



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, October 8, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

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

Roll Call

Present: 14 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Phillip A. Ostrem, Paul Medinger, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Kahlow, that the Minutes of September 10, 2020, be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

Notices and Discussions

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

[20-1407](#)

City of La Crosse Arts Board: Roger Christians, Randy Erickson, Jennifer Williams, Jacqui Marcou, Kaylan Smith, Bailey Sauerwein, Dillon McArdle.
Aviation Board: Carol Kratz. La Crosse Center Board: Pamela Maas.

2020-10-001

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Olson, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS[20-1408](#)

Resolution approving 2020 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in October 2020.

2020-10-002

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

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

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Richmond, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for Items 20-1392 and 20-1401. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION[20-1131](#)

Resolution approving application of Northside Molzahn LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 421-423 West Avenue North allowing demolition of building to create green space.

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Ostrem, to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Weaver, that the Resolution be AMENDED per the Revised proposed amendment which acknowledges the withdrawal of the application, and does not grant the Conditional Use Permit, and repeals the permit granted in Resolution 20-0271. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

2020-10-003

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

[20-1401](#)

Resolution relocating polling place for November 3, 2020.

2020-10-004

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[20-1198](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 115-398 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding fences and hedges.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Ostrem, to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Richmond, that the Ordinance be AMENDED to prohibit chainlink and unpainted/unstained fencing in residential front yards abutting a public sidewalk. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Richmond, Sleznikow, Olson, Gaul, Christians

No: 8 - Neumeister, Janssen, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Medinger, Happel

Ord. 5157. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

On the main motion to ADOPT, the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

No: 1 - Sleznikow

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Gaul, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[20-1271](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence District to the Public/Semi Public District allowing future expansion of fire station at 1718 Losey Blvd S.

Ord. 5158. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[20-1293](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District to the Commercial and Light Industrial allowing continued use of a community center and school with addition to the maintenance shop at 1305, 1321 and 1415 St. James Street.

Ord. 5159. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

- [20-1295](#) AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Residential District to the Traditional Neighborhood District allowing multi-use residential and commercial space at 1601 Rublee St.
Ord. 5160. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.
- [20-0998](#) Resolution directing decisions involving public art to the Arts Board.
2020-10-005
- [20-1220](#) Resolution authorizing the use of funds for a Floodplain Relief Program
2020-10-006
- [20-1222](#) Resolution approving Second Amendment to the 2219 Lofts Development Agreement.
2020-10-007
- [20-1272](#) Resolution approving Application of City of La Crosse Fire Department for a Conditional Use Permit at 1718 Losey Blvd. S. allowing demolition of building for future expansion of fire station.
2020-10-008
- [20-1274](#) Resolution rescinding prior resolutions authorizing out-of-pocket expense account with the City Clerk's Office.
2020-10-009
- [20-1297](#) Resolution appropriating Water Utility funds to the King Street Neighborhood Greenway-Phase III Project.
2020-10-010
- [20-1316](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Local Road Improvement Program grant for Larson and Palace Streets reconstruction project.
2020-10-011
- [20-1337](#) Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for license period 2020-21 (October).
2020-10-012

[20-1350](#) Resolution approving applications for expansion of alcohol beverage license that are part of the Outdoor Cafe Program (October).

2020-10-013

[20-1351](#) Resolution approving request of Ignacio Morales dba Las Margaritas Restaurant LLC for permission to apply for a Combination Class "B" Beer & Liquor license at 2505 State Road for license year 2020-21.

2020-10-014

[20-1392](#) Resolution approving an agreement between the City of La Crosse and ASI Flex to provide third party administration services for the City's I.R.S. Section #125 Plan.

2020-10-015

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[20-1133](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Washburn Residential District to the Commercial District allowing a community resource facility at 508 5th Avenue South.

2020-10-016

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[20-1294](#) 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 the Planned Development District - General allowing multi-tenant space at 1605 Rose St.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

[20-1352](#) Financial Statements with Independent Auditors Report as of December 31, 2019.

2020-10-017

[20-1353](#) City of La Crosse, Wisconsin Federal and State Single Audit Report as of December 31, 2019.

2020-10-018

ITEM DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

[19-1628](#)

Sewer Contract Negotiations.

(Note: The 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 Council may reconvene in open session.)

A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Medinger, that the Status Update be discussed in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat., sec. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

Adjournment

In closed session, a motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Christians to reconvene in open session. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Ostrem, to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote.