



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

7:30 AM

La Crosse County Administrative Center
Room 1700
212 6th Street N
La Crosse, WI 54601

Members of the City of La Crosse Executive Committee and the La Crosse County Executive Committee will be gathering for the purpose of discussing a homeless initiative.

Call to Order

County Board Chair Monica Kruse called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Others present: Randy Erickson, Kim Cable, Peg Isola, Roger Plesha, Margaret Larson, Maureen Freedland, Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Sharon Davidson, Kathleen Stewart, Megan DeVore, John Parshall, Eric Timmons, Stephen Conrad, Audra Martine, Erin Klar, Amy Twitchell, Lanae Nickelatti, and Stephen Matty.

Present: 5 - Douglas Happel, Andrea Richmond, Barb Janssen, Chris Kahlow, Mitch Reynolds

Approval of Minutes

Agenda Items:

- 1 **21-1673** Discussion of long-term planning related to unsheltered population. *(Note: The Committee and/or 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 Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM PLANNING RELATED TO UNSHELTERED POPULATION

City of La Crosse Mayor Mitch Reynolds and Associate County Administrator Jane Klekamp gave a presentation of homelessness in the La Crosse area. Both the City Council and County Board have priorities finding a long-term solution to homelessness. Through collaboration, we can maximize the opportunity presented by the American Rescue Plan Act to make a lasting difference. The proposal is to purchase the Chamber of Commerce Building which is located on 1.6 acres. The building will be used by County and nonprofit support staff. The parking lot will be used to building bridge housing.

Discussion ensued.

All members present were in favor of the purchase of the Chamber of Commerce Building.

CLOSED SESSION:

LA CROSSE COUNTY MOTION by Plesha/Isola to enter into closed session at 8:27 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat., s. 19.85(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. TO WIT: possible purchase of real property including negotiation and terms of offer. The Committee will reconvene to open session at the conclusion of the closed session, and may, before proceeding to the next agenda item, take action on the closed session issue. to approve going into closed session at 8:05 a.m. Motion carried unanimously with two excused – Tryggestad.

CITY OF LA CROSSE MOTION by Happel/Richmond to enter into closed session at 8:27 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat., s. 19.85(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. TO WIT: possible purchase of real property including negotiation and terms of offer. The Committee will reconvene to open session at the conclusion of the closed session, and may, before proceeding to the next agenda item, take action on the closed session issue. approve going back into open session at 8:15 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

LA CROSSE COUNTY MOTION by Isola/Erickson to return to open session at 8:44 a.m.; Motion carries unanimously with two excused; Tryggestad/Plesha.

CITY OF LA CROSSE MOTION by Kahlow/Richmond to return to open session at 8:44 a.m.; Motion carries unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, MOTION by Isola/Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Motion carries unanimously with two excused; Tryggestad/Plesha.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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