Resolution reallocating carryover funds for special summer youth employment program.

## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, providing opportunities for work, leadership and learning to La Crosse's young people is vital to the community; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization effort should include a summer youth employment program geared toward improving public spaces and neighborhood housing stock by providing opportunities for young people to work, learn and develop leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, said summer youth employment program is to be managed by Wisconsin Conservation Corps "WisCorps" for approximately six weeks starting in June to include up to two (2) work crews each with six (6) to eight (8) youth workers from the Powell-Poage-Hamilton, Washburn, Holy Trinity-Longfellow and Lower Northside Depot neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, said work crews will be tasked with various projects including park improvements and maintenance, tree and shrub plantings, housing paint and fix-up projects, and recreational trail improvements and maintenance, among other tasks, to improve La Crosse's neighborhoods and public spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes the reallocation of \$50,000 in carryover funds from the General Expenses (account 1004205 599002), plus \$12,500 from the Contingency account to fund a special summer youth employment program beginning in June of 2016 for the purposes of improving public spaces and neighborhood housing stock and to provide our young people with opportunities for working and learning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crosse will enter into an agreement with WisCorps to manage and administer all aspects of the summer youth employment program, with in-depth involvement by the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, La Crosse School District and the Mayor's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council directs the Mayor, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director and Finance Director to take the actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on April 14, 2016.

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk City of La Crosse, Wisconsin