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance of an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Community Challenge grant for the purpose of assisting local businesses accommodate people using wheelchairs.  
*2021-08-014*
  
- [21-1002](#) Resolution and Report of the Board of Public Works on the costs of operating and maintaining the parking system in downtown La Crosse.  
*2021-08-015*
  
- [21-1004](#) Resolution establishing requirements and process for ADA On-Street Parking Zones.  
*2021-08-016*
  
- [21-1005](#) Resolution appropriating additional TID 14 funds for Trane Pickleball Courts project.  
*2021-08-017*
  
- [21-1006](#) Amended Resolution appropriating additional Sanitary Sewer Reserve Funds for Copeland Park Sanitary Sewer Lining project.  
*2021-08-018*
  
- [21-1009](#) Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Regional Airport to accept Federal funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act for eligible concessionaires.  
*2021-08-019*

- [21-1015](#) Resolution appointing Matthew Gallager as Interim Director of Engineering & Public Works.  
*2021-08-020*
- [21-1032](#) Resolution approving Step 8 for hiring wage for Housing/Building Inspector position.  
*2021-08-021*
- [21-1037](#) Amended Resolution approving adjusted wage rates for part time, seasonal and casual city employees effective August 20, 2021.  
*2021-08-022*
- [21-1044](#) Resolution amending Declaration of Protective Covenants for the La Crosse International Business Park.  
*2021-08-023*
- [21-1060](#) Resolution adding new position of Homeless Services Coordinator to the Department of Planning, Development & Assessment.  
*2021-08-024*
- [21-1061](#) 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 (August).  
*2021-08-025*
- [21-1065](#) Resolution appropriating additional TID 14 funds for Joseph Houska Drive project.  
*2021-08-026*
- [21-1066](#) Amended Resolution authorizing City of La Crosse acceptance of its 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the U.S. Treasury.  
*2021-08-027*
- [21-1067](#) Resolution approving Request of The Muse Theatre Inc. for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 1353 Avon Street for the license year 2021-22.  
*2021-08-028*
- [21-1070](#) Resolution appropriating additional TID 14 funds for All Abilities Trane Park project.  
*2021-08-029*

[21-1093](#)

Resolution approving the acceptance of a Shuttered Venue Operator's Grant (SVOG) from the Federal Government on behalf of the La Crosse Center.

2021-08-030

[21-1150](#)

Amended Resolution appropriating additional funds for the investigation of Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAs) contamination at the Airport near Wells 23 & 24.

2021-08-031

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERED*

[21-0675](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Washburn Residential District to the Traditional Neighborhood District allowing for an apartment building at 1106-1108 King St.

*Referred 30 days to the September 2021 meetings.*

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Sleznikow to adjourn; the motion carried.**