



Meeting Minutes
Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Dick Swantz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

Present: 17 - Andrea Richmond, Dempsey Miller, Ryan Cornett, Jai Johnson, Katherine Svitavsky, David J. Krump, James Cherf, Robert Seaquist, Richard Becker, Peg Jerome, Audrey Kader, Sara Sullivan, Francis J. Formanek, Paul Medinger, Douglas Happel, Marilyn Wigdahl, and Richard Swantz

Judiciary and Administration Committee

[14-0504](#)

Various license applications pursuant to Chapter 20 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2013-14 (May through June).

A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Johnson, that the Application be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

Non-Voting: 1 - Richmond

[14-0375](#)

AN ORDINANCE to create Subsection 7.01(X) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding social hosting.

Unanimous consent to open public hearing. The following persons spoke in FAVOR: Ed Kondracki, Randy Nelson. Unanimous consent to close public hearing.

A motion was made by Wigdahl, seconded by Cornett, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0468](#)

Application of La Crosse Hotel Group LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 2nd and La Crosse Streets for demolition of existing building and pavement areas allowing for development of hotel and parking.

A motion was made by Wigdahl, seconded by Medinger, that the Application be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0470](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - Specific to the Planned Development District - Specific at 2344 State Road 16 allowing for construction of a duplex.

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Svitavsky, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0308](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Public/Semi-Public District to the Community Business District to allow property to be used as student housing at 400 4th St. N.

Motion by Richmond, seconded by Becker, to open public hearing; carried unanimously by voice vote. The following spoke in FAVOR: Steve O'Malley. Motion by Richmond, seconded by Becker to close public hearing; carried unanimously by voice vote. Motion by Medinger, seconded by Cornett, to open public hearing a second time; carried by voice vote (Cherf opposed). Steve O'Malley answered questions. Motion by Krump, seconded by Richmond, to close public hearing; carried unanimously on voice vote.

A motion was made by Jerome, seconded by Cornett, that the Ordinance be AMENDED to approve CPC report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

Abstain: 1 - Kader

A motion was made by Jerome, seconded by Cornett, that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Becker, Jerome, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

No: 3 - Richmond, Cherf, Seaquist

Abstain: 1 - Kader

[14-0412](#)

Request of Donald Greengrass and Vivek Pande dba Greengrass Cafe for permission to apply for a Combination Class "B" Beer & Liquor license at 1904 Campbell Road.

A motion was made by Kader, seconded by Medinger, that the Communication be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0467](#)

Request for Exception to Standards for Commercial Design by La Crosse Hotel Group LLC for the hotel project at 2nd and La Crosse Streets allowing for a waiver of landscape buffer and parking setback requirements.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Sullivan, that the Application be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

Finance and Personnel Committee

[14-0409](#)

Resolution authorizing the Finance Department to participate in the State of Wisconsin purchasing card program.

Refer to Thursday with no recommendation

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Formanek, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0410](#)

Resolution updating and consolidating the Purchasing Policy for the City of La Crosse.

Refer to Thursday with no recommendation

A motion was made by Wigdahl, seconded by Krump, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0411](#)

Resolution updating and consolidating the Travel Policy for the City of La Crosse.

Refer to Thursday with no recommendation

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Svitavsky, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED to the Common Council, due back on 5/8/2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

Consent

A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Krump, to approve the committee recommendations for the balance of the items as follows. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Richmond, Miller, Cornett, Johnson, Svitavsky, Krump, Cherf, Seaquist, Becker, Jerome, Kader, Sullivan, Formanek, Medinger, Happel, Wigdahl, Swantz

[14-0353](#)

Resolution authorizing negotiations and authority to enter into a hangar agreement with TDM Inc.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0354](#)

Resolution authorizing the Airport to contract with Leibowitz AMC to Amend PFC Application 10.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0355](#)

Resolution authorizing the Airport to petition the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0356](#)

Resolution authorizing the Airport to file its Airport Statement of Project Intentions and pursue state and federal funding.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0357](#)

Resolution authorizing repairs to T-Hangars.

Recommended to be Adopted

[14-0358](#)

Resolution approving Gift Shop/Restaurant Concession Agreement with Oakwells Consumer Rail LLC.

Recommended to be Adopted

- [14-0372](#) AN ORDINANCE to annex a parcel of land from the Town of Campbell to the City of La Crosse (1938 Nakomis Avenue - Lakowske).
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0373](#) Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval pursuant to Sec. 66.0217(2), Wis. Stats. of land from the Town of Campbell to the City of La Crosse (1938 Nakomis Ave - Lakowske).
Recommended to be Accepted and Filed
- [14-0378](#) Resolution authorizing purchase of a new truck and plow for the Public Works Department.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0379](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 15.02(B) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by adding thereto new territory and making additions and corrections to the zoning map. (Nakomis Ave - Binsfeld Property).
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0385](#) Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from the proceeds of an obligation.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0386](#) Resolution approving annual stormwater permit report.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0389](#) Application of Jette LLC dba Spanky's Saloon for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License at 411 3rd St S for Special Event on May 10, 2014 and resolution approving same.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0392](#) Resolution approving the North Side Municipal Dock Sub-Lease (Loggers and Hanke).
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0408](#) 2013 La Crosse Fire Department Community Report.
Recommended to be Accepted and Filed
- [14-0416](#) Resolution appropriating additional funds to pay Pember Companies, Inc. for added work on the Chad Erickson Memorial Park & Vietnam Veterans Pond Improvement Project from the accepted La Crosse Community Foundation Grant.
Recommended to be Adopted

- [14-0417](#) Resolution appropriating additional funds to pay Wieser Brothers General Contractor, Inc. for added work on the Chad Erickson Memorial Park and Vietnam Veterans Pond Improvements Phase II from the accepted La Crosse Community Foundation Grant.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0419](#) Resolution authorizing the City Engineer to hire a consultant for City Wide Storm Water Modeling and Needs Assessment and appropriation of funds.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0421](#) Resolution approving a contract between the City of La Crosse and Custom Benefit Administrators to provide administration services for the City's medical benefit plan effective January 1, 2014.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0422](#) Resolution approving a contract between the City of La Crosse and Gundersen Health Plan to provide administration services for the City's medical benefit plan effective January 1, 2014.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0423](#) Resolution approving a one-year agreement between the City of La Crosse and Healics Inc. for health risk assessment (HRA) services effective May 1, 2014.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0425](#) Resolution approving a contract with the National Charrette Institute (NCI) for training and authorization of funds for same.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0426](#) Resolution supporting an event celebrating International Migratory Bird Day at Myrick Hixon Eco Park.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0427](#) Resolution requiring the streamlining and improving of solar permitting in the Municipal Code.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0428](#) Resolution approving updated State Municipal Agreement for Safe Routes to School.
Recommended to be Adopted

- [14-0429](#) Resolution releasing funds from the 2013-2017 and 2014-2018 CIP budget for bicycle and pedestrian improvements as outlined in the adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0430](#) Resolution authorizing Public Improvement and Levying Special Assessments against Benefitted Property in La Crosse, Wisconsin: Sanitary Sewer Main on Denton St from 19th St. to 20th St.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0431](#) Resolution appropriating funds for the purchase of Video and LED Street Lighting equipment at select signalized intersections.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0432](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 8.02 (X) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to streamline administration of Orders to Correct for Refuse and Recyclable Material Nuisances.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0433](#) Resolution authorizing Public Improvement and Levying Special Assessments against Benefitted Property in La Crosse, Wisconsin: Sanitary Sewer Main on Division St. from 4th St. to 5th St.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0434](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 7.01 (1)(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to streamline administration of Orders to Correct for Storage of Personalty.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0435](#) Resolution authorizing the Board of Park Commissioners to designate user fees for specific park improvement funds.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0436](#) Resolution approving the Pay and Classification Study.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0440](#) Resolution authorizing modifications to the City of La Crosse claims process and management.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0442](#) Resolution authorizing use of unexpended capital equipment to purchase office furniture for Legal Department.
Recommended to be Adopted

- [14-0450](#) Resolution authorizing professional services with Knight Engineering for signal design at Losey Boulevard & Green Bay Street and appropriation for same.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0469](#) Application of Golden Taps LLC (Bijan Jadali) for a Conditional Use Permit at 520 State Street allowing for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license and resolution approving same.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0478](#) Resolution adopting a Public Participation Plan as part of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0481](#) Resolution extending the Agreement for Organizational Assessment Services with Reinvention, LLC.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0527](#) Resolution approving the appointment of Kelly Branson as interim Director of Finance effective upon the retirement of the Director of Finance.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0529](#) Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept a Wisconsin Department of Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant.
Recommended to be Adopted
- [14-0537](#) Resolution authorizing negotiations for the Public Safety Radio System.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended
- [14-0540](#) Resolution authorizing the Police Department to procure a Tactical Incident Response Vehicle and release of funds.
Recommended to be Adopted as Amended

Adjournment

Motion by Richmond, seconded by Becker, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.