

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Berge called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Anderson, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Jeremy Gragert, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, and Jessica Schoen.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on March 26, 2024:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Downtown Eau Claire Inc., President, Mike Dill, on April 28, 2024, at the Stone's Throw parking lot, 9 South Barstow Street, for the Eau Claire Marathon event.
- Granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Stave and Hoop, LLC, d/b/a Stave and Hoop, 342 Water Street, Elizabeth Hart, agent.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Marathon, LLC to conduct the Eau Claire Marathon on Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28, 2024 in Phoenix Park, and along City streets, sidewalks, and trails.
- Authorizing Volume One Events, LLC to conduct the Sounds Like Summer Concert Series on Thursdays in June, July, and August, 2024 at Phoenix Park.
- Awarding a Contract for Procurement No. 2024-07, city wide milling & asphalt paving.
- Awarding a Contract for Procurement No. 2024-10, environmental consultant.
- Awarding a Contract for Procurement No. 2024-15, ion exchange vessels for Eau Claire Water Treatment Plant.
- Granting a petition and waiver for sidewalk construction at 3205 E. Wellington Drive, Parcel No. 12-1261.
- Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Jones "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$250,000 Community Development Incentive grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation on behalf of P & R Properties Twin Ports, LLC for the redevelopment of 2016 Oxford Ave in the Cannery District. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sub-recipient agreement with P & R Properties Twin Ports, LLC governing the pass through of a \$250,000 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for the redevelopment of property located at 2016 Oxford Ave. in the Cannery District. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on E. Grand Avenue, Graham Avenue to S. Farwell Street (24-104). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion failed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution ordering sidewalk to be repaired in accordance with Wisconsin Statute s. 66.0907 on E. Grand Avenue, Graham Avenue to S. Farwell Street (24-104). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion failed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution accepting the Storm Water 2023 Annual Report. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City of Eau Claire to Enter into a Development Agreement with Hoelt Builders for The Sevens Project on Old Town Hall Road. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The City Council Considered an ordinance to amend the comprehensive plan to allow for medium to high density residential and commercial planned land uses located at the northwest corner of Highway II (Deerfield Road) and Mischler Road. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council Considered an ordinance to rezone property from TR-1A to R-2P for twinhome development located on the west side of Dorret Road, south of West Vine Street (Z-1737-24). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Schoen “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council Considered an ordinance to amend Chapters 2.06, 2.64, 2.66, and 2.67 of Title 2 Entitled “Administration and Personnel” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the ordinance.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Berge “to amend the ordinance” to increase the number of board members to eleven, with no Council Members serving as chairs by-right. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken to “adopt the ordinance as amended”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had the first reading of an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located in the Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 24-1A.

CLOSED SESSION

Council President Berge announced that upon a motion duly made and carried, the City Council may go into closed session to conduct the annual performance evaluation process of the City Manager, an employee over whom the City Council exercises responsibility, which is permitted in closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Anderson to “convene into closed session.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Time: 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Kristina M. Kuzma
City Clerk