



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, January 12, 2017

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Council President Richard Swantz, Presiding

Council President Richard Swantz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 14 - Andrea Richmond, Ryan Cornett, Jai Johnson, David Krump, James Cherf, Robert Seaquist, Gary Padesky, Richard Becker, Audrey Kader, Francis J. Formanek, Phillip A. Ostrem, Douglas Happel, Martin Gaul, Richard Swantz

Excused: 2 - Tim Kabat, Paul Medinger

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Captain Tony Nickelatti, Chaplain La Crosse Fire Department, offered an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Krump, seconded by Becker, to APPROVE the minutes of the December 8 special and regular meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[17-0061](#)

Fire Prevention and Building Safety Monthly Report December 2016.

2017-01-001

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

Yes: 14 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

Excused: 1 - Medinger

Notices and Discussions

None.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[17-0052](#)

Resolution approving Engineering Estimates for January 2017.

2017-01-002

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

Yes: 14 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

Excused: 1 - Medinger

[17-0059](#)

Resolution approving 2016 and 2017 bills paid in January 2017.

2017-01-003

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

Yes: 14 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

Excused: 1 - Medinger

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[17-0009](#)

Board of Zoning Appeals: Charles Clemence, 705 West Ave. S., Douglas Farmer, 321 21st St. S. La Crosse Housing Rehabilitation Committee: CM Phillip Ostrem, 1104 6th St. S. Pool Committee: CM Jai Johnson, 928 Island St.

2017-01-004

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul

Excused: 1 - Medinger

Non-Voting: 1 - Swantz

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

A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Cornett, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII on File 16-1189, 17-0005 and 17-0008. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[17-0005](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend the definitions in Section 10-457 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to junkyard and minimal alteration of the vehicle.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Richmond, that the Ordinance be REFERRED 30 days. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

Excused: 1 - Medinger

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[16-0773](#)

A CHARTER ORDINANCE to amend Section 15(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the composition of the Board of Public Works.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Padesky, to refer to the April cycle. Then, a motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Kader, that the motion to refer be AMENDED to the May cycle. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Cornett, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

No: 6 - Richmond, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Formanek

Excused: 1 - Medinger

On the motion as amended made by Gaul, seconded by Padesky, that the Ordinance be REFERRED to the May cycle. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Cornett, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

No: 7 - Richmond, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Formanek, Ostrem

Excused: 1 - Medinger

2017-01-005

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Krump, that the Ordinance be NOT ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Swantz

No: 3 - Padesky, Becker, Gaul

Excused: 1 - Medinger

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[16-1156](#)

Resolution appropriating additional funds to allow the Legal Department to continue working on the creation of standard templates for contracts.

2017-01-006

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

Yes: 14 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

Excused: 1 - Medinger

[16-1198](#)

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 2016-17 (January).

2017-01-007

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

Excused: 1 - Medinger

Abstain: 1 - Padesky

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

[16-1059](#)

Resolution approving a partial vacation of George Place.

2017-01-008

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Seaquist, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

Excused: 1 - Medinger

Abstain: 1 - Cherf

[16-1170](#)

Application of Peter Gerrard dba Gerrard Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit to demolish structure allowing for future multi-family housing development at 234 10th St. N. and resolution approving same.

2017-01-009

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Padesky, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

No: 1 - Becker

Excused: 1 - Medinger

[16-1149](#)

Amended Resolution approving An Amendment to the Project Plan of Tax Incremental Financing District No. 13, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

2017-01-010

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

Yes: 14 - Richmond, Cornett, Johnson, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Padesky, Becker, Kader, Formanek, Ostrem, Happel, Gaul, Swantz

Excused: 1 - Medinger

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[16-1098](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Residential District to the ~~Planned Development~~ Traditional Neighborhood Development District - General allowing for an addition of a coffee shop/deli at 1514-1516 Market Street.

Ord. 4970. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[16-1139](#)

Resolution appropriating additional funds in connection with insurance consultation services.

