



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Judiciary & Administration Committee

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Call To Order

Chair Mindel called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Gary Padesky, Mackenzie Mindel, Jennifer Trost, Tamra Dickinson, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston
Excused: 1 - Olivia Stine

Agenda Items:

[26-0631](#)

Various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2026-2027 (August).

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Bedford, that the Application be RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAME to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0634](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Sec. 115-399. (d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the type of retaining wall appearances allowed when adding fill for a building site.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Weston, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0697](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Commercial District to the Residence District, allowing for redevelopment of the building into a duplex at 1705 & 1707 16th St. S.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Dickinson, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0703](#)

Resolution to amend the 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Bedford, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0715](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence District to the Residence District, allowing for redevelopment of the building into a duplex at 1233 & 1235 16th St. S.

Unanimous consent to OPEN public hearing.

The following spoke: James Cherf, Spencer Nickelatti.

Unanimous consent to CLOSE public hearing.

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Bedford, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0719](#)

Certified Survey Map for property located at Fox Hollow Drive in the Town of Barre (Tax Parcel 2-355-0) owned by Trudy Miller and request for waiver of platting requirements.

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Bedford, that the Plat/Certified Survey Map be RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAME to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0720](#)

Resolution relocating District 7 polling place for the remainder of elections in the 2026-2027 election term.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Weston, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0726](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Light Industrial District to the Commercial District, allowing for a mix of residential and commercial uses within the building at 2423 & 2425 16th St. S and 1613 & 1617 Chase St.

Unanimous consent to OPEN public hearing.

The following spoke: Spencer Nickelatti and Deborah Peters.

Unanimous consent to CLOSE public hearing.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Padesky, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Weston

No: 1 - Bedford

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0737](#)

Resolution endorsing the City of La Crosse's application for Bird City Recognition from Bird City Wisconsin and supporting the annual World Migratory Bird City Celebration at the Nature Place.

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Weston, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0741](#)

A CHARTER ORDINANCE to create Section 20 of Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse creating the position, duties and responsibilities of the Office of the City Administrator and removing duties from the Office of the Mayor.

Unanimous consent to OPEN public hearing.

The following spoke: Paul Brown, Bill Harnden, Sam Scinta, Kevin Hundt, Jay Odegaard, Barb Bahr.

Unanimous consent to add one additional minute for speaker Odegaard.

Unanimous consent to CLOSE public hearing.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Weston, that the Charter Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Mindel, Trost, Weston

No: 2 - Dickinson, Bedford

Excused: 1 - Stine

Abstain: 1 - Padesky

[26-0746](#)

Resolution approving Certified Survey Map for parcel located at 748 Losey Blvd. N. (Parcel 17-20260-10) and request for dedication of right-of-way and waiver of platting requirements.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Weston, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED (with easement document utilized only when the property is transferred to a private owner) to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0749](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 115-413 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to establish a temporary moratorium on data centers.

Unanimous consent to OPEN public hearing.

The following spoke: Ash Lyke.

Unanimous consent to CLOSE public hearing.

A motion was made by Bedford, seconded by Padesky, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Padesky, Mindel, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

[26-0783](#)

Certificate by City Clerk of Petition for Direct Legislation requesting An Ordinance to create Section 2-422(c)(9) and Sections 2-496 through 2-500 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to the creation of the Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Committee.

Unanimous consent to OPEN public hearing.

The following spoke: William Garcia and Ben Stepanek.

Unanimous consent to CLOSE public hearing.

A motion was made by Bedford, seconded by Dickinson, that the Petition be REFERRED to Referendum to the Common Council on 8/13/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Padesky, Trost, Dickinson, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Stine

Abstain: 1 - Mindel

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.