



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, October 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 13 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Jenasea Hameister, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Sleznikow, to APPROVE minutes of September 14, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[23-1105](#)

Financial Statements with Independent Auditors Report as of December 31, 2022.

2023-10-001

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kiel, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[23-1106](#)

Single Audit with Independent Auditors Report as of December 31, 2022.

2023-10-002

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Kahlow, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[23-1172](#)

Engineering Monthly Progress Report.

2023-10-003

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Neumann, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[23-1189](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of August 2023.

2023-10-004

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Report be RECEIVED AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Notices and Discussions

Larry Sleznikow noted that the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan will be getting an update and shared the many opportunities available for public input.

Mayor Reynolds noted that he issued a proclamation for White Cane Safety Day, which is on October 15th. He also noted that this week is National Fire Prevention week and thanked staff members intently involved in Oktoberfest events. He noted a very successful Indigenous Peoples Day, an event that has grown over the years and this year the first traditional la crosse games in the last 200 years were played. The Mayor hosted first annual meeting Northern Grain Belt Ports in La Crosse. He also recognized of Doug Farmer for his service on La Crosse Center Board following his recent resignation.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[23-1188](#)

Resolution approving 2023 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in October 2023.

2023-10-005

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[23-1201](#)

Municipal Transit Utility Board: Appoint Andrew Ericson.

2023-10-006

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Dickinson, that the Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE XV FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (2/3 Vote Required)

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, to SUSPEND Council Rule XV for items 23-1173 and 23-1174. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-1036](#)

Resolution approving Request of Three Sixty Real Estate Solutions, LLC for extension on start of construction for development at 2415 State Rd pursuant to Municipal Code sec. 115-156(i)(1).

2023-10-007

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 1 - Woodard

[23-1075](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 44-71 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse concerning the speed limit on a section of County Highway B.

Ord. 5263. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Kahlow, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost

No: 2 - Happel, Neumann

Abstain: 1 - Woodard

[23-1076](#)

Resolution approving Application of Tellurian Behavior Health for a Conditional Use Permit at 1720 Jackson Street, allowing for a Community Living Arrangement.

2023-10-008

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

Yes: 11 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 2 - Kahlow, Woodard

[23-1114](#)

Resolution approving and appropriating funds for the La Crosse Center improvements.

2023-10-009

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

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE REFERRED

[23-0791](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Special Multiple Dwelling District to the Planned Development District - General allowing for construction of approximately 14 2-bedroom homes at 5917 River Run Rd.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Ordinance be REFERED 60 days to the December 2023 meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

No: 1 - Trost

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[23-0977](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing and recreating Section 101 Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Ord. 5264. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Schwarz, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Hameister, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Schwarz, to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-1048](#)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate Section 101-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding certified survey maps for lot splits or alterations.

Ord. 5265. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[23-1003](#)

Resolution approving a professional services agreement with MSA to review policies and ordinances for compliance with 2017 Wisconsin Act 67.

2023-10-010

[23-1027](#)

Resolution approving Request of Paragon Square LLC for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 1904 Campbell Rd. for the license year 2023-24.

2023-10-011

[23-1049](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding fee for review of certified survey maps in the La Crosse Municipal Code.

2023-10-012

[23-1072](#)

Resolution approving Application of Casino LAX LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 304 Pearl St, allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor license.

2023-10-013

- [23-1083](#) Resolution approving Second Amendment to the Development Agreement between Spies Construction, LLC and the City of La Crosse for the former Navy Reserve site.
2023-10-014
- [23-1100](#) Resolution designating Downtown Mainstreet, Inc. as the concessionaire for the La Crosse Center, along with authorization for "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Permit.
2023-10-015
- [23-1117](#) Resolution changing the source of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for residential development in the floodplain.
2023-10-016
- [23-1118](#) Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin - Sanitary Sewer Construction on 21st Street S.
2023-10-017
- [23-1119](#) Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin - Sanitary Sewer Construction on Sill Street.
2023-10-018
- [23-1120](#) Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin - Water Utility Construction on St. Cloud Street.
2023-10-019
- [23-1123](#) Various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2023-2024 (October).
2023-10-020
- [23-1132](#) Resolution reallocating funds for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update for community engagement and marketing.
2023-10-021
- [23-1136](#) Resolution to approve adjusted wage rates for part time, seasonal and casual city employees effective October 13, 2023, and January 1, 2024.
2023-10-022

[23-1173](#)

Resolution approving Unum for a voluntary employee paid vision plan, effective January 1, 2024.

2023-10-023

[23-1174](#)

Amended Resolution approving an agreement between the City of La Crosse and ASI Flex to provide third party administration services for the City's I.R.S. Section #125 Plan for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.

2023-10-024

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.