

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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 Berge, Aaron Brewster, Charles Johnson, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Nate Otto, Ethan Reed, Jessica Schoen, Clara Serrano, and Andrew Werthmann. The following members were absent: Emily Anderson

PUBLIC HEARINGS, DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PARKING LOT TO BE LOCATED AT 2700 MERCURY AVE

The Council held a public hearing on a resolution approving a site plan in a P-Public district for a new parking lot to be located at 2700 Mercury Avenue/1801 Piedmont Road (North High School) (File PZ-2502). There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Council held the Public Comment Period to hear the viewpoints of residents of the City of Eau Claire on ideas or concerns of citywide application. Public comments are recorded in notes separately.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on May 27, 2025:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2025-2027 licensing period.
- Granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to AVM Spirit Seller Inc, d/b/a Stave & Hoop, 342 Water Street, Vipul Patel, agent.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premises of Fire N Ice LLC, d/b/a The Fire House, 202 Gibson Street, to include the Strobel Insurance parking lot for the 2025 Pride Party, for the date of June 14, 2025.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of Levy Premium Foodservice, L.P., d/b/a/ Levy at the Sonnentag, 1075 Menomonie Street, from Gregory A. Tinnen II to Daniel D. Abramczak, be approved.

- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of The Target Corporation, d/b/a/ Target Store T-1774, 3649 S Hastings Way, from Joshua R. Moses to Alexander J. Dawson, be approved.
- Granting a petition and waiver for sidewalk construction at 1535 W. Hamilton Avenue, Parcel No. 15-2835.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2025-05, City Wide Street & Utility Reconstruction.
- Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Addendum to the Intent to Negotiate Purchase Agreement Between the City of Eau Claire and Somos Living, LLC..
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct Sidewalk Saturdays on Saturdays, June 5 through October 25, 2025 on City sidewalks.
- Authorizing Mehara Shrine Circus to conduct the Mehara Shrine Circus on Monday, June 9, 2025 at Carson Park.
- Authorizing the Chippewa Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center to conduct Pride in the Park on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at Phoenix Park and on City streets.
- Authorizing Eau Claire Fastpitch to conduct the Eau Claire Classic on June 20-22, 2025 at Jeffers Parks and Bollinger Fields.
- Authorizing the Diocese of La Crosse to conduct Still, The Answer on Saturday, August 9, 2025 along City sidewalks and trails.
- Authorizing Eaum Yoga + Fitness to conduct the Eaum Block Party: 2 Year Celebration on Saturday, September 6, 2025 on City streets and sidewalks.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Otto and seconded by Council Member Serrano “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS

President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Chancellor James Schmidt for his extraordinary leadership, bold innovation, and steadfast dedication to the students, faculty, staff, and greater community of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

President Berge, on behalf of the City Council, read a proclamation designating June as Pride Month in the City of Eau Claire and encouraged all residents to promote equality, enrich alliances, inspire inclusion, and celebrate diversity.

BUSINESS AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees, including the Administrative Review Board, Library Board, Redevelopment Authority, South Barstow Business Improvement District, Sustainability Advisory Committee, and Transit Commission. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Brewster “to adopt the resolution.” Said

motion passed by unanimous vote.

COUNTY PLAT WITHIN THE ETJ IN TOWN OF WASHINGTON

The City Council considered a resolution approving a County Plat within the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) in the Town of Washington, known as Firenze Estates, located on Balsam Road (File P-1-25). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

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AMEND THE SUBDIVISION INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the subdivision infrastructure agreement with Tenable Homes, LLC, for street and utility improvements within 3536 Folsom Street, Cove at Folsom site in relation to public utility easements. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Reed and seconded by Council Member Otto “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

UTILITY EASEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent utility easement with Tenable Homes, LLC and the City of Eau Claire within the Cove development for public utilities. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Serrano and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

WORK SESSION

Following the Legislative session, the Council will convene in the Council Chambers for a Work Session on the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Time: 4:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Emily K. Berge
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk