



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda - Final

Common Council

Thursday, November 14, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

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Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 10, 2024.

Reports

[24-1476](#) Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of September.

Notices and Discussions

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[24-1475](#) Resolution approving 2024 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in November 2024.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[24-1442](#) Aviation Board: Bill Blank.

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

24-1436, 24-1387, 24-1469

REPORT OF BID/QUOTE RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-1270](#) Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,071,244.22 for the Mormon Coulee Force Main project.

ITEMS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[24-1387](#) Resolution approving the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) and Securian for a voluntary employee paid accident insurance plan, effective January 1, 2025.

Sponsors: Reynolds

Special Finance & Personnel Committee meeting 11/14/2024 5:30 p.m.

[24-1469](#) Resolution approving EPA Community Grant Partnership agreement between Habitat for Humanity for the Greater La Crosse and the City of La Crosse.

Sponsors: Reynolds

Special Finance & Personnel Committee meeting 11/14/2024 5:30 p.m.

[24-1468](#) Amended Resolution approving Assignment of Lease and Estoppel Certificate on behalf of Riverstone Hospitality, LLC for property located at 200 Pearl Street, formerly Holiday Inn Express.

Sponsors: Kahlow

Special Finance & Personnel Committee meeting 11/14/2024 5:30 p.m.

[24-1376](#) Resolution creating and defining the membership and duties of a City Administrator Working Group.

Sponsors: Slezniak

Judiciary & Administration Committee recommendation to adopt failed on a tie vote of 3-3.

[24-1385](#) Resolution authorizing takeover, maintenance, and ownership of ornamental neighborhood streetlighting on MacHarley Lane.

Sponsors: Happel

Finance & Personnel Committee recommendation to adopt failed on a vote of 3-2 with one abstention (4 favorable votes were needed for the recommendation to pass).

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-0951](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Washburn Residential Neighborhood District to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific allowing for continued use of the property as a professional office space at 212 11th Street South.

Vote of 5-1 out of the Judiciary & Administration Committee.

- [24-1375](#) AN ORDINANCE to create Section 32-44 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse regarding trespass to City Parking Facilities.
Sponsors: Reynolds
Vote of 5-1 out of the Judiciary & Administration Committee.
- [24-1380](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 36-68 (b) and create Subsections 36-38 (c), -(1), and -(2) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse, regarding the Brush Site.
Sponsors: Reynolds
Vote of 5-0 and one abstention out of the Judiciary & Administration Committee.
- [24-1381](#) Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding the Brush Site.
Sponsors: Reynolds
Vote of 5-1 out of the Finance & Personnel Committee.
- [24-1383](#) Amended Resolution allocating unused Sanitary Sewer Utility funds for the Mormon Coulee Road Force Main project bid in 2024.
Sponsors: Trost and Neumann
Two-thirds vote required; change to Capital Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda will be approved with a single voice vote, based on the recommended actions, unless an item is removed at the request of the Mayor or a Council Member.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [24-0732](#) AN ORDINANCE to annex a parcel of land from the Town of Shelby to the City of La Crosse (approx. 10.75 acres - Shrine Property).
Sponsors: Neumann
- [24-1303](#) AN ORDINANCE to annex a parcel of land from the Town of Medary to the City of La Crosse (Property adjacent to 4224 Meadowlark Lane - Evans).
Sponsors: Goggin
- [24-1330](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - Specific to the Planned Development District - Specific, allowing for the construction of a transient residential and congregate living facility at 5250 Justin Road, 6015, 6025, 6105 County Road MM and tax parcels 17-50365-102 and 11-2003-0.
- [24-1007](#) Resolution Approving Development Agreement and Sale Agreement with Jeff Murphy and Jill Murphy for Former Fire Station #4 at 906 Gillette St.
Sponsors: Goggin

- [24-1131](#) Resolution approving the partial vacation of the public street right-of-way on Chestnut Place.
Sponsors: Goggin
- [24-1306](#) Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding release of raze and remove orders filed with the Register of Deeds under Chapter 103 of the La Crosse Municipal Code.
Sponsors: Reynolds
- [24-1320](#) Resolution amending the Floodplain Relief Program.
Sponsors: Janssen
- [24-1327](#) Resolution levying Special Charges for Services performed in 2024.
Sponsors: Happel
- [24-1328](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2024-2025 (November).
- [24-1329](#) Resolution approving application of A1 Hospitality LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 210 Jay Street, allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.
- [24-1333](#) Resolution approving the sale of City owned property at 800 Moore St to Taylor William DeFrang and Brian DeFrang.
Sponsors: Dickinson
- [24-1353](#) Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Located in the NE 1/4 & the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 & SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 23, and the NE 1/4 & SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 & SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 26, T15N, R7W, City of La Crosse and Town of Shelby, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.
- [24-1355](#) Resolution approving the Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority and the City of La Crosse to obligate ARPA funds for housing development in the floodplain.
Sponsors: Janssen
- [24-1368](#) Resolution declaring the Statement of Project Intentions for the La Crosse Regional Airport.
Sponsors: Dickinson
- [24-1370](#) Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid.
Sponsors: Dickinson
- [24-1371](#) Resolution appropriating ARPA funds to pay for the remediation required on detached garages which violate the current floodplain standards per FEMA.
Sponsors: Dickinson

[24-1386](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Community Risk Management department.

Sponsors: Janssen

[24-1436](#) Resolution re-appropriating Operating Budget funds for purchase of Public Works vehicles from the fleet lease program.

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[24-0977](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Local Business and Commercial Districts to the Traditional Neighborhood District - General, allowing for the combination of parcels and construction of commercial and residential mixed-use buildings at 1822 State Road 16 and adjacent parcels at State Road 16.

Recommended to be referred 6 months to May 2025 meetings.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ACCEPTED AND FILED

[24-0731](#) Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval pursuant to Sec. 66.0217(2), Wis. Stats. of land from the Town of Shelby to the City of La Crosse (approx. 10.75 acres - Shrine Property).

Sponsors: Neumann

[24-1302](#) Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval pursuant to Sec. 66.0217(2), Wis. Stats. of land from the Town of Medary to the City of La Crosse (4224 Meadowlark Lane - Evans).

Sponsors: Goggin

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED[24-1092](#)

Single Audit with Independent Auditors Report as of December 31, 2023.

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*Noticed for possible closed session.*[24-1343](#)

Amended Resolution Allocating Funding for Development of Specialized Housing Capacity Utilizing American Rescue Plan Act Funds. (Note: The Committee and/or Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to consider the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Following any closed session, the Committee and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

Sponsors: Reynolds

Vote of 4-2 out of the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Adjournment*NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY*

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Council Members:

Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Christine Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann, Vacancy (Dist. 5)