



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, February 12, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 14 - Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Olivia Stine, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Mackenzie Mindel, Aron Newberry, Jennifer Trost, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston, Rosanne Northwood

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Dickinson, that to **APPROVE** minutes of January 8, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[26-0145](#)

2025 La Crosse Police Department Annual Report.

2026-02-001

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Notices and Discussions

Mayor Washington-Spivey acknowledged the Boy Scout Troop present at the meeting and paid his respects to Pat Stephens who recently passed away. Council Member Weston acknowledged February as Black History Month and as part of the celebrations recognized important citizens in the La Crosse Community, past and present. Council Member Janssen noted upcoming events at La Crosse Center and thanked staff for all their work. Council Member Padesky noted that he prefers the normal Council seating. Council President Dickinson gave condolences to the family of long-time Aviation Board member William Blank; she also noted that the Airport received the LADCO Presidents Award, and she welcomed Lauren Koss as the new Airport Director. Council Member Goggin recognized Jorrey Olson's promotion to Sergeant and gave a thank you to Law Enforcement. Goggin also gave thanks to La Crosse Center staff.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[26-0155](#)

Resolution approving 2025/2026 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in February 2026.

2026-02-002

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[26-0147](#)

Arts Board: Alex Fowler. Board of Zoning Appeals: James Cherf. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Stephanie Hanna. Floodplain Advisory Committee: Eric Crammond. Library Board: Hannah Amann. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: William Bonadurer, Taylor Keene.

2026-02-003

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Kahlow, that the Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 2 - Goggin, Janssen

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE XV & IX FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (2/3 Vote Required)

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Dickinson, to SUSPEND COUNCIL RULE XV and RULE IX for 26-0092 and 26-0162. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[26-0087](#)

Report of Bids for the 2026 Citywide Miscellaneous Curb, Ramp, and Sidewalk Replacement Project.

2026-02-004

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Dickinson, that the Report of Bids be REJECTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Bedford

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[26-0086](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Larson Construction Co, Inc. in the amount of \$84,897.50 for the Neidbalski Bridge Repair project.

2026-02-005

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[26-0088](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$48,846.50 for the 2026 Citywide Miscellaneous Alley Pavement Replacement project.

2026-02-006

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[24-1287](#)

A CHARTER ORDINANCE to create Section 19 of Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse creating the position, duties and responsibilities of the Office of the City Administrator and removing duties from the Office of the Mayor.

2026-02-007

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Northwood, that the Charter Ordinance be NOT ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[26-0061](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding dumpster permits under Subsection 40-13 and 40-106(11) of the La Crosse Municipal Code.

2026-02-008

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Newberry that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be AMENDED to adjust fee schedule to \$75 for Downtown District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 2 - Dickinson, Trost

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

Yes: 12 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Dickinson

[26-0085](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Commercial District to the Planned Development District - Specific, allowing for a mix of uses including commercial, retail, and office spaces, a recycling facility, and future construction of approximately five apartment units and a building for a retail or food establishment at 4329 East Avenue S. and 4342, 4344, 4348, and 4354 Mormon Coulee Rd.

ORD. 5359. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Goggin

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[25-1265](#)

Amended Resolution providing course of action to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation with respect to Alternatives for USH 53 Corridor Study, from King Street to La Crosse Street.

2026-02-009

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Northwood that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Trost, that the Resolution be AMENDED to add language explaining additional alternatives by the DOT including Hybrid Alt 3 and recommend Hybrid Alt 3 option. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Northwood

No: 6 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Padesky, Bedford, Weston

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

Yes: 10 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Northwood

No: 3 - Goggin, Janssen, Weston

[26-0058](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create chapter 6, Article I, Section 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding harassment of service animals.

ORD. 5360. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Northwood

No: 1 - Weston

[26-0071](#)

A SECOND AMENDED CHARTER ORDINANCE to create Section 20 of Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse creating the position, duties and responsibilities of the Office of the City Administrator and removing duties from the Office of the Mayor.

