



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Economic and Community Development Commission

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Washington-Spivey called this meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Vicki Markussen, Mary Rohrer, Gina Miller, Tamra Dickinson, Shaundel Washington-Spivey

Excused: 1 - Linda Lee

Approval of Minutes from the March 26th, 2025 meeting.

A motion was made by Markussen, seconded by Miller that these minutes be APPROVED. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Agenda Items:

[25-0489](#)

Update from The Parenting Place on the Child Care Project

[25-0352](#)

Action on Offer to Purchase 2710 Onalaska Avenue. *(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.)*

Attachments: [25-0352 - Action on Offer to Purchase 2710 Onalaska Ave - Staff Report.pdf](#)
[25-0352 - Action on Offer to Purchase 2710 Onalaska Ave - Sale Memo.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Markussen, seconded by Dickinson to ACCEPT this offer to purchase. Voice vote carried unanimously.

[25-0422](#)

Consideration and possible action on Community Enhancement Grant application from Next Chapter LaCrosse.
(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 Committee and/or

Council may reconvene in open session.)

Attachments: [Next Chapter LaCrosse application](#)

Commissioner Rohrer arrived at 3:45 PM.

Commissioner Markussen recused herself.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Dickinson to go into closed session.
Voice vote carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Miller to reconvene in open session. Voice vote carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Dickinson to APPROVE this at an award amount of \$15,750.00. Voice vote carried unanimously.

[25-0423](#)

Consideration and possible action on Community Enhancement Grant application from Home Restores for Restoring Health & Hope: Community-Based Mental Health and Wellness Project.
(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 Committee and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

Attachments: [Hope Restores Community Enhancement Grant application #2](#)

Commissioner Markussen recused herself.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Dickinson to go into closed session.

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Miller to reconvene in open session.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Rohrer to APPROVE this at an award amount of \$15,750.00. Voice vote carried unanimously.

[25-0479](#)

Consideration and possible action on Community Enhancement Grant application from International Committee.
(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 Committee and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

Attachments: [International Committee Community Enhancement Grant application](#)

Commissioner Markussen recused herself.

No action taken.

[25-0482](#)

Consideration and possible action on Community Enhancement Grant application for American Planning Association Wisconsin Chapter.
(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 Committee and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

Attachments: [WAPA application.pdf](#)

Commissioner Markussen recused herself.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Dickinson to go into closed session.

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Miller to reconvene in open session.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Dickinson to APPROVE this at an award amount of \$5,000.00. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mayor Washington-Spivey adjourned this meeting at 4:27 PM.

Economic and Community Development Commission Members:

Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Tamra Dickinson, Linda Lee, Gina Miller, Mary Rohrer, & Vicki Markussen.