



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Finance & Personnel Committee

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Thursday, October 5, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Call To Order

*Chair Paul Medinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Douglas Happel, Paul Medinger, Roger Christians, Barb Janssen, Phillip A. Ostrem, David D. Marshall

#### Agenda Items:

##### [17-1061](#)

Resolution approving a partial alley vacation located between 21st Street and Vine Street.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

##### [17-1325](#)

Resolution authorizing the release of funds for Fire Station Exhaust Removal Systems.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

##### [17-1327](#)

Resolution approving funds for the purchase of a fire alarm system for the LaCrosse Public Library.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, to AMEND striking paragraphs regarding repayment from 2018 Library CIP funds. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1358](#)

Resolution approving the release of funds related to Riverside Park Bandshell Improvements.

**Unanimous consent to open public hearing.**

**The following person spoke in FAVOR: Michael Sigman, Joe Kathchever, Abbie Leithold Gerzema, Dave Clements, Terry Bauer.**

**On motion, unanimous approval to close public hearing.**

**A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Janssen, to refer 60 days. The motion failed 2-4 (Marshall and Janssen voted yes).**

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Ostrem

**No:** 2 - Janssen, Marshall

[17-1444](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Engineer to sign and record a Quit Claim to release the City of La Crosse utility easement rights on part of vacated Wall Street between Charles Street and Kane Street.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1084](#)

Resolution approving release of funds for Exit 3 conduit install.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1142](#)

Resolution approving the reorganization to the table of positions and classifications in the Police Department - Parking Utility Division.

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1158](#)

Resolution appropriating additional funds to the Police and Fire Commission budget.

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1159](#)

Resolution transferring Farnam Park to the Gundersen-City of La Crosse Neighborhood Development Corporation (JDC).

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1169](#)

Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Fire Department to accept a grant from ALM Charities for custom built Emergency Medical Services (EMS) bicycles and supporting EMS equipment.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Marshall, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1203](#)

Resolution authorizing the reallocation of funds for fire station health and safety improvement project.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1204](#)

Resolution approving the reorganization to the table of positions and classifications in the Human Resources Department effective August 21, 2017.

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1208](#)

Resolution authorizing the appropriation of unobligated funds to the Police Department Parking Utility to purchase parking ramp pay stations and associated parking enforcement equipment for the Pine Street Ramp.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1212](#)

Resolution approving an agreement between the City of La Crosse and 3P Administrators to provide third party administration services for the City's I.R.S. Section #125 Plan for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1214](#)

Resolution approving a change in position title for Division Chief of Suppression.

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1241](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with \$15,600,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Parking Bonds, Series 2017-D, of the City of La Crosse, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1243](#)

Resolution approving additional funds for the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation Project.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Marshall, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1249](#)

Resolution designating Unappropriated Bond Funds Miscellaneous for Poage Park basketball courts.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1251](#)

Resolution appropriating funds to purchase ergonomic work stations in the Engineering Department.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1253](#)

Resolution eliminating the deferred sewer and water assessments attached to certain properties owned by Roesler Farm Properties LLC.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1270](#)

Resolution authorizing the Engineering Department to retain a licensed land surveyor to acquire elevation data on specific floodplain structures and appropriation of funds.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Marshall, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1277](#)

Resolution approving the reorganization to the table of positions and classifications to transfer the Safety Coordinator/Risk Manager from the Human Resources Department to the Fire Prevention & Building Safety Department.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1284](#)

Resolution appropriating additional funds from the 2016 Capital Improvement Budget for the Construction of VIP Trail Expansion from 7th Street to Maple Street (Project I.D. #5991-07-33,34).

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Ostrem, Marshall

**No:** 1 - Janssen

[17-1286](#)

Resolution appropriating funds from the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget for the Reconstruction of Cass Street from 4th Street to 7th Street (Project I.D. #7575-08-02,72,73).

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1287](#)

Resolution appropriating funds from the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget for the Exit 3 Project (Project I.D. #1071-06-07,08,10,22,23,24,42,43,78,79,80,81,82,83).

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1302](#)

Resolution to rescind Resolution 16-0115 regarding changes to fee schedule.

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1303](#)

Resolution adjusting the Fee Schedule regarding street privilege permits for residential water irrigation systems.

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

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, to AMEND to clarify Annual Fee. The motion carried (Ostrem voted no).**

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Marshall

**No:** 1 - Ostrem

[17-1304](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 44-37 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding fees for traffic related services.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1305](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C - Fee Schedule for the City of La Crosse related to traffic related service fees.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1310](#)

Resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to submit an application form to secure services with Delta Dental for the Union sponsored voluntary dental plan for the term January 1, 2018.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1314](#)

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin Independent Auditor's Report on Communications With Those Charged With Governance for the Year Ended December 31, 2016.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Happel, that the Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1413](#)

Resolution appropriating funds to install rapid flashing beacon and sidewalk on a portion of the east half of Clinton Street as part of the Safe Routes to School Project.

**A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-1443](#)

Resolution appropriating funds to complete emergency repairs to the Police Department garage regarding plumbing repair and asbestos remediation.

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 10/12/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

[17-0001](#)

Collective Bargaining Update.

*(Note: The committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. Following the closed session, the committee may reconvene in open session.) F&P item only, unless otherwise directed.*

**A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Ostrem, to convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.**

**A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, to reconvene in OPEN SESSION. The motion carried.**

## Adjournment

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Medinger, to ADJOURN at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried.