



# 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, May 14, 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:** 14 - Tim Kabat, Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Phillip A. Ostrem, Paul Medinger, Martin Gaul, Douglas Happel, Roger Christians

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

*Moment of Silence.*

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Ostrem, to APPROVE the minutes of April 9, 2020. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### Notices and Discussions

*Council Member Olson spoke concerning student move-out during the next two weeks and guidelines being developed by the County Health Department.*

#### COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[20-0660](#)

Proclamation joining the City of La Crosse with an amicus brief supporting the "Safer at Home" Order.

*No action was necessary.*

[20-0643](#)

Resolution approving 2020 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in May 2020.

2020-05-001

**A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Sleznikow, to ADOPT. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[20-0577](#)

Common Council Emergency Interim Successors

**A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Medinger, to CONFIRM.**

**A motion was made by Medinger, seconded by Kahlow, to AMEND the list of Council appointments and add Neumeister's second successor appointee Robin Rickaway at 4304 Meadowlark Lane. Further, add Weaver's first successor of Isaac Tahiri, 1225 Vine St. #10. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

2020-05-002

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

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

[20-0639](#)

Animal Control Governing Board: Douglas Kratt. Board of Park Commissioners: Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson. City Plan Commission: Cassandra Woodward. Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners: Jerome Gundersen, Jr. Weed Commissioner: Matt Diehl, Kelsey Hanson, David Reinhart, Jason Riley, Brent Thielen, Peter Van Havermaet, Eddie Young, Holly Thielen, Jon Molledahl.

2020-05-003

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

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

## SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE VIII FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (2/3 Vote Required)

**A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Ostrem, to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII on Files #20-0602, 20-0603, 20-0608, 20-0609 and 20-0612. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**[20-0398](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Fowler & Hammer, Inc. in the amount of \$46,810.00 for 2020 Sewer Utility Sidewalk Replacement project.

2020-05-004

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

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

[20-0539](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Wieser Brothers General Contractor in the amount of \$72,670.00 for Powell Park Improvements project.

2020-05-005

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

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

**No:** 1 - Olson

[20-0540](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Dirt Monkey, LLC in the amount of \$91,480.00 for Houska Park Improvements project.

2020-05-006

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

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

**No:** 1 - Olson

[20-0541](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Chippewa Concrete Services in the amount of \$1,208,264.85 for Larson & Palace Street Reconstruction project.

2020-05-007

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

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

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED**

[20-0450](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Local Business District to the Multi-Family District allowing multi-family development at 207-213 Rose Street.

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

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Kahlow, for a PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Gaul

**Speaker in opposition: Mary Kast**

**Speakers in favor: Kevin Stanton, Aaron Wickesberg, Brandon Clark**

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kahlow, to close the PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**A motion was made by Neumeister, seconded by Olson, that the Ordinance be REFERRED for 30 days. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Olson, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**No:** 2 - Kahlow, Padesky

[20-0550](#)

Resolution approving Request for Exception to Standards for Commercial Design by Trueline, Inc. allowing for exception to first-floor facade window requirements for project at 604 2nd St. S.

*2020-05-008*

**A motion was made by Ostrem, seconded by Neumeister, that the Resolution approving the Application be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Padesky, Ostrem, Medinger, Gaul, Happel, Christians

**No:** 2 - Kahlow, Olson

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA***ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED*[20-0551](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Residence District to the Commercial Industrial District allowing a family historical museum and monument at 303 Rose Street.

**A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Neumeister, that the Ordinance be REFERRED for 30 days. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Gaul

*ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*[20-0612](#)

Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding alcohol license fees under Chapter 4 of the La Crosse Municipal Code.

*Kahlow stated she has an interest in the legislation as the agent of a liquor license, and paid the license fee in full prior to sponsoring the legislation, and if the legislation passes, she will not ask for a refund.*

2020-05-009

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

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Neumeister

[20-0409](#)

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE to create Section 32-3(c) and (d) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse relating to smoking and vaping in public places or on City property.

*Ord. 5139. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Olson, that the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

*ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED*

- [20-0256](#) A SECOND AMENDED ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Planned Development District - General to the Planned Development District - General at 1325 St. Andrew Street.  
*Ord. 5138. For complete ordinance, see p. \_\_\_\_ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.*
- [20-0465](#) Resolution approving the City's 2020 Three-Year Statement of Intentions for Harbor Development.  
*2020-05-010*
- [20-0470](#) Resolution authorizing the use of Floodplain Relief Program funds for a Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan.  
*2020-05-011*
- [20-0480](#) Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to accept a grant offered by State Farm Insurance Company.  
*2020-05-012*
- [20-0481](#) Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to accept a program offered by the NFPA and mySidewalk to provide risk assessment information.  
*2020-05-013*
- [20-0492](#) Resolution designating the La Crosse County Convention Bureau, Inc. as the concessionaire for the La Crosse Center along with authorization for "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Permit (2020-2021).  
*2020-05-014*
- [20-0500](#) Resolution authorizing agreement for consulting services with RDG Schutte Wilsam Birge, Inc. (dba RDG Planning & Design) for the City Vision 2040 Downtown Master Plan.  
*2020-05-015*
- [20-0509](#) Resolution on accepting Final Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan.  
*2020-05-016*

- [20-0510](#) Amended Resolution declaring authorized representative to file applications for financial assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund.  
*2020-05-017*
- [20-0511](#) Amended Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing.  
*2020-05-018*
- [20-0535](#) Resolution extending the life of Tax Incremental District (TID) #7 for one year to implement affordable housing and market rate housing programs.  
*2020-05-019*
- [20-0536](#) Resolution terminating Tax Incremental District #7.  
*2020-05-020*
- [20-0538](#) 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.  
*2020-05-021*
- [20-0555](#) 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 (May).  
*2020-05-022*
- [20-0558](#) Resolution approving Request of People's Food Cooperative Inc. dba People's Food Co-op/Hackberry's to Amend Premise Description at 315 5th Ave. S. to allow curbside delivery of alcohol beverages.  
*2020-05-023*
- [20-0602](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign Drainage Easement Agreement for East-West Drainage Easement with Scannell Properties for Development in the International Business Park.  
*2020-05-024*
- [20-0603](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign Drainage Easement Agreement for North-South Drainage Easement with Scannell Properties for Development in the International Business Park.  
*2020-05-025*

[20-0608](#)

Resolution approving an Economic Recession Plan for the City and authorizing Stage 3 and higher remedial measures as outlined in the Plan to address the current estimated revenue shortfalls.

2020-05-026

[20-0609](#)

Resolution adding additional funds to the Small Business Relief Grant Program.

2020-05-027

*ITEM RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED*

[20-0497](#)

2019 La Crosse Police Department Annual Report.

2020-05-028

## **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Christians, to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote.**