

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**April 17, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Mike Wiza, Presiding**

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

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Attorney Beveridge; Clerk Moe; C/T Ladick; Dir. Schrader, Dir. Ostrowski, Dir. Lemke, Assessor Shepro; Police Chief Skibba; Nate Enwald, Portage County Gazette; Brandi Makuski, City Times.

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

Mayor Wiza introduced the agenda, including three presentations.

**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.**

Mayor Wiza reminded citizens 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.**

Ald. Kneebone encouraged individuals to attend the Riverfront Arts Center Peep Show.

Mary Ann Laszewski, 1209 Wisconsin St., asked the Council to make the five minute limit for public comment permanent, considering the preparation time necessary for statements.

Mayor Wiza clarified that normally there is not a five minute limit for agenda items, and the limit was instituted at the last meeting due to the number of speakers.

Andrew Glazner, 2045 Portage St. Apt. A, forwarded a request from the UW-Stevens Point Student Government Association for a portion of the parking meter revenue to go toward AODA programs, that downtown parking meters should also be instituted along with University areas and for the City to prioritize bicycle lanes and green spaces.

Mayor Wiza corrected his earlier comment, stating that there was a five minute limit for commenting on agenda items, but could not recall imposing that limit.

Charles Green, 5374 Woodland Cir., appreciated the need for parking meters, but asked the Council to place them downtown before gradually implementing them in the University area.

Mayor Wiza emphasized that the University is not being targeted to pay for road repair by using the example of the preliminary approval by the Council to increase property taxes to fund road repairs.

**5. Don Kissinger, Regional Urban Forestry Coordinator, DNR: Presentation of Tree City Designation and Growth Award.**

Don Kissinger presented the Tree City Award and Growth Award to Stevens Point. He mentioned the Growth Award is awarded to cities who go above and beyond Tree City requirements and Stevens Point has frequently been honored with both of these awards.

**6. Presentation from Dan Dieterich: Climate Change as it relates to Stevens Point.**

Dan Dieterich made a presentation on climate change and its impact on Stevens Point. He stated that according to scientific research, human caused climate change would negatively affect Wisconsin, the United States and the world in the next hundred years with adverse health conditions and greater weather volatility. Dr. Dieterich added that individual and community activity can help limit the severity of climate change, but national and international action is needed.

Mayor Wiza stated that the City was aware of its carbon footprint and was working to minimize it.

**7. Presentation from the Cultural Commons Committee.**

Aaron Kadoch described the Cultural Commons park area project. He mentioned the idea of the Cultural Commons was created as a community project with Stevens Point's sister cities. Mr. Kadoch added that the design would incorporate areas focused on each sister city and consist of multiple phases. He stated fundraising has enabled the ceremonial groundbreaking for the first phase, but further donations are needed to permit the construction of the full project.

Leon Ostrowski contributed to the Polish sister city's cultural influence of the project. He added that the educational component of Stevens Point's Polish cultural connection would be reflected in the outdoor learning space at the site.

Amy Wiza stated she is submitting a grant application to the Wisconsin DNR and the project would be a great way to explore Stevens Point's sister cities.

Jim Anderson stated that in commemoration of its hundred year anniversary in Stevens Point, the Rotary Club with the Sister Cities group wanted to use the Cultural Commons project as a way to give a multi-generational park space back to the community.

Susan Zach described the history of the Sister City group and its goal to create international connections in an effort to support peace and friendship.

Ald. Dugan asked if any of the currently established trees would be moved.

Aaron Kadoch replied that all currently identified memorial trees would not be removed, several unidentified trees would be worked around and they might have to remove only one or two unidentified trees.

Mayor Wiza described the extent that the current trees would be protected and invited those in attendance to the ceremonial groundbreaking on May 1<sup>st</sup> at noon.

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

#### **8. Minutes of the Common Council meeting of March 20 and the Special Common Council meeting of April 10, 2017.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Regular Common Council meeting of March 20, 2017 and the Special Common Council meeting of April 10, 2017.

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

#### **9. Appeal – Historic Preservation / Design Review Commission decision of April 5, 2017 relating to a request from Kevin Koziczowski to install new exterior doors on the building at 1200 Third Street.**

Frank Shields, 2908 Soo Marie Ave., described the poor conditions of the original doors and concerns over safety and efficiency.

Melinda McCord, 2909 Algoma St., expressed her concern for the security of the door, particularly with fundraising efforts and products on the property. She stated the old wooden doors are energy inefficient and cause excessive heating and cooling costs.

