



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, November 7, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Call To Order

Chair Happel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Barb Janssen, Douglas Happel, Erin Goggin, Larry Sleznikow, Mark Neumann, Rebecca Schwarz

Agenda Items:

[24-1007](#)

Resolution Approving Development Agreement and Sale Agreement with Jeff Murphy and Jill Murphy for Former Fire Station #4 at 906 Gillette St.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1092](#)

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

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1131](#)

Resolution approving the partial vacation of the public street right-of-way on Chestnut Place.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[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.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1320](#)

Resolution amending the Floodplain Relief Program.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1327](#)

Resolution levying Special Charges for Services performed in 2024.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1333](#)

Resolution approving the sale of City owned property at 800 Moore St to Taylor William DeFrang and Brian DeFrang.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[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.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1368](#)

Resolution declaring the Statement of Project Intentions for the La Crosse Regional Airport.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1370](#)

Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1371](#)

Resolution appropriating ARPA funds to pay for the remediation required on detached garages which violate the current floodplain standards per FEMA.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1381](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding the Brush Site.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

No: 1 - Janssen

[24-1383](#)

Resolution allocating unused Sanitary Sewer Utility funds for the Mormon Coulee Road Force Main project bid in 2024.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be AMENDED as proposed (change in funding source to x). The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1385](#)

Resolution authorizing takeover, maintenance, and ownership of ornamental neighborhood streetlighting on MacHarley Lane.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Happel, Sleznikow, Schwarz

No: 2 - Goggin, Neumann

Abstain: 1 - Janssen

[24-1386](#)

Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Community Risk Management department.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Goggin, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1436](#)

Resolution re-appropriating Operating Budget funds for purchase of Public Works vehicles from the fleet lease program.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Janssen, Happel, Goggin, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

[24-1343](#)

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.)*

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to OPEN public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

The following spoke: Michael Quam & Julie McDermitt.

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Sleznikow, to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Schwarz, that the resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Schwarz, to 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. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to reconvene in OPEN SESSION. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be AMENDED per the Pathways Home team recommendation (\$300,000 to Karuna and \$801,869.25 to Couleecap). The motion carried on a vote of 4 to 2 (No: Janssen, Goggin).

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 11/14/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Happel, Sleznikow, Neumann, Schwarz

No: 2 - Janssen, Goggin

[24-0001](#)

Collective Bargaining Update.

(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters.

*Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.) **F&P Item Only, unless otherwise directed.***

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Schwarz, to convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Slezniow, to adjourn from closed session at 8:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.