

Our intention is to have in-person meetings going forward. For the time being, we will hold the City Committee Meetings, Plan Commission, Council and most others at the Community Room at 933 Michigan Avenue. This in-person location will meet the legal requirement for our open meetings.

We will have a virtual option available, but the technology for the hybrid style meeting may not be reliable all of the time.

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
PUBLIC POLICY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

November 12, 2024 - 6:35 PM

(or immediately following previously scheduled meeting)

**Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI**

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

Meeting ID: 823 2043 2960 | Passcode: 391799

By Computer: [Zoom Link](#)

By Phone: +1-312-626-6799 (US Chicago)

(A quorum of the City Council may attend this meeting)

AGENDA

Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.
2. Request to Hold Event/Street Closing:
 - A. Stevens Point Holiday Parade on December 6, 2024.
3. Proposed Resolution on Ending Housing Insecurity and Homelessness.
4. Adjournment.

Meeting Rider

Any person who has special needs while attending this meeting or needing agenda materials for this meeting should contact the City Clerk as soon as possible to ensure a reasonable accommodation can be made. The City Clerk can be reached by telephone at (715) 346-1569, TDD # 346-1556 or by mail at 1515 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Copies of ordinances, resolutions, reports and minutes of the committee meetings are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection during normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Fee: \$35

- ☐ Exempt (Veterans, Schools, Funerals) ☐ Small (Less Than 100 Attendees)
☐ Medium (100-500 Attendees) ☒ Large (500+ Attendees)

OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE: 10/28/24
AMOUNT: \$35
RECEIPT: 2.018488

Insurance: Medium and Large Events are required by City Ordinance 12.28(6)b to submit a Certificate of Insurance providing minimum combined single bodily injury and property damage of \$1,000,000.

1. Please Select One: ☐ New Event ☒ Return Event as Previously Presented ☐ Return Event w/ Changes
2. Name of Event: Stevens Point Holiday Parade
3. Name of Sponsoring Person or Organization: Stevens Point Alliance
Address: PO Box 675 City: Stevens Point State: WI Zip Code: 54481
Is this a 501 (C-3) non-profit organization? ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, Tax Exempt CES#: _____
4. Contact Person: Nikki Kaiser
Phone: 715-571-4201 Email: nikkaiser08@yahoo.com Fax: _____
Address: PO Box 675 City: Stevens Point State: WI Zip Code: 54481
5. Event Type: (Check All That Apply and Describe: Run/Walk, Concert, Festival, Picnic, Etc.)
☒ Athletic Event: _____
☐ Financial Gain Event on City Property: _____
☒ Free Public Event on City Property: _____
☐ Private Event: _____
☐ Other: _____
6. Event Date(s): Friday, December 6, 2024 Event Start Time: 6:00 PM Event End Time: 9:00 PM
7. Set Up Date and Time: Dec. 6, 2:00 pm
8. Event Assembly Location: _____
Event Dispersal Location (if different from Assembly Location): _____
9. Alternative Location: ☐ Yes ☒ No if "Yes" please list location: _____
(usage of an alternative location must be communicated with the City Clerk's Office two business days prior to the event)
10. Estimated Attendance Of:
Participants/Vendors: 200 Spectators/Attendees: 1000 Vehicles: 150 Animals: 25
11. Site Plan/Map of Event Attached [REQUIRED]: ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Include Locations of Vendors, Tents, Portable Restrooms, Etc.)
12. Street Closures Required? ☒ Yes ☐ No (If "Yes" Certificate of Insurance providing minimum combined single bodily injury and property damage of \$1,000,000 is required regardless of event size).
13. List of Street Blocks to Close for Event (Event Organizer is responsible for proper placement of barricades to close the street): Main Street - Church Street, Strong,
14. Briefly Describe Your Event (You May Attach Additional Pages, If Needed):
Holiday Parade with numerous floats.

