



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, September 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

Roll Call

Present: 12 - Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Invocation

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Dickinson, to approve the Minutes of the August 8, 2024 special and regular meetings and the August 15, 2024 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[24-1209](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance for the Month of July.

2024-09-001

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

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

Notices and Discussions

Council Member Trost acknowledged the work of the streets department for their sign work and the craft labor and dedication to their work. Council Member Sleznikow noted the September 19 citywide bike rodeo in Copeland Park and from September 30 to October 5 is The Week without Driving. Council Member Janssen noted that the School District has reached out to neighborhood organizations for the referendum presentations and encouraged attendance. Mayor Reynolds acknowledged Police, Fire, Public Works, La Crosse Center, and the Airport for the preparation and facilitation of the visit by Gwen Walz on Tuesday and other recent high-profile visits. Mayor Reynolds also noted Oktoberfest is approaching and thanked staff for the many hours they will be working, particularly the Police.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[24-1201](#)

Resolution approving 2024 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in September 2024.

2024-09-002

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

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[24-1202](#)

Police and Fire Commission: Bruce Jentz. Housing Authority: Pete Sayner. Building & Housing Appeals Board: Erik Dahl.

2024-09-003

A motion was made by Woodard, seconded by Mindel, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, 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 Sleznikow, seconded by Janssen, to Suspend Council Rule XV for items 24-1178 and 24-1186. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BID/QUOTE RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-1076](#)

Report of Bids and Resolution awarding contract to Poellinger Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$69,846.00 for the Pettibone Park Lighting project.

2024-09-004

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, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[24-1045](#)

Report of Bids for the 2024 Carroll Park Improvements Re-Bid.

2024-09-005

A motion was made by Mindel, seconded by Schwarz, that the Report of Bids be REJECTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[24-1140](#)

Report of Bids for the 2024 Badger-Hickey Park Shelter project.

2024-09-006

A motion was made by Dickinson, seconded by Janssen, that the Report of Bids be REJECTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-0956](#)

Resolution Denying Application of Sughra Group of Companies LLC dba Sushi Pirate for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license at 212 Main St. for the 2024-2025 license period and appeal of denial by the Police Department.

(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

2024-09-007

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

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

[24-1105](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Washburn Residential & Public/Semi-Public District to the Multiple Dwelling District, allowing for the construction of multi-family residential townhomes at 918, 920, 922, 928, 934, and 940 Division Street.

ORD. 5304. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

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

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

No: 1 - Kahlow

[24-1150](#)

Resolution approving allocation of funds related to cleanup of areas in La Crosse wetland areas and contracted security related to public spaces.

2024-09-008

A motion was made by Trost, seconded by Dickinson, that the Resolution be DIVIDED to separate the cleanup funding from the security funding (see 24-1252 and 24-1253). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Dickinson, Sleznikow, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Neumann

No: 5 - Goggin, Janssen, Kahlow, Woodard, Happel

[24-1252](#)

Resolution approving allocation of funds related to cleanup of areas in La Crosse wetland areas.

2024-09-009

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Neumann, that the Resolution allocating clean-up funds not to exceed \$75,000 be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[24-1253](#)

Resolution approving allocation of funds related to contracted security related to public spaces.

2024-09-010

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution allocating security funds not to exceed \$195,000 be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Dickinson, Goggin, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Mindel, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

No: 3 - Kiel, Schwarz, Trost

[24-1151](#)

Resolution appropriating additional funds to the Pump House Regional Arts Center in connection with recent expansion and upgrade of the restroom facilities.

2024-09-011

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

Yes: 7 - Goggin, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Mindel, Woodard, Happel, Neumann

No: 5 - Dickinson, Janssen, Kiel, Schwarz, Trost

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[24-1085](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Residence District to the Single Family Residence District, allowing for the parcel at 1202 Bennett Street to be combined with the adjacent parcel to the west.

ORD. 5305. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[24-1089](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse by transferring certain property from the Public/Semi-Public District to the Planned Development District - General, allowing for the construction of residential rental units along with a community service space at 510 9th Street S.

ORD. 5306. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 12 of Ordinances.

[24-1061](#)

Resolution approving Certified Survey Map - All of Outlot 7 of River Point District and part of Government Lot 1 located in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 16 North, Range 7 West, in the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin and request for right-of-way dedication.

2024-09-012

[24-1106](#)

Resolution approving Application of La Crosse County (dba Hillview Health Care Center) for a Conditional Use Permit allowing for a Community Living Arrangement at 3501, 3503, 3505, 3507, 3509 Park Lane Dr. & 2851 33rd St. S.

2024-09-013

- [24-1110](#) Resolution approving Application of Householder Taverns LLC dba Bennett O'Riley's South La Crosse for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License for a special event at 4329 Mormon Coulee Road on October 4 & 5, 2024.
2024-09-014
- [24-1111](#) Resolution granting various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2024-2025 (September).
2024-09-015
- [24-1124](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Financial Agreement for the Reconstruction of Green Bay Street from 9th Street South to 14th Street South (Project I.D. #5991-07-84/85).
2024-09-016
- [24-1125](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign State/Municipal Agreement for the Citywide Traffic Implementation utilizing the Signal and ITS Standalone Program (Project I.D.s #3700-10-64).
2024-09-017
- [24-1136](#) Resolution adopting the La Crosse 2024 Housing Study.
2024-09-018
- [24-1138](#) Resolution approving an agreement between Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC) and the City of La Crosse for workers compensation self-insurance program claim services.
2024-09-019
- [24-1152](#) Resolution approving a Short Notice Paramedic Transport Pay Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of La Crosse and the International Association of Firefighters, Local #127.
2024-09-020
- [24-1178](#) Resolution approving water and sewer connection agreement for property located at 1612 Nakomis Avenue.
2024-09-021
- [24-1186](#) Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing through the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund for Hagar and Pammel Creek Lift Station projects.
2024-09-022

ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

[24-1091](#)

Financial Statements with Independent Auditors Report as of December 31, 2023.

2024-09-023

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.