

**City of Stevens Point  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Council Chambers  
County-City Building  
1516 Church St**

**September 19, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Mike Wiza Presiding**

**ROLL CALL:** Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** City Attorney Beveridge, C/T Ladick, City Clerk Moe; Fire Chief Finn, Police Chief Skibba; Directors Ostrowski, Schrader, Lemke, Schatschneider, Assistant Pazdernik; Nate Enwald, Portage County Gazette, Brandi Makuski, City Times.

**2. Salute to the Flag and Mayor's opening remarks.**

Mayor Wiza commented on the differences between perception and reality. He said no decisions have been made concerning Division Street, the 4-to-3 conversion as well as the Farmers' Market.

**3. \*Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council on specific agenda items other than a "Public Hearing" must register their request at this time. Those who wish to address the Common Council during a "Public Hearing" are not required to identify themselves until the "Public Hearing" is declared open by the Mayor.**

The Mayor reminded everyone to register at this time.

**4. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.**

C/T Ladick stated copies of the 2017 budget have been distributed. He outlined the timeline for discussion and voting on the capital budget and expenditure budget. He stated the operational budget presentation is typically the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of October and is scheduled for October 24, 2017 at the Lincoln Center.

Ald. Ryan stated he wanted to address the media reports that have occurred over the past week and specifically one that occurred 2 hours ago. He enumerated several concerns regarding the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), the 4-to-3 lane conversion and the BPAC presentation at the Public Protection Committee meeting as well as the listening sessions for Districts 2, 8 and 11. Ald. Ryan stated he would further address these concerns later in the agenda.

Ald. Dugan thanked everyone who helped organize and participated in the listening sessions that occurred in Districts 2, 8 and 11. She stated they were a success.

Ald. Johnson stated the Public Protection Committee took the time to invite Tori Jennings to the meeting as part of the public policy development and investigation of

the lane striping and 4-to-3 conversions. She stated this was an opportunity for further explanation, discussion and to ask questions concerning these topics.

Mayor Wiza stated the City is very open to discussions, ideas and thoughts.

**5. Presentation on City Hall space needs.**

Dir. Ostrowski provided background and information on City Hall space needs referring to the Bray Architectural study that was done in 2013. He outlined five options which included remodeling the existing property at 1515 Strongs, the library, the former MSTC building, Chase Bank building or build new. Dir. Ostrowski provided a review of space needs, departmental relationships, cost analysis and the debt service structure.

Mayor Wiza stated part of the process is to consider all options, ask for alderperson participation and public input. He added this is a presentation and discussion item at this time and the process will continue to progress.

**Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:**

**6. Resolution – Requesting that the Governor and Legislature provide adequate and sustainable funding for transportation infrastructure in Wisconsin.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the resolution requesting that the Governor and Legislature provide adequate and sustainable funding for the transportation infrastructure in Wisconsin.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Shorr, Doxtator.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**7. Minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of August 15, 2016.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council meeting of August 15, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**8. Minutes and actions of the City Plan Commission meeting of September 6, 2016.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the City Plan Commission meeting of September 6, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**9. Ordinance Amendment – Request from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to amend the City of Stevens Point Comprehensive Plan future land use map (Map 8.3) for the purposes of amending the future land use designation from Residential to UWSP**

for 2116 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-32), 2124 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-28), and 2200 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-25).

Ald. Shorr stated this project was in his district and expressed his concerns about accidents with the new exits on busy streets. He stated he would support the project but will monitor the progress.

Ald. Dugan stated she was relieved to learn that UWSP would not encroach further into the neighborhood.

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment – Request from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to amend the City of Stevens Point Comprehensive Plan future land use map (Map 8.3) for the purposes of amending the future land use designation from Residential to UWSP for 2116 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-32), 2124 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-28), and 2200 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-25).

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

10. **Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – Request from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to rezone 2116 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-32), 2124 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-28), and 2200 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-25) from R-2 Single Family Residence District to U-1 University Facilities District. (Ch. 23 of the RMC).**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amendment – zoning request from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to rezone 2116 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-32), 2124 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-28), and 2200 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-25) from R-2 Single Family Residence District to U-1 University Facilities District. (Ch. 23 of the RMC).

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Shorr, Doxtator.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

11. **Request from the University of Wisconsin Stevens for a site plan review to expand Parking Lot T at 2116 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-32), 2124 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-28), and 2200 Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 2408-28-3006-25).**

Carl Rasmussen, 1848 Maria Drive, stated he is in favor of the project. He stated the project has had traffic impact/analysis studies done and the UW has worked closely with Dir. Schatschneider on this project.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the request from UWSP for a site plan review to expand Parking Lot T.

Ald. Ryan stated he was concerned about the entrance/exists emptying close to a large intersection and asked Dir. Schatschneider for an engineering perspective on the proposed plan.

Dir. Schatschneider stated UWSP has already done a traffic impact analysis. He added he would be supportive of this project as long as UWSP continues to monitor it.

Ald. Ryan asked how pedestrian traffic was accounted for with the project.

Dir. Schatschneider stated the UW studied morning and afternoon traffic volumes with the students.

Ald. Oberstadt stated she was encouraged that the university would continue to monitor the intersections after the work has been completed.

Ald. Kneebone stated she opposed this project at the Plan Commission meeting. She said the addition of 15 parking spaces would not improve traffic/parking congestion and would add concern to pedestrian and bike traffic.

Ald. McComb stated she felt three entrances/exists for this parking area was a lot but was encouraged the university would continue to monitor the area.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Majority.  
Nays: Ald. Kneebone. Motion adopted.

**12. Resolution – Conditional Use Permit – Utilize Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District standards for reduced setbacks to construct a home at 400 Franklin Street (Parcel ID 2408-30-4021-07).**

Ald. Dugan objects to this request and expressed her concerns about the scale of the project and if the project would be incompatible with the remainder of the neighborhood.

Ald. McComb stated this would add variety and interest to the area.

Ald. Morrow agreed with Ald. McComb.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.  
Nays: Ald. Dugan. Motion adopted.

**13. Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – Request from the City of Stevens Point to rezone two parcels north of Main Street and between Michigan Avenue and Minnesota Avenue (Parcel ID's 2408-33-2001-05 & 2408-33-2001-04) where the following addresses are present; 2442 Main Street, 941 Michigan Avenue, 1000 Minnesota Avenue, 1100 Minnesota Avenue, 933 Michigan Avenue, and 2400 Main Street from "R-2" Single Family Residence District to "R-5" Multiple Family II Residence District. (Ch. 23 of the RMC).**

Ald. Shorr questioned the vague public hearing notice that was published in the newspaper which caused concern for residents.

Dir. Ostrowski clarified the public hearing notice requirements and stated this would address zoning in the area which would make it consistent.

Ald. Dugan asked if this is zoned R5 now, can it be rezoned differently in the future.

Dir. Ostrowski stated yes.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the zoning request for parcel ID: 240833200105.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Shorr.  
Nays: Ald. Kneebone, Doxtator. Motion adopted.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the zoning request for parcel 240833200104 from R2 to R5.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.  
Nays: Ald. Shorr. Motion adopted.

**14. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of September 12, 2016.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of September 12, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**15. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of September 12, 2016.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of September 12, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Shorr, Doxtator.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**16. Ordinance Amendment – Traffic – Reverse angle parking on a section of Prais St. (Section 9.05(ai),(i) and (j) of the RMC).**

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment for reverse angle parking on a section of Prais Street.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**17. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of September 12, and the actions taken at the special Public Protection Committee meeting of September 19, 2016.**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection meeting of September 12, 2016 and the actions of the Special Public Protection meeting of September 19, 2016.

Clerk Moe read the actions taken at the Public Protection meeting of September 19, 2016 which approved a Class B fermented beverage and Class C wine license for T&S Joint Ventures, LLC for Tommy's American Grill at 5110 Main Street.

Ald. McComb read a letter from Christine Koeller, 1151 Airline Road, Plover. She stated she was in favor of the 4-to-3 conversion.

Ald. Dugan read a letter from Guy Steward who stated he was in favor of adding bike lanes to Stanley Street.

Mayor Wiza read comments from David Wysocki, 2740 Stanley Street, who stated he saw very little bike traffic on Stanley Street and questioned the need for the conversion.

Ald. Shorr stated he spoke with the business owner of GT Mobility, who expressed his concern over bike traffic on sidewalks as well as roadways and was in favor of bike lanes and the conversion.

Ald. Dugan stated the business owners on Stanley Street she spoke with were in favor of the conversion if it slowed traffic.

Mayor Wiza stated the City will continue to gather facts and information concerning this issue and seek community input.

Call for the Vote:   Ayes: All.  
                          Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**18. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of September 12, 2016.**

Mayor Wiza pointed out that the capital budget presentation was for discussion only. There will be no action on this by Council as there was no action taken by the Committee. He added public hearings will be held October 10, 2016 at the Lincoln Center and October 17, 2016 in the Council chambers.

Tori Jennings, 1632 Ellis Street, stated her comments this evening did not represent BPAC. She requested the comments made by Ald. Ryan at the Finance Committee meeting be pulled for further discussion. She reiterated the positive aspects of the 4-to-3 lane conversion.

Neil Prendergast, 1924 Plover Street, stated he is in favor of bike lanes on Stanley Street and the 4-to-3 conversion. He thanked everyone involved with this endeavor.

Richard Ruppel, 1972 Church Street, stated he feels the 4-to-3 conversion is a good thing which affords many safety features.

Treavor Roark, 601 Washington, stated he would like to see the 4-to-3 conversion extended to Stanley Street.

Ryan Petro, 2260 Main Street, stated he does not feel safe riding his bike on the streets of Stevens Point. He stated he is in favor of the 4-to-3 conversion.

Justin Seis, 1120 Sunset Blvd., stated he is an avid bicyclist and is in favor of the 4-to-3 conversion on both Division and Stanley Streets.

