



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

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Thursday, February 13, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Mayor Tim Kabat, Presiding

*Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 13 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Phillip A. Ostrem, Paul Medinger, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Justice Weaver

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

*The invocation was offered by Minister Tim Trailer of Living Word Christian Church.*

#### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Medinger, to APPROVE the minutes of January 9, 2020. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### Reports

##### [20-0245](#)

Report of the Director of Finance for the month of December 2019 (unaudited).

2020-02-001

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

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

[20-0246](#)

Report of the Director of Finance for the month of January 2020.

2020-02-002

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

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

### Notices and Discussions

### COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[20-0248](#)

Resolution approving 2019/2020 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in February 2020.

2020-02-003

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Medinger, that the Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[20-0238](#)

Aviation Board: Tonya Townsell. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Randi Pueschner. Citizens with Disabilities: Rhonda Staats, Mary Bakalars, Sue Gilbert, Jeff Nylander, Jason Mickelson, Alisha Gaunitz, Richard Chrz, Robert Lepsch, Larry Sleznikow. EMS Contract Negotiating Committee: Mark Amann. Ethics Board: Garrett Zimmerman. Human Rights Commission: A Xiong, Brandon Perrine, Nese Nasif. La Crosse Historic and Cultural Museum Planning Task Force: Josephine Lee, Sam Scinta, Denise Christy-Moss, Pat Stephens, Sandy Cleary, Mary Ann Gschwind, Tony Yang, Angela Erdenberger, Dr. Sig Gundersen III.

2020-02-004

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Padesky, that the Appointments be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

## REPORT OF BIDS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[20-0028](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$3,105,000.00 for the All Abilities Trane Park-Phase 2 project.

2020-02-005

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Gaul, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

[20-0098](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$2,086,657.95 for the Ferry Street & 10th Street Utilities & Contract Paving project.

2020-02-006

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Gaul, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

[20-0104](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to McCabe Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,123,920.00 for the Green Island Tennis Courts Re-Bid project.

2020-02-007

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Gaul, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

[20-0119](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$569,263.34 for the 2020 Curb & Gutter with Utilities project.

2020-02-008

**A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Ostrem, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

[20-0122](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Chippewa Concrete Services, Inc. in the amount of \$612,670.13 for the 2020 Streetscaping-George Street (Clinton St to Cunningham St).

2020-02-009

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Richmond, that the Report of Bids & Resolution be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

**REPORT OF BIDS TO BE REJECTED**

[20-0106](#)

Report of Bids for Powell Park Improvements 2020 project.

2020-02-010

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

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

**ITEM WITH NO RECOMMENDATION**

[20-0097](#)

Resolution approving a lease agreement with The Fenigor Group, LLC for Senior Programming space.

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, to ADOPT.**

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Olson, that the Resolution be AMENDED to a 30-month lease expiring November 30, 2022, with 2021 rent at \$93,492 and 2022 rent at \$85,701. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

**Recuse:** 1 - Christians

2020-02-011

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Olson, that the Resolution be ADOPTED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Janssen, Sleznikow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel

**No:** 4 - Richmond, Neumeister, Kahlow, Padesky

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

Recuse: 1 - Christians

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

20-0120

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 4-182(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to include Black River Beach as a City park that may obtain a Temporary Class B license.

*Ord. 5129. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

**A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Neumeister, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

20-0011

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Single Family District to the Conservancy District allowing neighborhood access point to Grandad Bluff Park at 129 and 133 29th St. S.

**A motion was made by Sleznikow, seconded by Neumeister, that the Ordinance be REFERRED for 60 days. The motion FAILED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Richmond, Neumeister, Sleznikow, Padesky, Happel

**No:** 7 - Janssen, Kahlow, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

*Ord. 5130. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. Three-fourths vote of Council Members voting on the item is required. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Christians

**No:** 3 - Richmond, Neumeister, Happel

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Medinger, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by voice vote.**

19-1831

Resolution approving updated project descriptions for Houska Park Improvements in 2019.

2020-02-012

- [20-0007](#) Resolution approving Application of Menard, Inc. (by Rodney Wekkin) for a Conditional Use Permit at 423 Charles Court allowing demolition of vacant structure.  
*2020-02-013*
- [20-0008](#) Resolution approving request of Mai Chong Xiong and Pheng Lor for permission to apply for a Combination Class "B" Beer & Liquor license at 1908 Campbell Road.  
*2020-02-014*
- [20-0012](#) Resolution approving additional Storm Water Utility funds for the U.S. Department of Commerce grant funded lift station project.  
*2020-02-015*
- [20-0013](#) Resolution approving Application of That Foreign Place LLC (Robbi Wolff, member) for a Conditional Use Permit at 412 Main Street allowing permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer & Liquor License.  
*2020-02-016*
- [20-0036](#) Resolution approving an agreement between Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC) and City of La Crosse for workers compensation self-insurance program claim services.  
*2020-02-017*
- [20-0118](#) Resolution approving Application for State Trust Fund Loan for the purpose of financing property purchase for economic development project.  
*2020-02-018*
- [20-0134](#) Amended Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin for Sanitary Sewer: 600 block of Ferry Street.  
*2020-02-019*
- [20-0135](#) Amended Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin for Concrete Curb & Gutter: 900 block of IGA Court.  
*2020-02-020*

[20-0136](#) Amended Resolution authorizing public improvement and levying special assessments against benefited property in La Crosse, Wisconsin for Water Main: 1600 block of Hayes Street and 1500 block of Cunningham Street.

2020-02-021

[20-0139](#) Resolution approving various license applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6 and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the remainder of license period 2019-20 (February).

2020-02-022

## ITEMS FOR CLOSED SESSION

[15-1240](#) Intergovernmental boundary agreement terms with neighboring municipalities pursuant chapter 66 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

*(Note: The 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 Council may reconvene in open session.)*

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Richmond, to convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat., sec. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Kabat, Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Excused:** 1 - Weaver

[19-1628](#) Sewer Contract Negotiations.

*(Note: The 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 Council may reconvene in open session.)*

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Richmond, to convene in CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat., sec. 19.85(1)(e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Kahlow, Padesky, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**Absent:** 1 - Weaver

**In closed session, motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Gaul, to reconvene in OPEN SESSION. The motion carried by voice vote.**

## Adjournment

A motion was made by Padesky, seconded by Gaul, to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote.