



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, August 3, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call To Order, Roll Call

Chair Paul Medinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: 5 - Douglas Happel, Paul Medinger, Barb Janssen, Phillip A. Ostrem, David D. Marshall

Excused: 1 - Roger Christians

Agenda Items:

[17-0896](#)

Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property for the construction of watermain and all appurtenances on 17th Street between Jackson Street and Winnebago Street as well as between Market Street and Ferry Street in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, to open public hearing. The motion carried. The following person spoke in OPPOSITION: Wayne Ellefson, Sr., Emily Meyer.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, to close public hearing.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0850](#)

Resolution approving Tax Incremental Financing application for The Hub on 6th.

(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Committee and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Happel, to open public hearing. The motion carried. The following person spoke in FAVOR: Marvin Wanders.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Ostrem, to close public hearing. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0888](#)

Resolution approving the development of an engineering plan for the King Street Neighborhood Greenway based on the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee's concept plan recommendation.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, to open public hearing. The motion carried. The following person spoke in FAVOR: Carolyn Dvorak.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, to close public hearing. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0733](#)

Resolution approving release of 2016-2020 CIP funds for bicycle and pedestrian plan implementation projects.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, to open public hearing. The motion carried. The following person spoke in FAVOR: Carolyn Dvorak.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, to close public hearing. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0895](#)

Resolution approving 2017 Communication from the City Assessor relative to corrections of prior year's assessment and tax rolls.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED (\$5,222.58 from the Contingency Fund) to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0383](#)

Resolution authorizing sale of Lot 8 in the La Crosse International Business Park to Werner Electric.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0488](#)

Resolution approving the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Environmental Leadership Forum's (ELF) ten-year Land Management Plan for the City owned bluff and marshland-Stage 1.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0767](#)

Resolution to submit and accept a DNR Recreational Trails Aids matching grant for trail maintenance and rehabilitation.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0802](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule to include a fee for Junk Dealer - Waiver of 1,000 foot requirement.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0831](#)

Resolution approving the purchase of a dump box and snow plow hitch for the Street Department.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0860](#)

Resolution authorizing Airport lease agreement with the General Services Administration.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Marshall, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0867](#)

Resolution accepting the donation of a framed painting for the airport terminal military lounge.

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0876](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Engineer to purchase and install four (4) indicator signs on Losey Boulevard and appropriation of funds.

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0878](#)

Resolution appropriating additional funds to the City of La Crosse Highway Department's Concrete (Cement) Account in order to reconstruct additional streets in 2017.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0891](#)

Resolution authorizing Water Utility to submit water rate review to Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0892](#)

Resolution authorizing the appropriation of funds to continue the Trail Management Program.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0894](#)

Resolution appropriating funds for the continued land acquisition and development program.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0900](#)

Resolution approving City of La Crosse restated Fund Balance Policy.

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0909](#)

Resolution and report of the Board of Public Works on the costs of operating and maintaining the parking system in downtown La Crosse.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, to amend with sum of \$109,287.78 with amended schedule of benefits. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0924](#)

Resolution approving Pipeline Easement with Northern Natural Gas Company.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0934](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule to increase various fees as a result of charges incurred to the Police Department in conducting background checks.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0943](#)

Initial Resolution authorizing not exceeding \$15,600,000 general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0950](#)

Resolution approving agreements for third party administrators of the City's medical benefit plan for 2018.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0951](#)

Resolution approving a reclassification for the position of Courtesy and Information Representative.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0952](#)

Resolution authorizing new positions to the 2018 operating budget.

A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0954](#)

Resolution directing the advertisement and sale of approximately \$15,600,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2017-D, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-1009](#)

Resolution authorizing the Engineering Department to purchase TID #11 2018 Streetscaping Lighting Equipment and appropriation of funds.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Happel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/10/2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Janssen, Ostrem, Marshall

Excused: 1 - Christians

[17-0001](#)

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.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Marshall, to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Ostrem, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, to adjourn. The motion carried.