2026-02-010

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Northwood, that the Charter Ordinance be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Weston, that the Charter Ordinance be AMENDED per Sleznikow proposed amendment posted 2.10.2026 with changes only to Section I (c), (f)6., (g)2., and Section VI (b) and Section VII. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Dickinson

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Weston, that the Charter Ordinance be AMENDED per Sleznikow proposed amendment posted 2.12.2026 with changes to Sec VI(a) to remove current language and to add new language regarding effective date with options. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Goggin, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 2 - Dickinson, Janssen

A motion was made by Weston, seconded by Trost that the Charter Ordinance be AMENDED per Weston proposed Amendment dated 2.10.2026 with changes to Section I (f)2 and Section VI (b).

A motion was made by Bedford, seconded by Trost, to DIVIDE the question to vote on the amendments separately. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

No: 1 - Dickinson

A motion was made by Weston, seconded by Trost, to AMEND Section I (f)2. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Weston

No: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Northwood

A motion was made by Weston, seconded by Trost, to AMEND Section VI (b).

A motion was made by Bedford, seconded by Padesky, that Amend the amendment to Section VI (b) to include a combination of Sleznikow amendment and Weston proposed amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

CM Northwood left her seat prior to the vote.

**A motion was made by Weston, seconded by Trost, to AMEND as AMENDED.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel,
Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston

Excused: 1 - Northwood

The Council took a short recess and all returned to their seats.

Mayor Washington-Spivey relinquished the chair to Council President Dickinson to provide his comments and then returned to his seat.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Northwood, that the Charter Ordinance be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion failed by the following vote (2/3 supermajority vote of the Council required to adopt Charter Ordinance):

Yes: 7 - Sleznikow, Stine, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Weston, Northwood

No: 6 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow, Padesky, Bedford

[26-0081](#)

Resolution approving application of Green Circle Recovery LLC for Junk Dealer License at 3019 Commerce Street and request for waiver of the 1,000 foot requirement pursuant to Municipal Code Sec. 10-460(b).

2026-02-011

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel,
Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[25-1472](#)

Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Employee Lease Agreement by and between Tri-State Ambulance, Inc. and La Crosse Fire Department.

2026-02-012

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel,
Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

[26-0092](#)

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Lauren Koss as Director of the La Crosse Regional Airport effective February 13, 2026.

2026-02-013

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel,
Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [25-1307](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend section 103-104 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to clarify code language regarding value of the building to be used.
ORD. 5361. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [26-0055](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 40-13(a), adding two definitions to Section 40-103, to create Section 40-106(11), to renumber Section 40-106(11) to 40-106(12), and to amend Sections 2.2(b)(4) and 2.36(6) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding dumpster permits.
ORD. 5362. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.
- [26-0004](#) Resolution amending Appendix C of the Municipal Code for the City of La Crosse entitled "Fee Schedule" correcting errors and omissions.
2026-02-014
- [26-0022](#) Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds to the Redevelopment Authority of La Crosse for the Project Manager contract.
2026-02-015
- [26-0023](#) Resolution approving transfer of Tax Incremental District 18 funds as a contribution to the Redevelopment Authority for acquisition of properties for River Point District.
2026-02-016
- [26-0036](#) Resolution reallocating American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA) from the Marsh Lead Contamination Allocation to Carroll Park Improvements, CIP #440.
2026-02-017
- [26-0038](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2025-2026 (February).
2026-02-018

[26-0078](#)

Resolution amending the 2026 Airport Operating Budget to fulfill air service incentive program obligations.

2026-02-019

ITEM FOR POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION

[26-0162](#)

Discussion and possible action regarding lease with Pettibone Park Resort, LLC. *(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following such closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

2026-02-020

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Stine, to convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. The motion carried by unanimously.

Unanimous consent to reconvene in OPEN SESSION.

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Northwood, to approve option number 1. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Stine, Kahlow, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.