



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, July 11, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

Mayor Tim Kabat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 11 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Paul Medinger, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel

Excused: 3 - Scott Neumeister, Phillip A. Ostrem, Roger Christians

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Sister Sue Ernster of Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration offered an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Weaver, that the minutes of June 13, 2019 be APPROVED. The motion carried.

Reports

[19-0919](#)

Report of the Director of Finance for the month of April 2019.

2019-07-001

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

[19-0920](#)

Report of the Director of Finance for the month of May 2019.

2019-07-002

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

[19-0966](#)

Report of Fire Department - Division of Fire Prevention and Building Safety on Inspections and Permit Revenue for the Month of June 2019.

2019-07-003

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

Yes: 9 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Medinger

Notices and Discussions

The Mayor invited all to attend Coffee with Kabat on July 16th 5:00 p.m. at Southside Neighborhood Center.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[19-0965](#)

Resolution approving July 2019 Engineering Estimates.

2019-07-004

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

[19-1000](#)

Resolution approving 2019 bills paid in July 2019.

2019-07-005

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[19-0983](#)

Building and Housing Appeals Board: Charles Weeth. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Steven Nicolai. Redevelopment Authority: Cassandra Woodward, Edward Przytarski. Sustainable La Crosse Commission: Cathy Van Maren.

2019-07-006

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Gaul, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

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

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Padesky, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for Files 19-0954, 19-0961, 19-0962, 19-0980. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

REPORT OF BIDS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[19-0896](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Chippewa Concrete Services, Inc. in the amount of \$891,526.00 for the George Street Overlay Contract.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Medinger, that the Resolution be AMENDED reallocating and clarifying funding and adding \$50,000 from sanitary sewer utility funds for emergency manhole repair. Padesky moved a friendly amendment, seconded by Gaul, to move \$50,000 for manhole repair from contract funding to contingency funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

2019-07-007

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

[19-0897](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Olympic Builders General Contractors in the amount of \$267,481.00 for the Municipal Boat Harbor Toilet & Shower Building Project Re-Bid with alternates 1,2,3.

2019-07-008

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

[19-0898](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$46,677.50 for the 2019 Miscellaneous Curb Ramp Replacement Project.

2019-07-009

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

[19-0899](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Borton Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$30,671.68 for the Garden Terrace Sidewalk & Curb Ramp Project.

2019-07-010

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

[19-0471](#)

Amended Resolution adopting sustainability goals transitioning to carbon neutrality and 100% renewable energy by 2050.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be AMENDED making corrections as proposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

2019-07-011

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

[19-0843](#)

Resolution approving Proposal for Professional Services For Feasibility Study, Design and Construction Service for La Crosse Fire Station South.

2019-07-012

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

Yes: 8 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Olson, Medinger, Happel

No: 2 - Padesky, Gaul

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

[15-1240](#)

Intergovernmental boundary agreement terms with neighboring municipalities pursuant chapter 66 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(Note: The 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 Council may reconvene in open session.)

A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Medinger, to convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[19-0987](#)

Presentation and discussion on La Crosse River Marsh lead contamination project.

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A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Medinger, to convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

[19-0980](#)

Resolution Opposing the City of La Crosse's Inclusion in a Metropolitan Sewerage District.

(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Medinger, to convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

Non-Voting: 1 - Kabat

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Padesky, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried by voice vote.

[19-0980](#)

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2019-07-013

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Ostrem, Christians

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [19-0593](#) AN ORDINANCE to create Section 4-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to regulate online ordering and curbside pickup of alcohol beverages.
Ord. 5100. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.
- [19-0858](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Public and Semi-Public District, Single Family District, Heavy Industrial District and Commercial District to the Public and Semi-Public District allowing combining of lots at 1005 Palace Street (Badger Hickey Park).
Ord. 5101. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.
- [19-0874](#) AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single Family District to the Residence District allowing duplex at 730-732 15th St. S.
Ord. 5102. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.
- [19-0748](#) Resolution approving extension of sanitary sewer agreement with the Town of Shelby.
(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 Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)
2019-07-014
- [19-0754](#) Resolution authorizing pursuit of an easement through Rivercrest Village on property owned by Juniper Partners LLC to establish a new route for the Mississippi River Trail and Regional Bicycle Route One.
2019-07-015
- [19-0757](#) Resolution authorizing the creation of a steering committee, solicitation of proposals from contractors and allocation of funding for a Safe Routes to School Plan update.
2019-07-016

- [19-0790](#) Resolution approving 2019-2021 State of Wisconsin Hazardous Materials contract with the City of La Crosse.
2019-07-017
- [19-0818](#) Resolution authorizing the Planning and Development Department to solicit proposals for the City Vision 2040 Downtown Master Plan and establishing the City Vision 2040 Steering Committee.
2019-07-018
- [19-0819](#) Resolution approving Application of Thompson Animal Medical Center for a Conditional Use Permit allowing a veterinary clinic and pet boarding facility in Local Business District at 4532 and 4540 Mormon Coulee Road.
2019-07-019
- [19-0827](#) Resolution approving the 2018 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for the Isle La Plume wastewater treatment facility.
2019-07-020
- [19-0834](#) Resolution declaring certain property located at 1222 Denton Street (tax parcel 17-30046-10) as surplus property.
2019-07-021
- [19-0837](#) Resolution approving First Amendment to Lease between the City of La Crosse and the La Crosse Senior Citizens Multiple Service Center, Inc.
2019-07-022
- [19-0869](#) Resolution approving Application of The Odd Fellows Temple LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 121 4th St. S. (3rd floor event venue) allowing an application for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor License.
2019-07-023
- [19-0871](#) Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from Tax Incremental District No. 7 to the City of La Crosse Redevelopment Authority.
2019-07-024
- [19-0875](#) Resolution approving Application of Lighthouse Hospitality LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 127 4th St. S. (1st floor restaurant) allowing an application for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor License.
2019-07-025

- [19-0902](#) Resolution authorizing reclassification and creation of various positions within the Parks, Recreation, Forestry, Building and Grounds Department.
2019-07-026
- [19-0912](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Water Utility Department.
2019-07-027
- [19-0913](#) Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Fire Department to accept donations from the La Crosse Community Foundation towards the purchase of a cardiac monitor.
2019-07-028
- [19-0915](#) Resolution approving an amendment to the Project Plan and boundaries of Tax Incremental District No. 17, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.
2019-07-029
- [19-0917](#) Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2019-20 (July).
2019-07-030
- [19-0926](#) Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to hire SmithGroup JJR to prepare Phase 2 Study for the Boat Docking in Riverside Park.
2019-07-031
- [19-0931](#) Resolution directing the advertisement and sale of approximately \$7,160,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2019, and approximately \$1,155,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2019 of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.
2019-07-032
- [19-0954](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 35-foot electric buses, (2) charging stations and upgrade electrical grid at facility.
2019-07-033
- [19-0961](#) Resolution authorizing the Police and Fire Commission to appoint an interim Chief of Police.
2019-07-034

[19-0962](#)

Resolution approving the third amendment of Fire Protection, First Responder, Rescue and Inspection Services contract between the City of La Crosse Fire Department and the Town of Medary.

2019-07-035

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

[19-0911](#)

2018 La Crosse Police Department Annual Report.

2019-07-036

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Gaul, to adjourn 8:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimous voice vote.