



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, September 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 14 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Phillip A. Ostrem, Paul Medinger, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Sister Sue Ernster, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration led the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow, that the Minutes of August 13, 2020 be APPROVED. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

[20-1299](#)

Financial Report for the month of August 2020.

2020-09-001

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Notices and Discussions

Happel asked for a status of the vacant KMart property. Kabat reported not much is happening that he is aware of.

Kabat reported the budget books are being printed and will be available tomorrow.

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

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Christians, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII on Files 20-1193, 20-1206, 20-1213, 20-1214, 20-1215, 20-1216 and 20-1260. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[20-1213](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with approximately \$6,780,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020-A, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Kahlow, to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Weaver, that the Resolution be AMENDED to incorporate and approve the winning bid. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-09-002

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-1214](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with the issuance of approximately \$4,270,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-B, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Weaver, to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be AMENDED to incorporate and approve the winning bid. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-09-003

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-1215](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with approximately \$35,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020-C, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow, to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Medinger, that the Resolution be AMENDED to incorporate and approve the winning bid. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-09-004

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-1216](#)

Resolution confirming sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with approximately \$7,230,000 aggregate principal amount of Taxable General Obligation Parking Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-D, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Sleznikow, to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be AMENDED to incorporate and approve the winning bid. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-09-005

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-1296](#)

Resolution approving 2020 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in September 2020.

2020-09-006

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[20-1298](#)

City of La Crosse Arts Board: Jennifer Williams, Jacqueline Marcou, Bailey Sauerwein. Heritage Preservation Commission: Marcus Zettler, Janet Allen. Human Rights Commission: Roger Christians. International Committee: MacKenzie Brady, Michael De Yoe, Art Marson, Karolyn Bald. La Crosse Center Board: Amanda Halderson-Jackson, Douglas Farmer. Library Board: Keonte Turner.

2020-09-007

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[20-1112](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Pember Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$86,147.50 for the Pammel Creek Force Main Pig Launching Station project.

2020-09-008

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[20-1047](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 10-868(o) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding pedal pubs.

Ord. 5152. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[20-1212](#)

Resolution approving applications for expansion of alcohol beverage license that are part of the Outdoor Cafe Program.

2020-09-009

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Abstain: 1 - Kahlow

[20-1260](#)

Resolution appropriating funds for the City of La Crosse Arts Board.

2020-09-010

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

No: 2 - Janssen, Olson

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[20-1125](#)

Certified Survey Map - Part of the Fractional NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 15 North, Range 7 West, Town of Shelby, and Part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Town of Medary, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Richmond that the Plat/Certified Survey Map be NOT ADOPTED. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

No: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-09-011

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Padesky, that the Plat/Certified Survey Map be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

20-1170

Resolution approving a Service Upgrade Agreement and Security Update Service to maintain the City Public Safety/Public Works radio communication network.

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Gaul, that the Resolution be AMENDED to include updated language in the agreement as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-09-012

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

20-1131

Resolution approving application of Northside Molzahn LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 421-423 West Avenue North allowing demolition of building to create green space.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Application be REFERRED 30 days with direction for staff to work with the applicant to determine the habitability of the property, and produce information discussed, due back October 8, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

20-1132

Resolution approving application of School House Properties LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 417 West Avenue North allowing demolition of building to create green space.

2020-09-013

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL

20-1178

Resolution establishing priorities, updating membership and staffing of the City of La Crosse Arts Board and appropriation of funds.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Neumeister, that the Resolution be REFERRED. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

No: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be AMENDED to add one La Crosse County Board member who is a resident of city not serving as a Council Member, and delete the paragraph regarding \$30,000 funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-09-014

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[20-1133](#)

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 Commercial District allowing a community resource facility at 508 5th Avenue South.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Padesky, to amend to delete the notation that the petition was withdrawn on the recommendation to not adopt.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Neumeister, that the Ordinance be REFERRED for 30 days, due back October 8, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

No: 1 - Kahlow

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Christians, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[20-1058](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 115-356(d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse allowing demolition of buildings without a Conditional Use Permit for transportation projects.

Ord. 5153. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

- [20-1162](#) AN ORDINANCE to create Section 14-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse establishing a termination date to an emergency declaration when a termination date is not otherwise declared.
Ord. 5154. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.
- [20-1175](#) AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Section 2-422(c)(6) and Section 2-422(d), (e) and (f) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding residency requirements on boards, commissions and committees.
Ord. 5155. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.
- [20-1176](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 103-195 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the Board of Gas Examiners.
Ord. 5156. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.
- [20-0904](#) Resolution approving partial vacation of right-of-way on the south side of the 2200 block of Palace Street, between the west side of Larson Street and the west side of Kwik Trip Way.
2020-09-015
- [20-1036](#) Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept a WI Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant.
2020-09-016
- [20-1068](#) Resolution approving a 25-year utility corridor agreement between the City of La Crosse, Mississippi Valley Conservancy, Inc., Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Northern States Power Company.
2020-09-017
- [20-1074](#) Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept a Department of Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant.
2020-09-018
- [20-1117](#) Resolution approving 2020 Communication from the City Assessor relative to corrections of prior year's assessment and tax rolls.
2020-09-019
- [20-1121](#) Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Regional Airport to develop and issue a request for proposal to procure foam testing equipment for aircraft rescue and firefighting apparatus.
2020-09-020

- [20-1158](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for various Departments in the City of La Crosse.
2020-09-021
- [20-1159](#) Resolution approving an amendment to the City's Section 125 Plan for 2020.
2020-09-022
- [20-1167](#) Resolution approving the sale of City owned surplus property on Enterprise Avenue to Great Lakes Cheese of La Crosse WI, LLC.
2020-09-023
- [20-1183](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an Amended State/Municipal Agreement for the Reconstruction of Gillette Street from Caledonia Street to George Street (Project I.D. #5991-07-42/43).
2020-09-024
- [20-1184](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign Amended State/Municipal Agreement for the Reconstruction of Green Bay Street from East Avenue to 22nd Street South (Project I.D. #5991-07-36/37).
2020-09-025
- [20-1193](#) Resolution appropriating funds for additional streetlight purchase and installation on George Street streetscaping project.
2020-09-026
- [20-1196](#) Resolution approving a restatement to the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan to correct the reported totals for new capital equipment.
2020-09-027
- [20-1206](#) Resolution relocating polling place.
2020-09-028
- [20-1208](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for license period 2020-21 (September).
2020-09-029

[20-1217](#)

Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Part of NE 1/4 - NW 1/4 & SE 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 31, T15N-6W, Town of Shelby, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2020-09-030

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[20-0998](#)

Resolution directing decisions involving public art to the Arts Board.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Christians, to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote.