



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, August 5, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center
1300 6th St S

Call To Order

Chair Happel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Douglas Happel, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Rebecca Schwarz, Mark Neumann
Absent: 1 - Mac Kiel

Agenda Items:

Mac Kiel arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Present: 6 - Douglas Happel, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Mac Kiel, Rebecca Schwarz, Mark Neumann

[21-0874](#)

Resolution approving partial vacation of State Street west of Front Street.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz, Neumann

[21-0985](#)

Resolution authorizing acceptance of an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Community Challenge grant for the purpose of assisting local businesses accommodate people using wheelchairs.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz, Neumann

[21-1002](#)

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 Janssen, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz, Neumann

[21-1005](#)

Resolution appropriating additional TID 14 funds for Trane Pickleball Courts project.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1006](#)

Amended Resolution appropriating additional Sanitary Sewer Reserve Funds for Copeland Park Sanitary Sewer Lining project.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Schwarz to AMEND AS PROPOSED; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1009](#)

Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Regional Airport to accept Federal funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act for eligible concessionaires.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Kiel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1015](#)

Resolution appointing Matthew Gallager as Interim Director of Engineering & Public Works.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Kiel, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1032](#)

Resolution approving Step 8 for hiring wage for Housing/Building Inspector position.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1037](#)

Amended Resolution approving adjusted wage rates for part time, seasonal and casual city employees effective August 20, 2021.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow to AMEND AS PROPOSED; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1060](#)

Resolution adding new position of Homeless Services Coordinator to the Department of Planning, Development & Assessment.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Schwarz, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1065](#)

Resolution appropriating additional TID 14 funds for Joseph Houska Drive project.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1066](#)

Amended Resolution authorizing City of La Crosse acceptance of its 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the U.S. Treasury.

Unanimous consent to AMEND AS PROPOSED.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1070](#)

Resolution appropriating additional TID 14 funds for All Abilities Trane Park project.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz,Neumann

[21-1093](#)

Resolution approving the acceptance of a Shuttered Venue Operator's Grant (SVOG) from the Federal Government on behalf of the La Crosse Center.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz, Neumann

[21-1150](#)

Amended Resolution appropriating additional funds for the investigation of Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAs) contamination at the Airport near Wells 23 & 24.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Neumann to AMEND AS PROPOSED; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz, Neumann

[21-0887](#)

Amended Resolution approving development agreement for 5th Ward Residences.

(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.)

Unanimous consent to convene in CLOSED SESSION.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kiel to reconvene in OPEN SESSION; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen to AMEND AS PROPOSED; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council on 8/12/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kiel, Schwarz, Neumann

[21-0001](#)

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.

No action taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Schwarz to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; the motion carried.