15. Describe any additional needs from the City or City Facilities (Barricades, Fencing, Garbage Cans, City Facilities, Parks, etc.):

16. Police Presence Needed? ☒ Police ☐ Auxiliary Officer (Contact Lt. Uitenbroek at buitenbroek@stevenspoint.com)
Please Explain: Police needed to help remove parked vehicles, and help traffic control, and to start off the parade.

17. Emergency On-Site Contact Person (Please list full name, phone number and email):
Nikki Kaiser 715-571-4201 nikkaiser08@yahoo.com

18. Will You Have Any of the Following? Check the Appropriate Boxes:

		Yes	No			Yes	No
1	Admission/Entry Fee	☒	☐	10	Erection of Tents/Temporary Structures—Area Greater than 400sq. ft. (Additional Permit Required—Contact Fire Dept & Ask for Officer on Duty: 715-344-1833)	☐	☒
2	Alcoholic Beverages Served (Additional Permit Required—Contact City Clerk: 715-346-1569)	☐	☒	11	Financial Gain Activity	☐	☒
3	Amplification Equipment	☐	☒	12	Fireworks—Please Explain Below: (Additional Permit Required—Contact Fire Department & Ask for Officer on Duty: 715-344-1833)	☐	☒
4	Amusement Rides/Inflatables (Certificate of Insurance Required—Contact City Clerk's Office: 715-346-1569)	☐	☒	13	Food Prepared/Served (Additional Permit Required—Contact Portage County Health Dept: 715-345-5350 AND Fire Dept—Email the Fire Marshal at: sinnert@stevenspoint.com)	☐	☒
5	Boats/Snowmobiles/ATVs	☒	☐	14	Horses/Animals	☒	☐
6	Concession Sales	☐	☒	15	Musical Bands	☒	☐
7	Drive Anything Into the Ground (Utility Location Required \$25—Contact Parks Department: 715-346-1531)	☐	☒	16	Portable Toilets	☐	☒
8	Electricity Needed	☐	☒	17	Vendor Displays/Sales	☐	☒
9	Erection of Tents/Temporary Structures—Area Less than 400sq. ft.	☐	☒	18	Usage of the Square (Farmers Market Runs May 1st - October 31st—Contact: stevenspointfarmersmarket@gmail.com)	☐	☒

Additional Explanation Here:

I understand the filing of this application does not ensure the issuance of this permit. I also understand that all Special Event organizers and participants must comply with all applicable City Ordinances, traffic rules, park rules, state health laws, fire codes, and liquor licensing regulations. Additional fees such as park facilities, tent, and firework permits are in addition to the fees submitted for the Special Event Application.

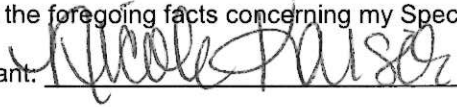
NON-DISCRIMINATION, HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFICATION AND DEFENSE

THE PERSON OR GROUP NAMED AS THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION ON THIS APPLICATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL EVENT AND FOR THE CONDITION OF THE FACILITY. THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION WILL NOT DENY ANY PERSON ANY BENEFIT OR OTHERWISE SUBJECT ANY PERSON TO DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, DISABILITY, RELIGION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR MEMBERSHIP IN ANY PROTECTED CLASS.

BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, THE SPONSORING PERSON OR ORGANIZATION LISTED ABOVE AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD THE CITY AND ITS OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS HARMLESS AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, OR EXPENSE INCURRED BY THE CITY ON ACCOUNT OF ANY INJURY TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON OR ANY DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS GRANTED.

