



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, May 13, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center
1300 6th St. S.

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

Excused: 2 - Justice Weaver, Douglas Happel

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Moment of Silence

Council Member Appointment to the Executive Committee

Richmond nominated Neumeister. Janssen nominated Kahlow. Neumeister declined the nomination. A motion was made by Richmond to close nominations. Kahlow was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow, to approve the minutes of the April 8 regular and April 20 adjourned/organizational meetings. The motion carried.

Reports

[21-0677](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance/Human Resources for the months January - April 2021.

2021-05-001

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

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

Notices and Discussions

Mayor Reynolds shared that it is National Police Week.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[21-0686](#)

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

2021-05-002

A motion was made by Richmond, 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, Trost, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[21-0679](#)

Animal Control Governing Board: Chris Woodard. Arts Board: Mark Neumann. Aviation Board: Andrea Richmond. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Larry Sleznikow. Board of Park Commissioners: Jacqueline Marcou. Boundary Agreement Task Force: Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Larry Sleznikow. City Plan Commission: Jennifer Trost, Christine Kahlow. City Vision 2040 Steering Committee: Christine Kahlow. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Mackenzie Mindel. Community Development Committee: Jennifer Trost, Barb Janssen. EMS Contract Negotiating Committee: Andrea Richmond, Douglas Happel. Heritage Preservation Commission: Mackenzie Mindel. Human Rights Commission: Mac Kiel, Tracy Littlejohn, Chelsey Myhre-Foster, Tashyra Bernard, Chauncy Turner, Julie McDermid. International Committee: Chris Woodard. Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners: Mark Neumann. La Crosse County Convention and Visitors Bureau: Scott Neumeister. La Crosse Center Board: Scott Neumeister. La Crosse Historic and Cultural Museum Planning Task Force: Mackenzie Mindel. Library Board: Mac Kiel, Araysa Simpson, Kathlyn Ivey. Municipal Transit Utility: Justice Weaver. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Larry Sleznikow, Janet Allen, Linda Lee. Police and Fire Commission: Nese Nasif. Public Safety Communications Board: Douglas Happel. Redevelopment Authority: Andrea Richmond, Edward Przytarski. Room Tax Commission: Justice Weaver.

2021-05-003

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Woodard that the Appointments (minus the RDA appointments) be CONFIRMED.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow that the Appointments to the Redevelopment Authority be CONFIRMED.

The motions carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

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

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Sleznikow to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for file 21-0626. The motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0557](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Wapasha Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$6,665,500.00 for 2021 EDA Storm Water Lift Stations.

2021-05-004

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

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0558](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Chippewa Concrete Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,693,113.63 for the Airport Road Reconstruction project.

2021-05-005

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

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0559](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$404,683.00 for the Fish Control Lab Building Phase 1: Re-Bid project.

2021-05-006

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

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0560](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Schumacher Elevator Company in the amount of \$477,436.00 for the City Hall 2021 Elevator Modification & Upgrades.

2021-05-007

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

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0561](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to J.F. Brennan Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,298,878.00 for the La Crosse Cruise Ship Landing-Riverside Park project.

2021-05-008

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

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0562](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$588,457.34 for the 2021 LRIP Cub & Gutter - Main Street project.

2021-05-009

A motion was made by Kahlow, 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, Trost, Neumann

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0563](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Steiger Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$255,774.75 for the 2021 29th Street Curb & Gutter - Contract Paving.

2021-05-010

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

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0685](#)

Report of Quote & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$11,715.65 for the Crowley Place Median Retrofit contract.

2021-05-011

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

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0396](#)

Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Part of SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Town of Medary, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2021-05-012

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

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

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0503](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Light Industrial District to the Heavy Industrial District allowing for a self-storage building at 607 Copeland Ave.