Kevin Koziczowski, Plover, detailed the construction problems experienced in attempting to refurbish the doors. He stated if new wooden doors were installed, Wisconsin's winter weather would cause damage to them and the doors would need to be replaced frequently.

Mayor Wiza recapped that the wooden doors were installed in 1968 with several modifications made through the years.

Ald. Dugan asked why the appeal was denied.

Dir. Ostrowski stated the staff recommendation was to deny the appeal because the proposal was to replace the doors with a non-like material. He added it would take a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote to overturn the Historical Committee's decision.

Ald. Johnson weighed the need to personally address climate change through correcting energy inefficiencies, while being mindful of historical aesthetics.

Dir. Ostrowski stated in the past, replacements with like materials have been approved and it could be argued that the doors are not a distinguishing feature.

Ald. Dugan mentioned that her home has a wooden front door and considered wooden doors to be an option for the building.

Ald. Kneebone was concerned about the safety of employees with an unsecure front door especially if they worked late.

Ms. McCord stated employees generally work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and their concern is for the safety of their employees and the facility.

Mr. Kozickowski responded to Ald. Dugan's comments by stating that double wooden doors in a commercial application instead of a residential setting would lead to warrantee issues. He contacted G & S Woodworking and they did not want to attempt the project.

Mayor Wiza asked Mr. Kozickowski to clarify his comments on G & S Woodworking.

Mr. Kozickowski specified G & S Woodworking stated they did not want to deal with the wooden doors and did not contact him again.

Ald. Kneebone asked if metal doors could replicate the appearance of wood.

Mr. Kozickowski replied that no such products were available for double doors or for a commercial setting.

Ald. McComb wondered if elements of the original architectural firm still existed and if another door design could replicate the original intent of the designers.

Mayor Wiza asked for the name of the architect, and if he was still alive.

Ald. Johnson replied the architect was the deceased Robert Cashin.

Mayor Wiza asked if efforts had been made toward Ald. McComb's suggestions.

Mr. Kozickowski replied the look of the doors could be duplicated in aluminum, but without the wood grain.



Ald. Kneebone **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the City Plan Commission meeting of April 3, 2017.

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

**11. Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – Rezone 3318 Stanley Street from R-2 Single Family Residence District to B-4 Commercial District.**

Ald. Dugan **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment to rezone 3318 Stanley Street from R-2 Single Family Residence District to B-4 Commercial District.

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

**12. Ordinance Amendment – Annexation – Annex approximately 0.718 acres along Country Club Drive between Woodward Drive and Gerald's Road from the Town of Hull for right-of-way purposes.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment to annex approximately 0.718 acres along Country Club Drive between Woodward Drive and Gerald's Road from the Town of Hull for right-of-way purposes.

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

**13. Ordinance Amendment – Zoning – Allowing Tourist Rooming Houses in the R-4 Multiple Family I Residence District and above as a Conditional Use, and definitions (Sections 23.02(1)(f)(3) and 23.04(2) of the RMC).**

Sarah Brish, 340 Division St. N., on behalf of the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau, described the growing trend of short term room rentals as a way to be immersive in local culture. She recommended this ordinance amendment as a framework to begin addressing this trend, but added that more needs to be done in the future.

Ald. Oberstadt shared her experience staying in vacation homes.

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment to allow tourist rooming houses in the R-4 Multiple Family I Residence District and above as a conditional use.

Ald. Johnson asked if this matter could be revisited in order to expand the applicable zoning districts.

Mayor Wiza replied the intent was to begin with a few zoning districts and revisit the matter in the future.

Ald. Dugan asked for the rationale for only recommending the R-4 and R-5 zoning district.

Dir. Ostrowski replied that once a zoning use is allowed it is difficult to remove, leading to a more cautious approach.

Ald. Dugan expressed concern over the possible future expansion of short term room rentals to single family neighborhoods because of its potential effects on established communities.

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

**14. Resolution – Acceptance of the dedication of land totaling 0.53 acres from Portage County to be used as right-of-way located at an unaddressed property on the southeast corner of the intersection of Brilowski Road and E.M. Copps Drive.**

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. McComb seconded, to approve the resolution for acceptance of the dedication of land totaling 0.53 acres from Portage County to be used as right-of-way located at an unaddressed property on the southeast corner of the intersection of Brilowski Road and E.M. Copps Drive.

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

**15. Utility Easements – Wisconsin Public Service and Charter Communications to service Cobblestone Hotel, 1117 Centerpoint Drive. Easements are along Strongs Avenue and municipal parking lots #15 and #16.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the utility easements for Wisconsin Public Service and Charter Communications to service Cobblestone Hotel, 1117 Centerpoint Drive. Easements are along Strongs Avenue and municipal parking lots #15 and #16.

