



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

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Thursday, March 11, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

*Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 11 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Phillip A. Ostrem, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Jessica Olson

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

*Sister Sue Ernster of Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration offered an Invocation*

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow, to APPROVE the minutes of February 11, 2021. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

#### Notices and Discussions

*Phil Ostrem recognized Caroline Gregerson for her service to the City.*

#### COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

##### [21-0311](#)

Resolution approving 2020/2021 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in March 2021.

2021-03-001

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Padesky, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0323](#)

Extension of Emergency Declaration (COVID-19).

2021-03-002

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[21-0309](#)

Arts Board: Nhouchee Yang. Aviation Board: Drake Hokanson. Building and Housing Appeals Board: Tony Kirchner.

2021-03-003

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

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

**A motion was made by, seconded by, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for Files 21-0248, 21-0249, 21-0264. The motion carried unanimously on voice vote.**

## REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-0204](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Chippewa Concrete Services, Inc. in the amount of \$483,340.02 for the Commerce Street Reconstruction project.

2021-03-004

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0206](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$2,978,234.56 for the River Point District-Phase 1 (Fill) project.

2021-03-005

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

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0207](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$41,213.68 for the 2021 Curb & Gutter-City Pave project.

2021-03-006

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

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0208](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Dirt Monkey, LLC in the amount of \$202,155.53 for the 2021 Carroll Field Improvements project.

2021-03-007

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

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0295](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to CD Smith Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$58,396,935.00 for the 2021 Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades.

2021-03-008

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

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

[21-0222](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 30-27(2)(j) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding chronic nuisance premises to add snow code violations.

*Ord. 5169. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Ostrem, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**No:** 2 - Richmond, Neumeister

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0220](#)

Resolution authorizing appropriation of funds from Tax Incremental District 14 for Houska Park Improvements.

*2021-03-009*

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

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0223](#)

Amended Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding siding, window and door replacement in the floodplain.

*2021-03-010*

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

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED**

[21-0162](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Commercial District to Multiple Dwelling District allowing development of an apartment building at 432 Division St. & 608 5th Ave. S.

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Richmond, that the Ordinance be REFERRED to the Judiciary & Administration Committee on 3/29/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0240](#)

Resolution to approve First Amendment to the Agreement Concerning Payment for Municipal Services for the La Crosse Performing Arts Center, Inc.

2021-03-011

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be NOT ADOPTED. The motion failed 1-10 (Janssen voted yes).**

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Weaver, to APPROVE.**

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Padesky, to AMEND cutting the payment by one-half the amount owed. The motion carried 10-1 (Janssen voted no).**

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Christians, to ADOPT AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 10 - Richmond, Neumeister, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**No:** 1 - Janssen

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

[20-1511](#)

Amended Resolution approving historical pedestrian street lighting standards in the 10th and Cass National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) District.

2021-03-012

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

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0198](#)

Resolution Approving the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,550,000 Taxable Interim Redevelopment Revenue Bond, Series 2021 by the Redevelopment Authority, and Approving a Contribution and Cooperation Agreement in Connection Therewith.

2021-03-013

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Christians, to ADOPT.**

**A motion by Padesky, seconded by Richmond, to AMEND per the proposed changing \$2,550,000 to \$3,000,000. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumeister, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

[21-0252](#)

Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for license period 2020-21 (March).

2021-03-014

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Gaul, to AMEND changing effective dates. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Neumeister, to ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Olson

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Richmond to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*

[20-1749](#)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate Section 44-107 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding parking on City streets and property.

*Ord. 5170. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

- [21-0145](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Heavy Industrial District to Planned Development District - Specific allowing outdoor storage buildings at 2615 East Ave. S. (2601 & 2625 East Ave. S.).  
*Ord. 5171. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*
- [21-0181](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Light Industrial District to Commercial District allowing residential in upper floor at 1212 3rd St. S. (1214 & 1216 3rd St. S.).  
*Ord. 5172. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*
- [21-0196](#) AN ORDINANCE to extend the previous sunset date on Ordinance #5163 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse for the Outdoor Cafe Program.  
*Ord. 5173. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*
- [21-0087](#) Resolution approving the placement of the City Clerk position in the City's Classification and Compensation Plan.  
*2021-03-015*
- [21-0088](#) Resolution electing to self-insure for worker's compensation liability in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Section 80.60(3).  
*2021-03-016*
- [21-0102](#) Resolution authorizing Landfill Siting Agreement between La Crosse County and the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska.  
*2021-03-017*
- [21-0106](#) Resolution appropriating Xcel Energy Credits to fund Sustainability Internships through 2021.  
*2021-03-018*
- [21-0135](#) Resolution adopting the City of La Crosse Emergency Operations Plan.  
*2021-03-019*
- [21-0142](#) Resolution adopting an updated City of La Crosse Investment Policy.  
*2021-03-020*

- [21-0144](#) Resolution authorizing the acquisition of property interests for a street opening and infrastructure improvements for the River Point District property and appropriation of funds.  
*2021-03-021*
- [21-0154](#) Resolution authorizing Vacant Land Offer to Purchase for lot at 3150 Berlin Drive in the International Business Park with Acquisition Realty & Dev., LLC.  
*2021-03-022*
- [21-0155](#) Resolution approving Investment Services agreement for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.  
*2021-03-023*
- [21-0182](#) Resolution regarding feasibility of a public market and relevant studies “A Public Market in La Crosse? A Feasibility Study”, “Site Analysis for Locating the La Crosse Public Market” and “La Crosse Public Market Partial Business Plan”.  
*2021-03-024*
- [21-0183](#) Resolution adopting the "City of La Crosse Fire Department, Community Risk Assessment, January 2021".  
*2021-03-025*
- [21-0192](#) Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Water Utility Department.  
*2021-03-026*
- [21-0193](#) Resolution confirming appointment of Nikki Elsen as City Clerk.  
*2021-03-027*
- [21-0194](#) Resolution amending the wage rates and positions summary for part-time, seasonal and casual employees effective March 12, 2021 by adding positions of Police Intern 1 and Police Reserve.  
*2021-03-028*
- [21-0195](#) Resolution amending the Appendix C Fee Schedule related to the Extension of the Outdoor Café Program.  
*2021-03-029*



[21-0197](#) Resolution extending the Outdoor Café Program.

2021-03-030

[21-0221](#) Resolution designating \$375,000 in available Tax Incremental District (TID) 14 funds for tree planting and lighting projects in the Powell Poage Hamilton Neighborhood.

2021-03-031

[21-0248](#) Resolution authorizing the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to accept a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant for the installation of a new fishing pier at Copeland Park.

2021-03-032

[21-0249](#) Amended Resolution approving Estoppel Certificate for Industrial Park Restrictions for 3003 Airport Road.

2021-03-033

[21-0264](#) Resolution approving Amendment to Section 125 Plan.

2021-03-034

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED*

[21-0186](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 44-117 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding residential parking zones.

*Referred 30 days to the April 2021 meetings*

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Neumeister, to ADJOURN at 7:11 p.m. The motion carried.**