Ord. 5178. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 8 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

No: 3 - Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel

Excused: 2 - Weaver, Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

Roll Call

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

Excused: 1 - Douglas Happel

[21-0505](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District, Light Industrial District, and Local Business District to the Heavy Industrial District allowing for parking lot expansion at 325 & 327 Jackson Street, 1102, 1112, 1116, 1120, 1126, 1128, and 1130 4th St. S., and 1111 3rd St. S.

Ord. 5179. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 8 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Woodard, Schwarz, Neumann

No: 4 - Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Trost

Excused: 1 - Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0506](#)

Resolution approving application of City Brewing Company LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 325 & 327 Jackson Street, 1102, 1112, 1116, 1120, 1126, 1128, and 1130 4th St. S.

2021-05-013

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

Yes: 8 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Woodard, Schwarz, Neumann

No: 4 - Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Trost

Excused: 1 - Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[21-0539](#)

Resolution approving reclassification of position in the departments of Community Risk Management, La Crosse Regional Airport and the La Crosse Center

2021-05-014

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

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

Excused: 1 - Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

[21-0565](#)

Resolution approving fourth change order to the Performance Contract with Johnson Controls, Inc.

2021-05-015

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

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

Excused: 1 - Happel

Non-Voting: 1 - Reynolds

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0392](#)

Resolution designating the La Crosse County Convention Bureau, Inc. as the Concessionaire for the La Crosse Center along with authorization for the "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Permit.

2021-05-016

[21-0405](#)

Resolution authorizing the use of Xcel Energy Credits and Tax Increment District 13 Floodplain Relief Program as a funding source for Capital Improvement Plan project #20-257/#21-257 Climate Action Plan.

2021-05-017

[21-0411](#)

Resolution allocating funds for two floodplain relief program grants.

2021-05-018

[21-0430](#)

Resolution establishing the 2022-2026 Capital Equipment Budget.

2021-05-019

- [21-0442](#) Resolution authorizing the City to terminate its Stage 3 remedial measures as defined by its adopted Economic Recession Plan.
2021-05-020
- [21-0467](#) Resolution appropriating additional funds for the investigation of Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) contamination at the Airport near Wells 23 & 24.
2021-05-021
- [21-0468](#) Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to approve a Temporary Construction Easement from Kwik Trip, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Rublee Street from Oak Street to Kramer Street.
2021-05-022
- [21-0504](#) 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.
2021-05-023
- [21-0507](#) Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Part of NW - SE, NE - SE, Section 28, T16N-R7W; Town of Medary, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.
2021-05-024
- [21-0508](#) Resolution allocating funding for the Pearl Walkway and Pearl Street Design Project.
2021-05-025
- [21-0542](#) Resolution designating concessionaire for the La Crosse Regional Airport along with authorization to apply for "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Permit.
2021-05-026
- [21-0555](#) Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessment against benefited property in La Crosse, WI for Sanitary Sewer Laterals 100 and 200 blocks of 20th Street South.
2021-05-027
- [21-0571](#) Resolution approving application of Jama Investments LLC dba Cheap Andy's LAX for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License to parking lot at 3201 South Avenue for special events on June 5, July 4 and August 14, 2021.
2021-05-028

[21-0573](#) Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for license period 2020-21 (May).
2021-05-029

[21-0574](#) Resolution providing for the issuance and sale in an amount not to exceed of \$ 69,000,000.00 aggregate principal amount of Sewer System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2021, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, providing details and covenants with respect thereto, prescribing the form of note, providing for the payment of said notes and confirming the sale thereof.
2021-05-030

[21-0626](#) Resolution awarding a three (3) year contract to Kone in the amount of \$270,131.03 for preventive maintenance service for all City escalators and elevators.
2021-05-031

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[21-0533](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - General to the Planned Development District - Specific allowing for multifamily housing and activity center at 1319 and 1325 Saint Andrew Street.
Referred 30 days to the June 2021 meetings

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

[21-0460](#) 2019 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report.
2021-05-032

Adjournment

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to ADJOURN at 7:05 p.m.