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

**16. Minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 10, 2017.**  
**1. Updated Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy.**

Ald. Oberstadt **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 10, 2017.

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

**17. Minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of April 10, 2017.**

- 1. To accept the Director's Report and place it on file.**
- 2. To award the 2017 Street Seal Coating Program #17-04 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC out of Plover, WI in the amount not to exceed \$251,608.20.**
- 3. To award the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project #17-10 to Visu-Sewer, Inc. out of Pewaukee, WI in the amount not to exceed \$216,656.55.**

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Johnson seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Public Works meeting of April 10, 2017.

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

**18. Ordinance Amendment – Traffic – Creation of permanent permit parking in Municipal Parking Lot #12 and proposed stop sign on Maria Drive (Sections 8.09(2)(d)1., 9.05(aa)3e., 9.06(a) 812. of the RMC).**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment to create permanent permit parking in Municipal Parking Lot #12 and a proposed stop sign on Maria Drive.

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

**19. Actions taken at the Special Board of Public Works meeting of April 17, 2017.**

- 1. To award the Prentice Street Reconstruction Project to Integrity Grading & Excavating, Inc. out of Weston, WI in the amount not to exceed \$2,076,850.76.**
- 3. To approve the purchase of a 2017 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper from Bruce Municipal Equipment in the amount of \$176,000.00.**

Mayor Wiza recapped the actions of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of April 17, 2017.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the actions of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of April 17, 2017.

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

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**20. Ordinance Amendment – Traffic – Parking on Main Street between Church Street and Smith Street (Sections 9.05(f) and 9.05(g)of the RMC).**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment regarding parking on Main Street between Church Street and Smith Street.

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

Nays: None. Motion adopted.

**21. Minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of April 10, 2017.**

- 1. License List.**
- 2. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings.**
- 3. Discussion on Rental Licensing Program.**

Ald. Johnson **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Public Protection Committee meeting of April 10, 2017.

Ald. Dugan thanked Fire Chief Finn for recommending a Rental Licensing Program as a way to encourage safe housing in Stevens Point.

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

**22. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of April 10, 2017.**

- 1. Renewal of Realtor Contract for leasing the property at 933 Michigan Ave. (Former MSTC Building).**
- 2. Refinancing of State Trust Fund Loan.**
- 4. Approval of Payment of Claims.**
- 5. Adjourn into closed session on the following:**
  - a. Negotiating the purchase of properties in TIF District 6 (Downtown TIF District).**
  - b. Negotiating the terms of building improvements related to the lease on the building at 1101 Centerpoint Dr.**
  - c. Negotiating the potential purchase, sale, and/or lease of potential properties in order to meet current needs for City administrative and police department facilities.**

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of April 10, 2017.

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

**23. Resolution – Supporting a change to Wisconsin Statute 66.0603 (Local Government Investments).**

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Oberstadt seconded, to approve the resolution supporting a change to Wisconsin Statute 66.0603.

C/T Ladick stated the State Assembly and State Senate are beginning to address these concerns.

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

**24. Minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of March 7, 2017.**

5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Confirmation of bills.
7. Adjourn into closed session for the following:
  - a. Assistant Chief Interview – Police Department
  - b. Update on status of MOU with Plover Fire Department
  - c. Update on MOU with St. Michael's Hospital for a medical director
  - d. Update on the EMS system additional ambulance and EMS contract
8. Reconvene into open session for possible action.
9. Discussion regarding pay plan placement of Assistant Chief – Police Department.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Police and Fire Commission meeting of March 7, 2017.

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

**25. Minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners of April 5, 2017.**

2. Approval of the March 1, 2017 Minutes.
3. Request from BPAC to install additional bike racks in Mead Park.
4. Parkdale Park expansion.
5. Update on Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Ryan seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Park Commissioners meeting on April 5, 2017 with the exception of Item 3.

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

Ald. McComb requested clarity between the bicycle racks suggested by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee versus those suggested by Dir. Schrader and the Board of Park Commissioners.

Tori Jennings, 1632 Ellis St., on behalf of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee made multiple suggestions for bicycle racks and was concerned about the design

chosen by the Board of Park Commissioners. She stated the City of Madison had difficulties when utilizing the design proposed by the Board of Park Commissioners and she would prefer a consistent approach to bicycle racks.

Dir. Schrader said the Board of Park Commissioners' design satisfied the APBP guidelines, could be used as a SPASH project and was more cost effective than the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee proposals.

Ald. Slowinski asked for clarification on which bicycle racks were being recommended by either group.