2017-01-011

- [16-1146](#) Resolution declaring certain property located in the Coulee Sites Industrial Addition and the Kramer Industrial Addition as Surplus City Industrial Property.
2017-01-012
- [16-1147](#) Resolution appropriating additional funds for inspection services for Process Equipment Repair Services, Inc. for the Digester No. 3 Rehabilitation project.
2017-01-013
- [16-1150](#) Resolution approving agreement for design services for rehabilitation of one digester cover at Isle La Plume wastewater treatment plant.
2017-01-014
- [16-1155](#) Resolution approving an amendment to the Employee Handbook to provide a premium for ASE certifications.
2017-01-015
- [16-1158](#) Resolution approving changes to the Medical Benefit Plan Master Plan Document regarding Genetic Services.
2017-01-016
- [16-1159](#) Amended Resolution authorizing a steering committee for the South Avenue Multimodal Assessment Study.
2017-01-017
- [16-1168](#) Resolution authorizing the Board of Public Works to authorize use of fiber infrastructure.
2017-01-018
- [16-1176](#) Resolution to approve 2017-2018 Statewide Structural Collapse Contract through the State of Wisconsin.
2017-01-019
- [16-1184](#) Resolution approving the purchase of a Gas Easement from the City of LaCrosse to Northern States Power Company (NSP).
2017-01-020

- [16-1189](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of an Interim Transit Manager effective December 30, 2016.
2017-01-021
- [16-1201](#) Annual Review of Conditional Use Permit at 2133 Sunset Lane allowing an adult family home within 2,500 feet of another community living arrangement facility and resolution approving same.
2017-01-022
- [17-0008](#) Resolution approving funds for general city-wide public works functions in 2017.
2017-01-023

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

- [16-1017](#) Application of Craig's River City Towing for a Junk Dealer's license for remainder of license year 2016-17.
Re-referred to the March 2017 meetings.
- [16-1107](#) Request for Exception to Standards for Commercial Design by Wiebke Fur Co., Inc. for an exception to parking lot design and parking standards with construction of new facility at 100, 110 and 122 Rose St. and resolution approving same.
Re-referred to the February 2017 meetings.

NEW ITEMS FOR REFERRAL

- [17-0002](#) Resolution approving the 2017 Stop Loss Insurance contract with QBE Insurance Corporation.
- [17-0003](#) Resolution approving an amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan for Non-Represented Employees
- [17-0004](#) Resolution requesting reappropriation of funds for fire station #2 safety fencing.
- [17-0006](#) Resolution approving a 5-year agreement effective January 1, 2017 with Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of La Crosse and the La Crosse Center for the pour rights for water and soft drinks.

- [17-0010](#) Resolution approving the reorganization to the table of positions and classifications to transfer the management of Grounds and Buildings Department from the Department of Public Works to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- [17-0011](#) Resolution requesting the release of funds from room tax to purchase a replacement cooling well pump for the La Crosse Center.
- [17-0012](#) Resolution approving and ratifying a collective bargaining agreement between the City of La Crosse and Amalgamated Transit Union, Local #519 for 2017-2018.
- [17-0013](#) Resolution approving additional funds for the reconstruction of Oak Street from Rublee Street South to dead end.
- [17-0017](#) Resolution authorizing the City Engineer to sign the Agreement for the La Crosse Transient Marina Cruise Ship Landing Study with SmithGroupJJR.
- [17-0021](#) Resolution approving final assessments for water main and sewer main on Farnam Court and delaying assessments levied against properties.
- [17-0022](#) Amended Resolution amending the wages rates for part-time, seasonal and casual employees effective February 13, 2017.
- [17-0023](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 115-1 and create Section 115-343(6)n of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse allowing for the number of rooms for rent in bed and breakfast establishments be determined by a Conditional Use Permit.
- [17-0025](#) Resolution authorizing a change in scope of project and the cost to complete the Veterans Point Freedom Point Marina.
- [17-0032](#) Resolution approving Intergovernmental Agreement for International Business Park II and Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the County of La Crosse.
- [17-0033](#) AN ORDINANCE to create Section 2-472, to rescind Section 2-496 through 2-498 and to amend Section 44-113 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse pertaining to the Parking Utility Board.
- [17-0034](#) Resolution confirming sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with \$5,560,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2017-A, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.
- [17-0035](#) Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with the issuance of \$2,210,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2017-C, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

[17-0036](#) Resolution confirming sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with \$3,265,000 aggregate principal amount of Taxable General Obligation Airport Bonds, Series 2017-B, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

[17-0037](#) Resolution approving lease with Milestone Materials.

[17-0038](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - General to the Planned Development District - Specific allowing for a multifamily housing development at 707, 713 and 721 La Crosse Street.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Gaul, to ADJOURN at 8:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.