



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, June 8, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 12 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Excused: 1 - Jennifer Trost

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Chaplain Lorraine Decker, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Sleznikow, to APPROVE minutes of May 11, 2023; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Reports

[23-0488](#)

La Crosse Fire Department 2022 Annual Community Report.

2023-06-001

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Trost

[23-0659](#)

Engineering Monthly Progress Report.

2023-06-002

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Trost

[23-0676](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the month of April 2023.

2023-06-003

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Trost

Notices and Discussions

Mayor Reynolds gave an update on Shared Revenue.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[23-0675](#)

Resolution approving 2023 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in June 2023.

2023-06-004

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Trost

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[23-0677](#)

Municipal Transit Utility: Mark Neumann.

2023-06-005

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Trost

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 item 23-0570. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for items 23-0638, 23-0639, 23-0640, 23-0641, 23-0642, 23-0643, and 23-0644. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Kahlow, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for item 23-0673. The motion carried on a vote of 11 to 1 (Neumann - No, Trost - Excused).

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0423](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$591,004.00 for the Eastwood Lane & Ohlsun Court Street & Utility Replacement Project.

2023-06-006

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Trost

[23-0548](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$316,577.38 for the 2023 Citywide Traffic Calming project.

2023-06-007

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Trost

ITEMS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[23-0658](#)

Resolution Approving Application of LAX Food Hall LLC dba LAX Food Hall for a Reserve Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license at 201 5th Ave. S. for the license period 2023-24 (Notice of Intent for Non-Renewal).

(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate its decision. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

2023-06-008

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Trost

[23-0673](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 32-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding camping on City-owned property.

Council President Kahlow and Council Members Kiel, Dickinson, Mindel, Hameister, Neumann, Schwarz, Woodard, Mindel, and Janssen spoke.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Woodard that the Ordinance be ADOPTED.

Roll Call

CM Kiel left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Present: 11 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Excused: 2 - Mac Kiel, Jennifer Trost

[23-0673](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 32-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding camping on City-owned property.

Referred 30 days to the July 2023 meetings.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Ordinance be REFERRED 30 DAYS - to engage with others to gain input. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Mindel, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

No: 2 - Dickinson, Woodard

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Sleznikow, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0531](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Commercial and Residence Districts to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District - General allowing for apartments, green space, and off-street parking at 620 and 626 Cass Street, 308, 316, 318, and 322 7th St. S.

Ord. 5251. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[23-0533](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Heavy Industrial District and Planned Development District-General to the Planned Development District-Specific allowing for the development of medium to high density residential, office, and commercial uses and dedicated public open spaces within the River Point District.

Ord. 5250. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[23-0538](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 10-49(2)(b)(4) and to amend Section 115-398 (a)(4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to allow changes to the fences required for certain beer gardens.

Ord. 5252. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[23-0453](#)

Amended Resolution approving Home Buyer Down Payment Assistance Program.

2023-06-009

- [23-0454](#) Resolution increasing the number of members in the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee to seven.
2023-06-010
- [23-0460](#) Resolution approving a change in the table of positions and classifications for the City of La Crosse Information Technology (IT) department.
2023-06-011
- [23-0461](#) Resolution authorizing the reclassification of Recreation Program Coordinator within the Parks and Recreation Department.
2023-06-012
- [23-0485](#) Resolution approving the project development agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. for the implementation of a 4th phase of its performance contract.
2023-06-013
- [23-0503](#) Resolution approving contract with the La Crosse Tribune as the official newspaper for the City's council proceedings and legal notices.
2023-06-014
- [23-0504](#) Resolution approving 2023 Joint Powers Agreement - County 9-1-1 Emergency System between the City and the County of La Crosse.
2023-06-015
- [23-0516](#) Resolution approving a non-exclusive rental car concession agreement with Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC.
2023-06-016
- [23-0517](#) Resolution approving a non-exclusive rental car concession agreement with Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Wisconsin, LLC.
2023-06-017
- [23-0518](#) Resolution designating concessionaire for the La Crosse Regional Airport along with authorization to apply for "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Permit.
2023-06-018

- [23-0539](#) Resolution approving Request for Exception to Commercial Design Standards by La Crosse Fire Department allowing for an exception to parking standards for a project at 920 Gillette St., 1534 Liberty St., and 1540 Liberty St.
2023-06-019
- [23-0545](#) 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 2022-2023 (June).
2023-06-020
- [23-0546](#) Resolution granting Various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2023-2024.
2023-06-021
- [23-0547](#) Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 6, Township 15 North, Range 6 West, Town of Shelby, La Crosse County, Wisconsin (W4802 Meyers Rd.).
2023-06-022
- [23-0565](#) Resolution declaring certain property located at 906 Gillette Street (parcel #17-10104-21) as surplus property.
2023-06-023
- [23-0567](#) Resolution approving 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for the Isle La Plume Wastewater Treatment Facility.
2023-06-024
- [23-0570](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Financial Agreement for the Reconstruction of the BNSF RR Crossing at Sims Place (ID# 5991-07-46).
2023-06-025
- [23-0576](#) Resolution approving \$510,000 from the ARPA Marsh Lead Contamination Allocation for the Construction of the Pettibone Park Water Main Extension.
2023-06-026
- [23-0578](#) Resolution increasing the number of members of the Arts Board.
2023-06-027

- [23-0595](#) Resolution approving American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA) for Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program.
2023-06-028
- [23-0620](#) Resolution authorizing funding for Utility Infrastructure Work at River Point District.
2023-06-029
- [23-0638](#) An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$4,190,000 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.
2023-06-030
- [23-0639](#) An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$720,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing fire engines and other equipment of the fire department.
2023-06-031
- [23-0640](#) An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$4,500,000 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.
2023-06-032
- [23-0641](#) An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$510,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing river improvements.
2023-06-033
- [23-0642](#) An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,360,000 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.
2023-06-034

[23-0643](#)

An Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$770,000 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.

2023-06-035

[23-0644](#)

A Resolution directing the advertisement and sale of approximately \$12,050,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds and approximately \$5,670,000 general obligation promissory notes of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2023-06-036

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED (with possible closed session)

[23-0566](#)

Resolution approving the Sale of Surplus Property - 2702 & 2706 Onalaska Ave.

(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.)

2023-06-037

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 p.m.