



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Estimates

Monday, October 2, 2017

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

Working Session - 2018 Proposed Operating Budget

Call to Order

Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Douglas Happel, Andrea Richmond, Tim Kabat, Roger Christians, Barb Janssen, Phillip A. Ostrem, Martin Gaul, Valerie Fenske, David D. Marshall
Excused: 1 - Paul Medinger

Agenda Items:

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2018 Operating Budget

Mayor Kabat gave an overview of the budget and discussed ways to meet the state's requirement for expenditure restraint payments.

Motion by Happel, second by Ostrem, to keep all changes to the budget tentative until finalized. Motion carried.

Municipal Court presented their budget.

Mayor Kabat presented his budget. Motion by Richmond, second by Happel, to reduce Mayor's Neighborhood Conference expenditure (account 1005505 521710) by \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Human Resources, Employee Benefits, Police & Fire Commission, IT, Library, La Crosse Center, Room Tax Commission, Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Engineering, Highway, Water Utility, Storm Water Utility, Refuse/Recycling, Sanitary Sewer Utility, Parks & Recreation, City Clerk, City Assessor and Transit budgets were presented.

Planning presented their budget. Motion by Janssen, second by Ostrem, to increase the Planning Department's postage expenditure account (1008205 531200) by \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

Airport, Police, Parking Utility, Fire, Fire Prevention, Harbor Commission, LADCO, Insurance, License Revenue, Intergovernmental/Interdepartmental Charges, Finance/Purchasing, General Revenues, City Counsel, Debt Service, Contingency, General Expense, Sanitary District #1 and Special Taxes & Assessments budgets

were presented.

Mayor Kabat addressed the Board regarding the need to further reduce expenditures by \$236,149.00 to meet the State's expenditure restraint program limits and qualify for the State payment. Mayor Kabat and Finance Director Fenske explained the ERP payment. General discussion of the ERP followed. Motion by Happel, second by Ostrem, to follow the Mayor's recommendation and reduce health premiums (account 1004205 599991) by \$150,000.00; reduce the Contingency fund (account 1002505 595000) by \$50,000.00; reduce the crime analyst position in the Police budget (account 1008505 511100) by \$20,250.00; reduce tree planting (account 1004205 533538) by \$6,000.00; and reduce street lighting (account 1004205 583002) by \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Ostrem, to ADOPT the budget as amended and authorizing the Finance Department to make minor changes to the budget not to exceed \$10,000.00. The motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Gaul, to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. The motion carried.