



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Monday, November 17, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Annual Operating Budget meeting.
Draft until adopted by Council on 12/11/2025.

Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 13 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Slezniow, Olivia Stine, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Mackenzie Mindel, Aron Newberry, Jennifer Trost, Crystal Bedford, Lisa Weston, Rosanne Northwood

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Items (per Council Rule XV):

Public Hearing - 2026 Operating Budget

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Kahlow, to OPEN public hearing.
The motion carried unanimously.

The following spoke: Vicki Markussen and Linda Caponigro.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Newberry, to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

[25-1331](#)

Resolution approving Appendix C of the Municipal Code for the City of La Crosse entitled "Fee Schedule" effective January 1, 2026.

2025-11-013

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Weston, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Kahlow, that the Resolution be AMENDED to change billboard permit fee (111-36: off-premises sign annual permit fee per face) from \$20 to \$75. 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 Trost, seconded by Weston, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0651](#)

Resolution approving the 2026 Operating Budget.

2025-11-014

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Weston, that the Resolution be ADOPTED.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Padesky, that the Resolution be AMENDED to include operating budget changes (from Finance). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Padesky, that the Resolution be AMENDED to add the adjusted FTE List. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Goggin

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move \$50,000 from Workforce Study to Library (to fund from July 2026 to December 2026). The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow, Padesky

No: 8 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Stine, Mindel, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

Abstain: 1 - Newberry

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be AMENDED to move \$75,000 from Workforce Study and \$15,000 from Community Enhancement Fund to the Northside Pool for the 2026 season.

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Weston, to CALL THE QUESTION. The motion passed on a vote of 10 to 3 (No: Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow).

The motion to amend (funding to Northside Pool) failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow, Padesky

No: 9 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Stine, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Goggin, that the Resolution be AMENDED to eliminate the Communications Coordinator position with funds going to Police Department. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow

No: 10 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Stine, Padesky, Mindel, Newberry, Trost, Bedford, Weston, Northwood

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

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

No: 3 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Dickinson, that the Resolution be RECONSIDERED (to add an additional amendment and reopen public hearing). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Northwood, that the Resolution be AMENDED to change amount of tax to be levied from \$42,913,378 to \$42,691,312. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Kahlow

Non-Voting: 1 - Goggin

[25-0651](#)

Resolution approving the 2026 Operating Budget.

A motion was made by Newberry, seconded by Northwood, to OPEN public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

No speakers.

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Newberry, to CLOSE public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

No: 3 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow

[25-1126](#)

Resolution adopting the 2026 Council Meeting Calendar.

2025-11-015

A motion was made by Goggin, 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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.