Ms. Jennings stated that of the three bicycle racks the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee proposed, she wanted greater consideration of the "inverted U," and asked for further explanation on the materials to be used.

Dir. Schrader replied the bicycle rack material would be coated steel.

Ald. Slowinski appreciated the simple and economical design of the bicycle racks proposed by Dir. Schrader.

Mayor Wiza asked Dir. Schrader to confirm that the Board of Park Commissioners' proposed bicycle rack met the APBP guidelines.

Dir. Schrader replied that the bicycle rack met four basic guidelines as well as two other bicycle features.

Ald. Phillips asked about the other bicycle racks in consideration.

Dir. Schrader stated they were possibilities, but would be more expensive.

Ald. Phillips **moved**, Ald. Shorr seconded, to approve the Board of Park Commissioners' recommendation for bicycle racks at Mead Park.

Ald. Kneebone disliked the bicycle rack supported by the Board of Park Commissioners because of potential difficulties with older bicyclists lifting heavier bicycles into place.

Mayor Wiza stated the provided image exaggerated the lifting necessary to lock the bicycle.

Ald. McComb mentioned that she could not find the "uplift" bicycle rack proposed by Dir. Schrader in the APBP approved recommendations.

Dir. Schrader reiterated that it was approved in Chapter 2.

Ald. McComb expressed concern about the difficulties Madison had in implementing the proposed "uplift" bicycle rack design and requested clarification on the steel coating.

Dir. Schrader added the location of the bicycle racks would assist in implementation and the bicycles would not come into contact with the steel coating.

Mayor Wiza added that the steel coating helps to prevent rusting and inhibits damage such as scraping and scratching.

Dir. Schrader stated the steel coating would be used to prevent rusting since SPASH does not have the facilities needed to galvanize steel.

Ald. McComb asked if the SPASH students could make the "inverted U" bicycle racks.

Dir. Schrader thought they could.

Ald. McComb stated she would prefer a simpler "inverted U" design and considered using that design to be more consist with other City bicycle racks.

Dir. Schrader mentioned there are currently only two "inverted U" bicycle racks in Stevens Point.

Ald. Doxtator stated he needed to leave for work.

Mayor Wiza recessed discussion in order to acknowledge Ald. Doxtator's dedicated public service to Stevens Point.

Mayor Wiza asked for Ald. Doxtator's final words for the assembly.

Ald. Doxtator told the Council he would see them in two years.

Mayor Wiza reconvened the Council to the discussion on the recommendation of the Board of Park Commissioners for bicycle racks at Mead Park.

Ald. Ryan asked how many bicycles the racks would hold.

Dir. Schrader replied each would hold two bicycles.

Ald. Ryan asked if there would be any legal issues due to constructing patent pending bicycle racks.

Atty. Beveridge did not think so.

Ald. Dugan appreciated paying less for the bicycle racks and stated the need for education on bicycle rack use.

Mayor Wiza stated that one of the purposes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is to educate individuals on bicycle rack use.

Call for the Vote:   Ayes:   Ald. Morrow, Phillips, Dugan, Slowinski, Oberstadt, Shorr.

Nays: Ald. McComb, Kneebone, Johnson, Ryan. Motion adopted.

**26. Minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners of April 10, 2017.**

1. Approval of minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting.
2. Discussion and possible action on approval of department claims.
8. Award of 2017 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project #17-10 to Visu-Sewer, Inc. out of Pewaukee, WI in the amount not to exceed \$216,656.55.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Morrow seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners meeting on April 10, 2017.

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

**27. Minutes and actions of the Airport Commission meeting of April 10, 2017.**

1. Approval of minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting.
2. Discussion and possible action of department claims.
3. Discussion and possible action on the use of general fund dollars for the fuel farm upgrade project.

Ald. McComb **moved**, Ald. Phillips seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Airport Commission meeting of April 10, 2017.

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

**28. Minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of April 12, 2017.**

4. Youth Ride Free Program for 2017.
6. University Campus Shopping Route service reduction for 2017-2018.
7. Request for Quote for Shelter installation.
8. Request for Proposal for Transportation Development Plan.
9. Evaluation Committee for TDP.
10. 2017 – 5311 Capital Award.
11. WIPTA Washington D.C. Fly-In.

Andrew Glazner, 2045 Portage St. Apt. A, made himself available for questions about the University Campus Shopping Route service reduction.

Ald. Shorr stated he understood the causes of the University route service reduction and appreciated the work done to complete the Joint Transit Agreement with Portage County.

Ald. Shorr **moved**, Ald. Kneebone seconded, to approve the minutes and actions of the Transportation Commission meeting of April 12, 2017.





