



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Thursday, October 14, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center
1300 6th St S

Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Presiding

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

Roll Call

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

Minister Kael Clemmerson of New Beginnings Christian Fellowship offered invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumann to APPROVE minutes of September 9, 2021; the motion carried unanimously.

Reports

[21-1450](#)

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

2021-10-001

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow, 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

[21-1451](#)

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

2021-10-002

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Kahlow, 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

Trost highlighted that it was Indigenous People's day was on Monday and wanted to acknowledge and celebrate the Ho-Chunk people as it is their ancestral land that the City resides on. She also wanted to celebrate the other indigenous people of Wisconsin: the Dakota, Ojibwe, Menominee, and Potawatomi. Trost acknowledged Finance Director Fenske, Planning and Assessment Director Trane, and Budget Analyst DeGier for their assistance with the CIP Budget process. Mayor Reynolds welcomed the newly sworn Police Officers Beardmore and Kapanke. Mayor Reynolds highlighted the City's S&P rating.

COMMON COUNCIL MATTERS

[21-1444](#)

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

2021-10-003

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumann, 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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

[21-1404](#)

Committee for Citizens with Disabilities: Nate Hundt. Economic Development Commission: Angela Seeger. Heritage Preservation Commission: Monica Gorski. Housing Authority: AJ DePre. International Committee: Melissa Giefer. Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners: Scott Hendrickson. Room Tax Commission: Nick Weber.

2021-10-004

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

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

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

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Kahlow to SUSPEND Council Rule VIII for items 21-1388, 21-1397, 21-1398, and 21-1422; the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF BIDS/QUOTES RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-1413](#)

Report of Bids & Resolution awarding contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. for Hagar Street Extension Project in the amount of \$424,090.26.

2021-10-005

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Neumeister, 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

REPORT OF BID RECOMMENDED TO BE REJECTED

[21-1412](#)

Report of Bid for the Well Fiber Interconnection Project.

2021-10-006

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

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

ITEMS WITH NO RECOMMENDATION

[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.

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

Yes: 9 - Richmond, Janssen, Sleznikow, Weaver, Kahlow, Kiel, Schwarz, Happel, Neumann

No: 4 - Neumeister, Mindel, Woodard, Trost

[21-1192](#)

Amended 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.

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Weaver, that the Application be REFERRED for 30 days. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Woodard, Trost

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

[21-1012](#)

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Public/Semi Public District to the Commercial District allowing for commercial purposes at 520 Veterans Memorial Dr. E.

Ord. 5195. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.

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

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

No: 1 - Richmond

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

[21-1299](#)

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

2021-10-007

A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Woodard to ADOPT.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Richmond to AMEND AS PROPOSED; the motion carried on a vote of 10 - 3 (Janssen, Happel, Trost).

Unanimous consent to ADOPT AS AMENDED.

[21-1397](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with approximately \$12,780,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2021-A, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2021-10-008

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Happel, 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

[21-1398](#)

Resolution confirming the sale, determining rates of interest and other details and levying taxes in connection with approximately \$7,715,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Notes, Series 2021-B, of the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

2021-10-009

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Sleznikow, 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

[21-1422](#)

Resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of La Crosse and La Crosse Community Foundation regarding the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

2021-10-010

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Happel, 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

[21-1303](#)

Resolution welcoming Afghan Refugees to the La Crosse area.

2021-10-011

A motion was made by Richmond, seconded by Neumann, 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 Weaver to ADOPT the Consent Agenda; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED

- [21-1198](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Sec. 48-30(e) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding boat house licensing.
Ord. 5194. For complete ordinance, see p. _____ of Volume 11 of Ordinances.
- [21-0926](#) Resolution appropriating additional Utility Reserve Funds for Design Services for the La Crosse Street, Oakland Street to Losey Boulevard, professional services design agreement.
2021-10-012
- [21-1193](#) Resolution approving the vacation of Farwell Street.
2021-10-013
- [21-1196](#) Resolution approving the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department 2022 - 2026 Strategic Plan.
2021-10-014
- [21-1199](#) Resolution amending Appendix C Fee Schedule regarding late fees for boat house licensing.
2021-10-015
- [21-1273](#) Amended Resolution approving adjustments to the 2020 assessment and tax roll.
2021-10-016
- [21-1276](#) Resolution adopting the City of La Crosse Safe Routes to School Plan 2020.
2021-10-017
- [21-1277](#) Resolution establishing the City Plan Commission as the steering committee for the comprehensive planning process.
2021-10-018

- [21-1289](#) Resolution Approving Application of Events on Main LLC for a Conditional Use Permit at 422 Main St allowing for permission to apply for a Combination "Class B" Beer and Liquor license.
2021-10-019
- [21-1301](#) Resolution establishing an Aldermanic District and Ward Boundary Plan in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes and the 2021 Tentative County Supervisory District Plan.
2021-10-020
- [21-1314](#) Resolution authorizing a new position of Project Specialist - Utilities to the 2021 Operating Budget of the Utilities Department.
2021-10-021
- [21-1321](#) Resolution authorizing funding for a design and bidding services contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) for Phase II of River Point District.
2021-10-022
- [21-1323](#) Resolution appropriating funds for additional engineering design for storm sewer facilities on the WisDOT Hwy 35 project (ID# 5163-07-02/77).
2021-10-023
- [21-1325](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign revised State/Municipal Financial Agreement for the Reconstruction of La Crosse Street from Oakland Street to Losey Boulevard (ID# 7575-07-03, 73, 83).
2021-10-024
- [21-1337](#) Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Regional Airport to accept Federal funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.
2021-10-025
- [21-1339](#) Resolution approving a third amendment to the Airport Fixed Base Operator's Lease and Operating Agreement between TDM, INC., D/B/A Colgan Air Services and the City of La Crosse.
2021-10-026
- [21-1342](#) Resolution approving a sublease request by American Tower Corporation for a cell tower on the Airport premise.
2021-10-027

[21-1346](#) Resolution authorizing purchase of Engineering & Public Works software, equipment & supplies, and continuing education via redirection of unused labor funds.
2021-10-028

[21-1347](#) Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to accept a FY2020 DHS/FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant.
2021-10-029

[21-1354](#) 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 (October).
2021-10-030

[21-1388](#) Resolution approving the acceptance of a Supplemental Shuttered Venue Operator's Grant (SVOG) from the Federal Government (US Small Business Administration) on behalf of the La Crosse Center.
2021-10-031

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RE-REFERRED

[21-1259](#) Resolution declaring certain property located at Nakomis Avenue (parcel #17-10675-165) as surplus property.
Referred 30 days to the November 2021 meetings.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO BE NOT ADOPTED

[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.
2021-10-032

[21-1291](#) AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Heavy Industrial District to the Commercial District allowing for apartments at 2967 Airport Rd.
2021-10-033

Adjournment

Unanimous consent to adjourn at approximately 7:18 p.m.