



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda - Final-revised

Common Council

Thursday, May 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

The Common Council meeting is open for in-person attendance and will also be conducted through video conferencing. The meeting can be viewed by visiting the Legislative Information Center (<https://cityoflacrosse.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>) and clicking on the video link to the far right in the meeting list.

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Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Chaplain Ann Wales, La Crosse Jail Ministry

Council Member Appointment to the Executive Committee

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 13, 2023 regular and April 18, 2023 organizational meeting

Reports

[23-0490](#) Engineering Monthly Progress Report.

[23-0536](#) Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the month of March 2023.

Notices and Discussions

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[23-0535](#) Resolution approving 2023 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in May 2023.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR[23-0498](#)

Common Council Emergency Interim Successors - 2023.

[23-0532](#)

Aviation Board: Tamra Dickinson. Arts Board: Mark Neumann. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Larry Sleznikow, Brooke Pataska. Boundary Agreement Task Force: Doug Happel, Mark Neumann, Jennifer Trost. Building and Housing Appeals Board: Kevin Kellogg. Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Larry Sleznikow. City Plan Commission: Jennifer Trost, Jenasea Hameister. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee: Mackenzie Mindel. EMS Contract Negotiating Committee: Doug Happel, Erin Goggin. Heritage Preservation Commission: Mackenzie Mindel. Human Rights Commission: Claire Bakalars, Mac Kiel. International Committee: Chris Woodard. Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners: Mark Neumann, Jerome Gundersen. Joint Development Corporation: Chris Woodard, Chris Kahlow. La Crosse County Convention and Visitors Bureau: Barb Janssen. La Crosse Center Board: Barb Janssen. Library Board: Mac Kiel. Neighborhood Revitalization Commission: Larry Sleznikow, Jennifer Trost. Public Safety Communications Board: Doug Happel. Redevelopment Authority: Barb Janssen. Room Tax Commission: Jennifer Trost, Ben Stepanek. Weed Commissioners: Kelsey Hanson, Andrew Berzinski, David Reinhart, Jason Riley, Mike Suntken, Eddie Young, David Foster, Sarah Rafajko, James Woychik, Jeff Kepler.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED[23-0417](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$2,507,118.33 for the 2nd Street Reconstruction Project.

[23-0419](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Johnson Controls, Inc. in the amount of \$693,500.00 for the La Crosse Center Boiler Replacement.

[23-0420](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$683,221.33 for the LRIP Cliffwood Lane - 28th St to Seiler Lane Project.

[23-0422](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Brickl Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$591,275.00 for the Myrick Park Playground Phase 2 Improvements Project.

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED[23-0450](#)

Resolution approving Request of Northern Grounds Properties LLC for an Exception to Minimum Height Standards allowing for a drive-thru coffee kiosk at 224 La Crosse Street.

Motion to approve failed on a vote of 2-5 out of Judiciary & Administration Committee.

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[23-0244](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Single Family Residence to the Residence District allowing for the existing dwelling to be used as a duplex at 3019 Ward Avenue.

3/4 vote required to adopt; 20% objection rate has been met.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda will be approved with a single voice vote, based on the recommended actions, unless an item is removed at the request of the Mayor or a Council Member.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [23-0312](#) Resolution approving increased CIP costs for Boilers at the La Crosse Center.
- [23-0377](#) Resolution approving Application of K & M Chances R LLC dba Chances R for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at 417 Jay Street on June 3, 2023.
- [23-0381](#) Resolution recreating Council Rules (Appendix B of the Municipal Code).
- [23-0393](#) Resolution approving Application of The Charmant Hotel LLC dba The Charmant Hotel for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License & Street Privilege Permit for special event at the 100 Block of State Street on Friday, August 18, 2023.
- [23-0394](#) Preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessment powers under Secs 66.0829 and 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the operation and maintenance of a downtown parking system.
- [23-0396](#) Resolution amending membership of the City of La Crosse Racial Equity Team to ten (10) members.
- [23-0409](#) Resolution approving Application of Christopher and Kelly Jo Eberlein for a Conditional Use Permit at 4808 Stanley Court allowing for a detached garage.
- [23-0410](#) Resolution approving Application of Allan McCormick for a Conditional Use Permit at 455 Park Plaza Drive allowing for removal of structure and creation of green space for future development of a multi-story, mixed-use building.
- [23-0418](#) Amended Resolution transferring City-owned parcels to the Redevelopment Authority of La Crosse for the development of River Point District.
- [23-0421](#) Resolution authorizing funding for a design and bidding services contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) for Phase III (3) of River Point District.

- [23-0434](#) Resolution approving Application of Pump House Regional Arts Center, Inc. dba Pump House Regional Arts Center for an Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License for special event at 119 King Street on June 10, 2023.
- [23-0451](#) Resolution approving American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for costs associated with residential development in the floodplain.
- [23-0456](#) Resolution granting Various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2022-2023 (May).

DISCUSSION ITEM FOR CLOSED SESSION

- [23-0540](#) Update on La Crosse River Marsh Lead Contamination. *(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 Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

Adjournment

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Council Members:

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