Resolution creating and re-allocating existing, unspent funds for new Capital Improvement project in the 700 block of 19th Street South.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a new elementary school is being constructed by the School District of La Crosse in the 900 block of East Avenue South, one block north of the previous site of district offices in the former Hogan Elementary School building; and

WHEREAS, the new building requires new sanitary lateral, water service, and stormwater connections for adequate and compliant utility services and connections, as part of the new building construction and occupancy, per the prior approval of the Design Review Committee process; and

WHEREAS, the residential properties on the east side of said block are serviced by non-compliant private long-laterals (sewer) and long-services (water) in said block due to the absence of sewer and water mains in said block; and

WHEREAS, the nearest available mains, in the block to the south, are not suitable for new connections; and

WHEREAS, installation of new mains, in accordance with Municipal Code and adopted utility policies, requires a project not in the existing year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget; and

WHEREAS, creation of a new project is prudent to timely and efficiently address multiple utility needs for property owners and rate payers, as well as to facilitate the timing of the construction and opening of the new elementary school; and

WHEREAS, creation of a project requires funding, as approved by the Common Council, with possible sources including, but not limited to, unused capital funds, utility operating funds, unbudgeted utility cash, revolving assessment funds, and assessments to property owners per existing Code; and

WHEREAS, the existing condition of the roadway may necessitate partial or full funding of roadway and surface infrastructure to be paid for by Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the project can be utilized with no new funding required, through the utilization of remaining funds from completed and/or under-budget Capital projects and purchases, and with no increase to borrowing or budgets; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of public health, safety, and welfare that such projects and funding be approved for expeditious implementation; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-360(c) of the Code of Ordinances states *Unanticipated projects/equipment*. Any Capital Project and Capital Equipment item not previously listed in the adopted Capital Budget requiring immediate funding from the Capital Budget will require a two-thirds vote of the Common Council members present at the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby creates and funds a public works project in said block, including adjacent intersections, as necessary, for complete utility systems and replacement of roadway and existing surface infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said project is approved via funding sources and amounts as provided herein:

Water ($170,000.00):

CIP 26436 (Ferry St) (Water)	$170,000.00

Sanitary ($150,000.00):

Sewer Restricted Bond Funds account 6356324 588000	$150,000

Storm ($200,000):

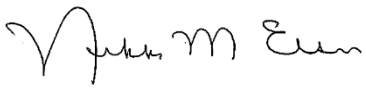
CIP 24183 (Moore St) (Storm)	$70,000.00
CIP 23756 (Rose St) (Storm)	$15,629.55
CIP 21168 (Pammel Creek) (Storm)	$46,674.74
CIP 24873 (Highland St) (Storm)	$67,695.71

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said project shall follow routine statutory construction bid processes, public bidding laws, and City of La Crosse policies for any necessary special assessments to property owners for utility improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to use portions of said funds for purchase of materials or equipment for said construction projects, if required in advance of, or as part of, said projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City departments and staff are hereby authorized to effectuate implementation of this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on June 11, 2026.



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Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin