



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance & Personnel Committee

Thursday, September 3, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call To Order

Chair Paul Medinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Douglas Happel, Paul Medinger, Roger Christians, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow

Absent: 1 - Phillip A. Ostrem

Agenda Items:

[20-0904](#)

Resolution approving partial vacation of right-of-way on the south side of the 2200 block of Palace Street, between the west side of Larson Street and the west side of Kwik Trip Way.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Sleznikow

Absent: 1 - Ostrem

[20-1036](#)

Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept a WI Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Sleznikow

Absent: 1 - Ostrem

[20-1068](#)

Resolution approving a 25-year utility corridor agreement between the City of La Crosse, Mississippi Valley Conservancy, Inc., Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Northern States Power Company.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Sleznikow

Absent: 1 - Ostrem

[20-1074](#)

Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept a Department of Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant.

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Sleznikow

Absent: 1 - Ostrem

[20-1117](#)

Resolution approving 2020 Communication from the City Assessor relative to corrections of prior year's assessment and tax rolls.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Sleznikow

Absent: 1 - Ostrem

[20-1121](#)

Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Regional Airport to develop and issue a request for proposal to procure foam testing equipment for aircraft rescue and firefighting apparatus.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Sleznikow

Absent: 1 - Ostrem

[20-1158](#)

Resolution approving a reorganization to the table of positions and classifications for various Departments in the City of La Crosse.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Sleznikow

Non-Voting: 1 - Ostrem

[20-1159](#)

Resolution approving an amendment to the City's Section 125 Plan for 2020.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Sleznikow

Non-Voting: 1 - Ostrem

Phil Ostrem joined the meeting.

Present: 6 - Douglas Happel, Paul Medinger, Roger Christians, Barb Janssen, Phillip A. Ostrem, Larry Sleznikow

[20-1167](#)

Resolution approving the sale of City owned surplus property on Enterprise Avenue to Great Lakes Cheese of La Crosse WI, LLC.

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[20-1170](#)

Resolution approving a Service Upgrade Agreement and Security Update Service to maintain the City Public Safety/Public Works radio communication network.

A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Ostrem, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[20-1183](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an Amended State/Municipal Agreement for the Reconstruction of Gillette Street from Caledonia Street to George Street (Project I.D. #5991-07-42/43).

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[20-1184](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign Amended State/Municipal Agreement for the Reconstruction of Green Bay Street from East Avenue to 22nd Street South (Project I.D. #5991-07-36/37).

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[20-1193](#)

Resolution appropriating funds for additional streetlight purchase and installation on George Street streetscaping project.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Sleznikow

[20-1196](#)

Resolution approving a restatement to the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan to correct the reported totals for new capital equipment.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Slezniow

[20-1213](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with approximately \$6,780,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020-A, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Slezniow

[20-1214](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with the issuance of approximately \$4,270,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020-B, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Slezniow

[20-1215](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with approximately \$35,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020-C, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Slezniow

[20-1216](#)

Resolution confirming sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with approximately \$7,230,000 aggregate principal amount of Taxable General Obligation Parking Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-D, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Christians, that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Happel, Medinger, Christians, Janssen, Ostrem, Slezniow

[20-1260](#)

Resolution appropriating funds for the City of La Crosse Arts Board.

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Ostrem, to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Happel, to refer 30 days. The motion was withdrawn.

On the motion Christians/Ostrem motion that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Common Council on 9/10/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Medinger, Christians, Ostrem, Sleznikow

No: 2 - Happel, Janssen

[20-0001](#)

Collective Bargaining Update.

(Note: The committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) to update and formulate negotiation strategies and parameters. Following the closed session, the committee may reconvene in open session.) F&P item only, unless otherwise directed.

No action taken

Adjournment

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Ostrem, to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. The motion carried.