



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, October 10, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order.

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

Pastor Curt Blaire, La Crosse Community Church of the Nazarene, offered an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Medinger, that the minutes of September 12 regular and September 18 special meetings be APPROVED. The motion carried.

Reports

[19-1458](#)

Report of Fire Department - Division of Fire Prevention and Building Safety on Inspections & Permit Revenue for the Month of September 2019.

2019-10-001

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

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

[19-1516](#)

Report of the Director of Finance for the month of September 2019.

2019-10-002

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ostrem

Notices and Discussions

Council Member Olson announced the upcoming K-9 fundraiser on Saturday, October 19th from 11:00a - 7:00p at the American Legion.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[19-1515](#)

Resolution approving October 2019 Engineering Estimates.

2019-10-003

A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Christians, 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

[19-1517](#)

Resolution approving 2019 bills paid in October 2019.

2019-10-004

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Richmond, 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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[19-1518](#)

Aviation Board: Jeff Wrobel, Larry Lebeicki. La Crosse County Visitors and Convention Bureau: Matt Boschka, Laurie Pfaff. Room Tax Commission: Wayne Delagrave.

2019-10-005

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Medinger, 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

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

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, to APPROVE Suspension of Council Rule VIII on Files 19-14123, 19-1414, 19-1415, 19-1437, 19-1513, 19-1520. The motion carried by the following vote:

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[19-1418](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Haas Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$131,000.00 for the River Valley Drive Erosion Repair.

2019-10-006

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Ostrem, 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

[19-1419](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding the contract to Kish & Sons Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$14,912.00 for the La Crosse Center Expansion - Electrical for Arena Seating.

2019-10-007

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Neumeister, 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

[19-1465](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$262,000.00 for the La Crosse Center Expansion - Arena Concrete and Handrails.

2019-10-008

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Christians, 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

[19-1466](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Irwin Seating Company in the amount of \$1,448,522.00 for the La Crosse Center Expansion - Arena Seating.

2019-10-009

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Neumeister, 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 WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[19-1352](#)

Application of Sue Bute for a Conditional Use Permit allowing mini-warehouse buildings in a heavy industrial zoning district at 2110 Enterprise Avenue.

2019-10-010

A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Janssen, that the Application be ADOPTED with resolution approving same. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-1437](#)

Resolution approving acquisition of property interests at 621 3rd St. N.

2019-10-011

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

Yes: 8 - Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Padesky, Ostrem, Medinger, Christians

No: 5 - Richmond, Neumeister, Olson, Gaul, Happel

[19-1414](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Traditional Neighborhood District - General to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific allowing mixed use development 1305 7th St. S.

Ord. 5111. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Weaver, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED AS AMENDED (per City Plan staff recommendations). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-1513](#)

Amended Resolution authorizing installation of additional neighborhood safety lighting at the midblock crosswalk in the 900 block of Jackson Street/HWY 33 and appropriation of funds.

2019-10-012

A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Gaul, 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

[19-1520](#)

Resolution authorizing the Safe Routes to School Steering Committee to select a consulting firm and enter into a professional services agreement for the preparation of a Safe Routes to School plan update for the City of La Crosse.

2019-10-013

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Christians, 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 RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[19-1320](#)

Resolution approving Application of Gary Harter for a Conditional Use Permit allowing demolition of structure for green space at 1133 Liberty Street.

2019-10-014

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

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

No: 1 - Kahlow

[19-1353](#)

Resolution approving Application of John and Joyce Deal for a Conditional Use Permit allowing demolition of structure for greenspace 1908 30th St. S.

2019-10-015

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Christians, 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

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[19-1354](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Local Business District to the Special Multiple District allowing for an apartment building at 1033 Caledonia St.

Ord. 5112. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 7 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Padesky, Olson, Happel, Christians

No: 6 - Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[19-1113](#)

Amended Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule adding fees for special event, march and public assembly permits; deleting fees for special event outdoor cabaret licenses and parade permits and amending fees for carnival, circus or menageries.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Richmond, that the Resolution be AMENDED decreasing fees as proposed to Council 10-10-2019.

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Janssen, to OPEN public hearing. The motion carried 11-2 (Weaver and Gaul voted no).

The following persons spoke in Opposition: Elaine Yager, Dave Clements, Tami Plourde

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Olson, to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried 12-1 (Kahlow voted no).

A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Padesky, that the Resolution be REFERRED 30 days. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Medinger, Christians

No: 4 - Weaver, Ostrem, Gaul, Happel

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Padesky, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[19-1103](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Chapter 39; to repeal and recreate section 2-2(b)(14); to repeal section 2-2(b)(23); to amend sections 4-181 and 4-182(a)(4); to amend various sections of Chapter 6; to repeal and recreate sections 10-394(7) and 10-757(17); to amend certain sections in Chapter 10, Article IV; to repeal and recreate Chapter 10, Article VIII; to amend section 32-134(b)(5); to amend sections 40-103 and 40-107; to repeal and recreate Chapter 40, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to the creation of special event permit policies and procedures.

Ord. 5113. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[19-1284](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Local Business District to the Single Family District allowing single-family home at 957 Hood St.

Ord. 5114. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[19-1355](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - General and Heavy Industrial District to the Planned Development District - General allowing mixed use development at 11, 26 and 41 Copeland Avenue (Riverside North Development).

Ord. 5115. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[19-1399](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Article VII, Division 3 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the Capital Budget.

Ord. 5116. For complete ordinance, see p. ____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[19-0772](#)

Resolution approving lease with La Crosse Skyrockers, Inc. for 2019-2022.

2019-10-016

[19-1098](#)

Resolution approving right of way vacation located at Decorah Place.

2019-10-017

- [19-1253](#) Resolution approving the hiring of a contractor to inspect the Pammel Creek Sanitary Sewer Force Main.
2019-10-018
- [19-1356](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the State/Municipal Agreement for the Reconstruction of South Avenue from Green Bay Street to Ward Avenue (Project I.D. #1641-02-02,22,72,82).
2019-10-019
- [19-1357](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the State/Municipal Agreement for the Reconstruction of La Crosse Street from Oakland Street to Losey Boulevard (Project I.D. #7575-07-03,73,83).
2019-10-020
- [19-1364](#) Resolution approving right-of-entry with the United States of America to allow the United States Army Corps of Engineers to place dredged material on Isle La Plume.
2019-10-021
- [19-1366](#) Resolution approving Reporting Responsibility Policy to be added to the Employee Handbook.
2019-10-022
- [19-1389](#) Resolution authorizing the filling of a new position of Water Resource Specialist for the Stormwater Utility.
2019-10-023
- [19-1390](#) Resolution approving reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for the Finance Department.
2019-10-024
- [19-1391](#) Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a 2018 AFG Grant with release of associated matching funds.
2019-10-025
- [19-1413](#) Resolution approving purchase of NEOGOV Insight Applicant Tracking System software.
2019-10-026

[19-1415](#)

Resolution authorizing an agreement with PetData, Inc. to provide pet licensing services.

2019-10-027

[19-1417](#)

Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2019-20 (October).

2019-10-028

Adjournment

A motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Padesky, to ADJOURN at 7:21 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.