



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, June 9, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
400 La Crosse Street

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

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

Roll Call

- Present:** 10 - Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann
- Excused:** 3 - Scott Neumeister, Justice Weaver, Rebecca Schwarz

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Pastor Jacob Eichers, of Faith Lutheran Church, offered invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to APPROVE minutes of May 12, 2022; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Reports

[22-0781](#)

Financial Report from the Interim Director of Finance for the Month of April 2022.

2022-06-001

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

- Yes:** 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Trost, Happel, Neumann
- Excused:** 3 - Neumeister, Weaver, Schwarz

Notices and Discussions

Mayor Reynolds wanted to bring attention to the two electric busses that are being added to the fleet and will be on the street on Monday. He wanted to thank the council members, MTU staff, and Mayor Kabat, who originally were involved with creating the plan five years ago.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[22-0780](#)

Resolution approving 2022 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in June 2022.

2022-06-002

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Weaver, Schwarz

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[22-0779](#)

City of La Crosse Arts Board: Grant Mathu. Housing Authority: Kristina Bechtel. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Steven Nicolai and Robert McDonnell.

2022-06-003

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

Yes: 10 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Weaver, Schwarz

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

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for items 22-0724, 22-0748, 22-0749, 22-0750, 22-0751, 22-0752, 22-0753, and 22-0754; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[22-0427](#)

Resolution declaring a climate emergency, committing to policies opposing fossil fuel expansion and accelerating the clean energy transition, and endorsing the call for a global fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Mindel to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Richmond, that the Resolution be REFERRED to the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Mindel, Happel, Neumann

No: 2 - Kahlow, Trost

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Weaver, Schwarz

Abstain: 1 - Woodard

[22-0636](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Sec. 32-191 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse prohibiting Conversion Therapy. *(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.)*

Ord. 5220. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Woodard to OPEN public hearing; the motion failed for lack of second.

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

Yes: 6 - Sleznikow, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Trost, Neumann

No: 4 - Richmond, Janssen, Woodard, Happel

Excused: 3 - Neumeister, Weaver, Schwarz

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Mindel to ADOPT the Consent Agenda; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[22-0495](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Local Business District - to the Multiple Dwelling District allowing for a top and bottom floor residential rental at 1001 Rose St.

Ord. 5221. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[22-0662](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence District - to the Low Density Multiple Dwelling District allowing for a four-unit, two-story building at tax parcel 17-50285-22 (Chase Street, no house number).

Ord. 5222. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[22-0668](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend sec. 18-102(c) and to create sec. 18-102(d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding fireworks permitting.

Ord. 5223. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[22-0590](#)

Resolution declaring certain properties located at 2710, 2706, 2702 Onalaska Avenue (Parcels #17-10259-31, 17-10259-32, 17-10259-40) as surplus property.

2022-06-004

[22-0629](#)

Resolution approving 2022 Joint Powers Agreement - County 9-1-1 Emergency System between the City and the County of La Crosse.

2022-06-005

[22-0634](#)

Resolution appropriating funds to pay a private contractor to remove trash, brush, debris, and personalty from private property as part of the code enforcement Order-to-Correct process.

2022-06-006

[22-0638](#)

Resolution approving the hiring of Convention Sports and Leisure (CSL) to provide consulting services for the evaluation and determination process of contract management of the La Crosse Center.

2022-06-007

- [22-0639](#) Resolution approving request of River Town Pedal Tours LLC for an added route to its 2022 Pedicab/Pedal Car License.
2022-06-008
- [22-0643](#) Resolution approving \$24,000 from the ARPA Lost Revenue Allocation for the remediation of detached garages listed as FEMA violations.
2022-06-009
- [22-0652](#) Resolution approving contract with the La Crosse Tribune as the official newspaper for the City's council proceedings and legal notices.
2022-06-010
- [22-0669](#) Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding fee for display of fireworks under sec. 18-102 of the La Crosse Municipal Code.
2022-06-011
- [22-0671](#) Resolution approving application of Grounded Cafe LLC for a Conditional Use permit at 411 3rd St. S. allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.
2022-06-012
- [22-0692](#) Resolution accepting Carbon Reduction Program funding for Drift Cycle expansion project.
2022-06-013
- [22-0700](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2021-2022 (June).
2022-06-014
- [22-0701](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2022-2023.
2022-06-015
- [22-0702](#) Resolution approving amendment to Shared Fire Administration Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse and Holmen Area Fire Department.
2022-06-016

- [22-0705](#) Resolution establishing absentee voting locations for the 2022 Partisan Primary and General Elections.
2022-06-017
- [22-0707](#) Resolution approving 2021 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for the Isle La Plume Wastewater Treatment Facility.
2022-06-018
- [22-0724](#) Resolution approving an allocation of funding to support the Replacement Housing Program.
2022-06-019
- [22-0726](#) Resolution approving request of Coulee Region Taxi for increase in rates for 2022 Public Vehicle for Hire License.
2022-06-020
- [22-0748](#) An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$3,050,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of providing for street improvements, street improvement funding and street lighting.
2022-06-021
- [22-0749](#) An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$5,430,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the construction of engine houses, and for pumps, water mains, reservoirs and all other reasonable facilities for fire protection apparatus or equipment for fire protection.
2022-06-022
- [22-0750](#) An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$80,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of libraries.
2022-06-023
- [22-0751](#) An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,950,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of parks and public grounds.
2022-06-024

[22-0752](#)

An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$30,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, repair and replacement of bridges.

2022-06-025

[22-0753](#)

An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,410,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the construction of police facilities.

2022-06-026

[22-0754](#)

Resolution directing the advertisement and sale of approximately \$11,950,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds and approximately \$3,185,000 general obligation promissory notes of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2022-06-027

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[22-0542](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District - to the Light Industrial District allowing for personal storage and work space at 818 Gould St.

2022-06-028

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.