



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, September 9, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center
1300 6th St S

Draft until approved by Council on 10/14/2021.

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

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

Roll Call

Janssen arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Present: 13 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

The invocation was offered by Pastor Jacob Eichers of Faith Lutheran Church.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to approve the minutes of August 12, 2021; the motion carried.

Reports

[21-1180](#)

Financial Report from the Director of Finance/Human Resources for the month of July 2021.

2021-09-001

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Notices and Discussions

CM Schwarz wished a happy new year to those celebrating Rosh Hashanah, which is part of a 10 day cycle ending with Yom Kippur and marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year.

Roll Call

CM Kiel left the meeting.

Present: 12 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann
Excused: 1 - Mac Kiel

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[21-1294](#)

Resolution approving 2021 Bills and Engineering Estimates paid in September 2021.

2021-09-002

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Kiel

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[21-1297](#)

City Plan Commission: Jacob Sciammas. Floodplain Advisory Committee: Sharon Hampson. Room Tax Commission: Neil Duresky.

2021-09-003

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

Yes: 12 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

Excused: 1 - Kiel

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

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for files 21-1263 and 21-1221. The motion carried.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

Roll Call

Kiel arrived during discussion of the item below (21-1083).

Present: 13 - Andrea Richmond, Scott Neumeister, Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Justice Weaver, Chris Kahlow, Mac Kiel, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Rebecca Schwarz, Jennifer Trost, Douglas Happel, Mark Neumann

[21-1083](#)

Resolution approving application of Desmond Investments II LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 318 7th St S allowing for removal of structure for green space until redeveloped.

2021-09-004

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

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Woodard, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

No: 2 - Mindel, Trost

[21-1175](#)

Resolution approving application of Jeffry Sagen for a Conditional Use Permit at 3101 Lauderdale Ct. allowing for clearing of property for future sale.

2021-09-005

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Janssen, that the Resolution be NOT ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[21-1263](#)

Resolution approving an Amendment to the "Shared Fire Administration" Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of La Crosse Fire Department and the Holmen Area Fire Department (HAFD) regarding a "Shared Fire Administration" services agreement.

2021-09-006

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[21-1221](#)

Resolution adding new position of Battalion Chief to the Fire Department to support the Holmen Area Fire Department per the Memorandum of Agreement approved by the Common Council.

2021-09-007

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[21-0675](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Washburn Residential District to the Traditional Neighborhood District allowing for an apartment building at 1106-1108 King St.

Referred to October 2021 meetings.

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Sleznikow, that the Ordinance be REFERRED FOR 30 DAYS. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kiel, Mindel, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

No: 2 - Kahlow, Woodard

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[21-0924](#)

Amended Resolution approving 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

2021-09-008

A motion was made by Happel, seconded by Richmond to amend by removing #420 and #174 from the TID 16 allocation and moving them to the unfunded list; the motion carried unanimously.

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

[21-1148](#)

Resolution adopting the Imagine 2040 La Crosse Downtown Plan and abolishing the City Vision 2040 Steering Committee.

2021-09-009

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

Yes: 13 - Richmond, Neumeister, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Mindel, Woodard, Schwarz, Trost, Happel, Neumann

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Woodard to ADOPT the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-1176](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Commercial District to the Traditional Neighborhood District - Specific District allowing for residential on the first floor of the building at 420 5th Avenue S.

Ord. 5192. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[21-1209](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Secs. 4-46 and 4-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to alcohol beverage operator's licenses.

Ord. 5193. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

[21-1122](#)

Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Center to increase the minimum ticket price from \$10.01 to \$15.01 with respect to the \$.75 Facility Fee surcharge.

2021-09-010

[21-1123](#)

Resolution approving contract and allocating funding to Stacia Goodman Mosaics LLC for the artwork to be placed in the La Crosse Center.

2021-09-011

[21-1124](#)

Resolution approving Junglinster, Luxembourg as a Sister City.

2021-09-012

[21-1206](#)

Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to accept a FY2020 DHS/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

2021-09-013

- [21-1208](#) Resolution approving the reallocation of CIP funds for police department renovation project.
2021-09-014
- [21-1222](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$5,850,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of providing for street improvements, street improvement funding and street lighting.
2021-09-015
- [21-1223](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$3,620,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the construction of engine houses, and for pumps, water mains, reservoirs and all other reasonable facilities for fire protection apparatus or equipment for fire protection.
2021-09-016
- [21-1224](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$825,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of libraries.
2021-09-017
- [21-1225](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$485,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, repair and replacement of bridges.
2021-09-018
- [21-1226](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,020,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the construction of police facilities.
2021-09-019
- [21-1227](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,170,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of parks and public grounds.
2021-09-020

[21-1229](#) Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$3,430,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for the purpose of refunding outstanding obligations of the City.

2021-09-021

[21-1230](#)

Resolution directing the advertisement and sale of approximately \$16,400,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds and approximately \$4,450,000 general obligation promissory notes of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2021-09-022

[21-1239](#)

Resolution granting Various License applications pursuant to Chapters 4, 6, and/or 10 of the La Crosse Municipal Code for the license period 2021-2022 (September).

2021-09-023

[21-1242](#)

Resolution approving Application of Sports Nut of La Crosse LLC dba The Sports Nut for Expansion of Alcohol Beverage License to the parking lot west of the building at 801 Rose St. for special event on Friday, October 1, 2021.

2021-09-024

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[21-1190](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District to the Special Multiple Dwelling District allowing for a four-story building at 2575 7th St. S.

Referred to October 2021 meetings.

[21-1192](#)

Resolution approving request for exception to Multi-Family Housing Design Standards by Bethany Lutheran Homes, Inc. allowing for an exception to the requirement for one parking space per bedroom and one bike parking space for every three bedrooms for a project at 2575 7th St. S.

Referred to October 2021 meetings.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Sleznikow to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. The motion carried.