



Meeting Minutes
Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 5, 2013

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call To Order, Roll Call

Present: 8 - Audrey Kader, Paul Medinger, Ryan Cornett, Douglas Happel, Peg Jerome, Katherine Svitavsky, Richard Swantz and Marilyn Wigdahl

Committee

- 13-0421** 2013 Communication from the City Assessor relative to additional corrections of prior year's assessment and tax rolls.
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Communication be RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SAME to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl
- 13-0459** Resolution approving lease agreement and terms with Midwestern Wheels, Inc.
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl
- 13-0470** Resolution approving contracts with CenturyLink for PRI and Internet Service.
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl
- 13-0471** Preliminary Resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under Secs. 66.0829 and 66.0703 Wisconsin Statutes to levy special assessments for the cost of operating and maintaining the parking system in downtown La Crosse.
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0472 Resolution authorizing Information Systems & Technology Department to purchase additional Laserfische software licenses.

A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0474 Resolution accepting the 2013 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant, releasing 2013 CIP funds and authorizing the City of La Crosse Arts Board to solicit funds to support a community engagement process, curricula in art making for local students, and completion of a mural(s) in the City of La Crosse.

A motion was made by Douglas Happel, seconded by Marilyn Wigdahl, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0476 City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Financial Statements with Independent Auditors' Report as of December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Marilyn Wigdahl, seconded by Douglas Happel, that the Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0477 City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Federal and State Single Audit Reports as of December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0478 City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Independent Auditors' Report on Communications with Those Charged With Governance as of December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

- 13-0484** Resolution delaying second phase of Sanitary Sewer rate increases.
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl
- 13-0482** Resolution amending the effective date for the safe harbor in the determination of "full time employee" for health plan eligibility purposes as required under the Affordable Care Act.
- This Resolution was RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole due back on 9/10/2013**
- 13-0485** Resolution regarding Water Utility Financial Status.
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl
- 13-0486** Resolution authorizing the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to purchase outdoor furnishings for new open air shelter at Black River Beach Neighborhood Center.
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl
- 13-0487** Resolution authorizing the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and the Park Board Commission to negotiate a long term use agreement with the Julia Belle Swain Foundation for use of a portion of the Riverside Park Levee and/or Jay Street Levee for the Julia Belle Swain steamboat.
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0488 Resolution authorizing the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and the Park Board Commission to negotiate a long term use and development agreement with the Star of the Sea, LLC for use of a portion of Copeland Park for a docking facility and marina.

A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0489 Resolution approving official newspaper.

A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0502 Resolution approving partial release of covenants and restrictions included within Gundersen Lutheran Development Agreement. (Note: The committee(s) and/or Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following any closed session, the committee(s) and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

Refer to Common Council with direction to City Staff for clarification of tax exempt status, among other things, payment of municipal services.

This Resolution was RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED to the Committee of the Whole due back on 9/10/2013

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0525 Resolution reimbursing Parks Department Operational Budget with Capital Improvement Funds for miscellaneous unbudgeted costs incurred and approval of Architectural Agreement with respect to Riverside Band Shell Structure.

A motion was made by Richard Swantz, seconded by Marilyn Wigdahl, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

- 13-0543** Resolution approving lump sum payment for eligible employees covered in the collective bargaining agreement of Service Employees International Union Local #180 or Terms and Conditions of Employment for Non-Represented Employees.
(2/3 vote of Council req'd - Reserve Funds)
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl
- 13-0549** Resolution authorizing payment of invoices relating to employee investigations.
(2/3 vote req'd - Reserve Funds)
(Note: The committee(s) and/or Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel. Following any closed session, the committee(s) and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)
- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl
- 13-0552** Resolution approving a contract between the City of La Crosse and Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles for access to the Public Abstract Request System (PARS).
- This Resolution was RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole due back on 9/10/2013**
- 13-0553** Resolution approving the inclusion of new positions to the 2014 draft budgets for review by the Board of Estimates.
- This Resolution was RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole due back on 9/10/2013**
- 13-0556** Resolution authorizing payment of bills relating to defense of employment matters.
(2/3 vote req'd - Reserve Funds)
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- A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

13-0561

Resolution to purchase street light equipment for neighborhood streetscape.

A motion was made by Ryan Cornett, seconded by Richard Swantz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Committee of the Whole, due back on 9/10/2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Kader, Medinger, Cornett, Happel, Jerome, Svitavsky, Swantz and Wigdahl

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Collective Bargaining Update.

(Note: The committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. Following the closed session, the committee may reconvene in open session.) F&P item only, unless otherwise directed.

No Action Taken

Adjournment