



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Judiciary & Administration Committee

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Call To Order

Chair Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call

CM Bedford arrived at 4:03 p.m.

Present: 7 - Crystal Bedford, Gary Padesky, Jennifer Trost, Lisa Weston, Mackenzie Mindel, Olivia Stine, Tamra Dickinson

Agenda Items:

[25-1370](#)

Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 2009-08-022 and discontinuing invocation procedures for Common Council meetings.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Weston, to OPEN public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

The following spoke: Maureen Freedland, Robert Freedland, Bryan McGrath, Diana McGrath, Tim Trailer, Tom Sweeney, Shannon McKinney, Kael Clemmerson, and Mario Hristov.

A motion was made by Weston, seconded by Padesky, to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Dickinson, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 1/8/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Padesky

Abstain: 1 - Bedford

[25-1405](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Residence District to the Special Residence District, allowing for the property at 1701 Onalaska Ave. & 1509 Rublee St. to return to use as a triplex.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Dickinson, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 1/8/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Bedford, Padesky, Trost, Weston, Mindel, Stine, Dickinson

[25-1469](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Secs. 10-393 and 10-394 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to include definitions and an exemption for community pantries on private property.

Council member Padesky was excused from the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Bedford, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 1/8/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Padesky

[25-1471](#)

Resolution requesting that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation develop additional project alternatives for the Highway 53 Corridor Study that maintain on-street parking and add bicycle facilities.

A motion was made by Bedford, seconded by Mindel, to OPEN public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

The following spoke: Paul Leithold & Kevin Hundt.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Weston, to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Weston, seconded by Trost, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 1/8/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Trost, Weston, Mindel, Stine

No: 2 - Bedford, Dickinson

Excused: 1 - Padesky

[26-0002](#)

Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2025-2026 (January).

A motion was made by Weston, seconded by Dickinson, that the Application be RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAME to the Common Council on 1/8/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Padesky

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.