Mayor Wiza stated the City has been very involved in evaluating this. He added the entire cost of the project will be initially paid for by the City with reimbursement from the TAP grant dollars once the project is completed. Mayor Wiza stated the process is moving along and needs to be followed.

Ald. Shorr stated Stanley Street is a relatively new addition and would be relatively inexpensive to accomplish.

Ald. Ryan stated he would move to pull item #1 to review the proposal for the capital budget. He added the Chair has stated, a vote cannot be pulled on any of those items and he would challenge the Chair's view.

Atty. Beveridge, stated based on the actions taken at the Finance Committee meeting as well as the wording of item #18 on this agenda, which states "Minutes and Actions of the Finance Committee" the item in question was not an item in which the Committee took any action. He added it was a presentation, the initial introduction of the capital budget. Attorney Beveridge stated there was no motion or vote. He referred to Robert's Rules of Order to motions that might conflict with federal, state or local law. He stated a motion made this evening based on the Finance Committee meeting events would be out of order as a violation of Chapter 19.

Mayor Wiza stated the process can include directives to staff to gather information and costs on the addition of the Stanley Street lane striping project.

Ald. Ryan cited several concerns with the topic of the 4-to-3 conversion as it related to placement on agendas and subsequent discussions. He stated he has had multiple meetings with the Mayor requesting these items be discussed in relation to the 4-to-3 conversion. Ald. Ryan stated these requests have been refused. He stated the Stanley Street project has been estimated to be \$50,000 and has been included in the current budget. Ald. Ryan asked Dir. Schatschneider to address the Stanley Street conversion.

Mayor Wiza stated there have been no requests from Ald. Ryan or any other alders to have the 4-to-3 lane conversion discussion added to any agenda.

Ald. Ryan stated it has been very clear in various meetings, people want additional discussion. He added public comment has not been allowed until Ald. Johnson was

able to get the 4-to-3 conversion discussion on the Public Protection Agenda. Ald. Ryan stated if there is disagreement, the discussions and meetings cease.

The Mayor denied this.

Ald. Kneebone commented she finds the discussion inappropriate.

Ald. Johnson stated there was money in the budget for the Stanley Street resurfacing project.

Dir. Schatschneider addressed the street prioritizations according to the 2017 capital budget proposal. He stated streets are ranked by condition and Prentice Street was ranked as a high priority.

Ald. Slowinski stated the capital budget process has not changed.

Ald. Johnson stated she is a proponent on having discussions even when there is disagreement among members.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of September 12, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Shorr, Doxtator.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**19. Resolution – Establishing absentee voting locations for the November 2016 General Election.**

Clerk Moe stated the resolution was revised to include specific dates and times.

Ald. Phillips stated this would be for early voting and registration.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the resolution establishing absentee voting locations for the November 2016 General Election.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**20. Notice of Circumstances of Claim & Claim for Damages: Jason Weisbrot – damage to boat.**

C/T Ladick explained the situation and the damages that were incurred. He added the City did nothing wrong and recommended disallowing the claim.

Attorney Beveridge stated under state statute, the City is afforded immunity because it is open to the public.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to disallow the claim for Jason Weisbrot for damages to his boat.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Morrow, Phillips, McComb, Dugan, Kneebone, Slowinski, Johnson, Oberstadt, Ryan, Shorr, Doxtator.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**21. Notice of Circumstances of Claim & Claim for Damages: Duane Vandre – injury relating to toboggan accident.**

C/T Ladick stated the recommendation is to disallow the claim to Duane Vandre – injury related to a toboggan accident.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**22. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of August 2, 2016.**

Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Doxtator seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire commission meeting of August 2, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**23. Minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of August 17, 2016.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of August 17, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**24. Joint Transportation Agreement between the City of Stevens Point and Portage County.**

Mayor Wiza stated this agenda item required no action.

Ald. Shorr stated there was confusion concerning section 12 and sections 2 and 3.

Dir. Lemke agreed and stated this was a draft agreement and to contact staff if there were any additions, corrections, clarifications or changes.

**25. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners of September 12, 2016.**

Ald. Doxtator **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners of September 12, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**26. Minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of September 12, 2016.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Airport Commissioners meeting of September 12, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**27. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of September 7, 2016.**

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting of September 7, 2016.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**28. Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.**

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Dugan seconded, to approve the monthly financial report of the Comptroller-Treasurer and place it on file.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**29. Mayoral Appointments:  
Smongeski Health Fund  
Supplemental Poll Workers**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Mayoral appointments for the Smongeski Health Fund and the supplemental poll workers.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**\*30. Subordination Agreement with Service Cold Storage, LLC.**

Attorney Beveridge stated the City provided a \$200,000 loan to Service Cold Storage with zero interest. He stated Service Cold Storage needs to refinance and this agreement needs to be signed.

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the subordination agreement with Service Cold Storage.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: Ald. Doxtator, Shorr, Ryan, Oberstadt, Johnson, Slowinski, Kneebone, Dugan, McComb, Phillips, Morrow.  
Nays: None. Motion adopted.