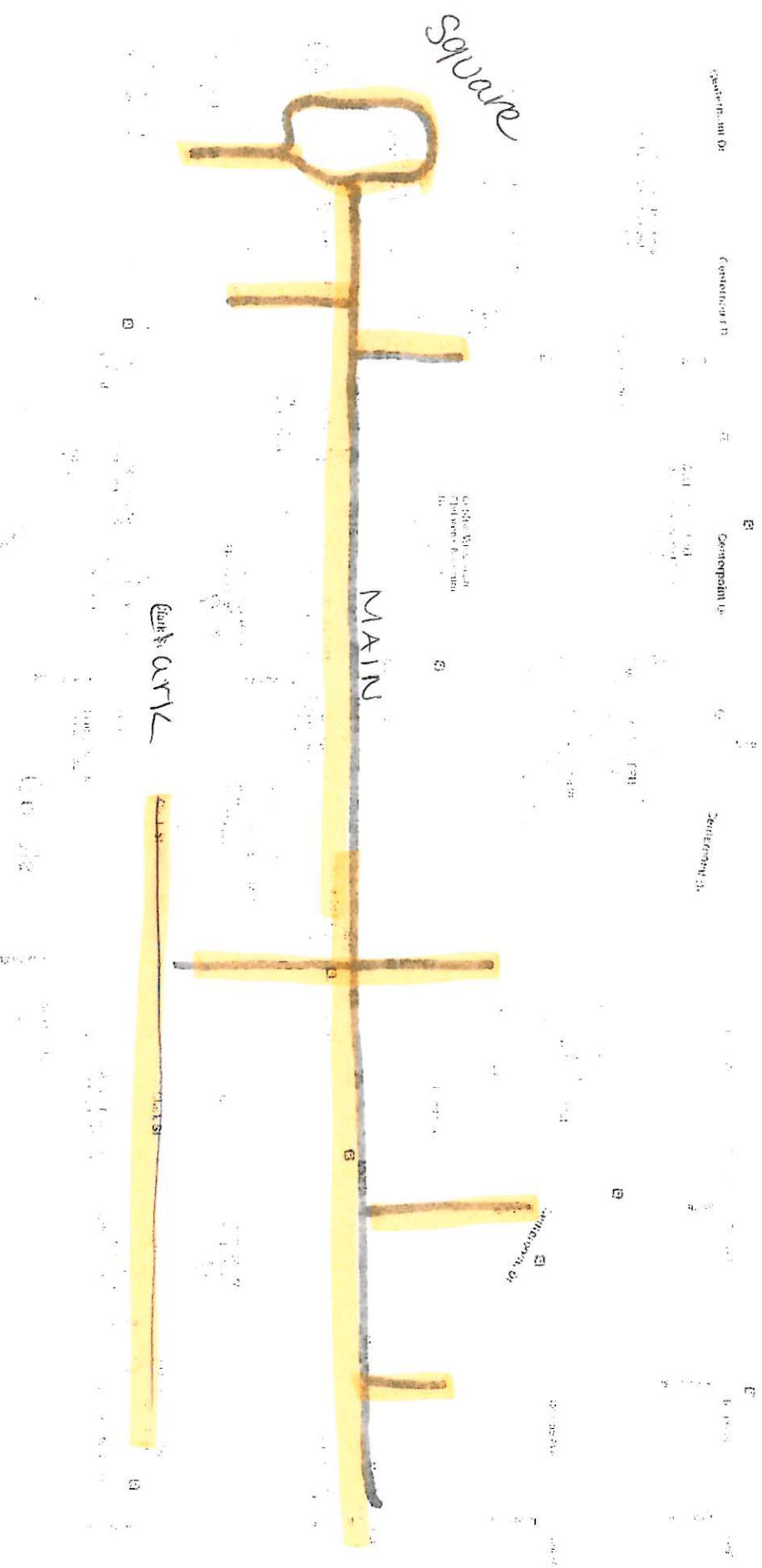
NOTHING CONTAINED WITHIN THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE A WAIVER OR ESTOPPELS OF THE CONTRACTING MUNICIPALITY OR ITS INSURER TO RELY UPON THE LIMITATIONS, DEFENSES, AND IMMUNITIES CONTAINED WITHIN WISCONSIN LAW, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED WITHIN WISCONSIN STATUTES §§ 893.80, 895.52, AND 345.05. TO THE EXTENT THAT INDEMNIFICATION IS AVAILABLE AND ENFORCEABLE, THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT OR ITS INSURER(S) SHALL NOT BE LIABLE IN INDEMNITY OR CONTRIBUTION FOR AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN THE LIMITS OF LIABILITY FOR MUNICIPAL CLAIMS ESTABLISHED BY WISCONSIN LAW.

I hereby certify that the foregoing facts concerning my Special Event are true to the best of my knowledge:

Signature of Applicant:  Date: 10/28/24

*****Signature of Approval*****

Signature of City Clerk: _____ Date: _____



"Road close for parade request"
3 pm - 9 pm

"side street close is
just to help with public
safety"

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON ENDING HOUSING INSECURITY AND HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS safe, stable, affordable, accessible, and permanent housing is a human right, and its absence negatively impacts typical development; physical and mental health functioning; nutrition; social and emotional wellbeing; education, employment, and training opportunities; academic success; family and social cohesion; and the ability to exercise individual rights and responsibilities, AND

WHEREAS certain activities associated with individuals who lack a home or shelter or are in unstable living conditions, such as sleeping outdoors, in cars, or in abandoned buildings, doubled up, congregating in specific settings, violating curfews, or sharing food have been criminalized or interdicted under specific state and local civil ordinances, and can result in encounters with law enforcement officers and legal systems causing further stigmatization, increased hardship, and a further curtailment of legal rights and liberties, including incarceration, loss of the ability to vote, financial penalties and costs, forfeiture of possessions and property, employment loss, ineligibility for public housing and other benefits, and in some instances separation from children and loss of legal custody; AND

WHEREAS housing insecurity, defined as “a real, persistent, and growing problem with implications for people’s education, health, and well-being...Housing insecurity can take a number of forms: homelessness; housing cost burden; residential instability; evictions and other forced moves; living with family or friends to share housing costs (doubling up); overcrowding; living in substandard, poor quality housing; or living in neighborhoods that are unsafe and lack access to transportation, jobs, quality schools, and other critical amenities,” is a primary risk factor for homelessness and residents experiencing various forms of housing insecurity also experience the deleterious effects of homelessness (Leopold, J. et al. 2016); AND

WHEREAS an estimated 7,200 Stevens Point residents experienced housing insecurity based solely on cost-burden in 2022, and more unaccounted-for persons may live doubled up and in crowded and unsafe settings as a result of insufficient supplies of adequate affordable housing and in combination with other factors, and where health and homelessness are inextricably linked insofar as poor health often contributes to homelessness and living without homes can cause or exacerbate health conditions, housing instability and homelessness are matters of significant public health concern. Homelessness and housing insecurity have a deleterious impact across the life span on physical and emotional health and wellbeing, and the societal costs associated with unstable housing are staggering. From infancy through childhood, adulthood, and old age, persons living without homes, when compared with the general population, are disproportionately at risk for the neuro-psychological, developmental, cognitive, social, emotional, and health consequences of toxic exposures, infectious diseases and chronic illnesses, unclean water, faulty plumbing, unsafe wiring, inadequate food, unhealthy living spaces and crowded conditions, air pollution, and environmental injustice; are more likely to be displaced by natural disasters, pandemics, and the outcomes of climate change; and tend to die on average twelve years sooner than persons who are housed. Additionally, whereas persons living without homes have been particularly impacted by higher-than-average rates of severe acute respiratory syndrome– coronavirus disease 2019 (SARS–COVID-19) and human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; AND

WHEREAS populations who have historically been marginalized and discriminated against are disproportionately impacted by the lack of affordable, accessible, safe, and stable housing and are evicted from existing housing at significantly higher rates, and whereas these same populations are least likely to

benefit from neighborhood revitalization and economic recovery. Such oppressed groups include those living in poverty or of low socioeconomic status; persons of color including Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) and other minorities; immigrants and refugees; persons with disabilities along with cognitive, physical, behavioral, and/or mental health challenges; single parents or caregivers with children; older adults; unaccompanied youth including those who hold sexual orientation and/or gender diverse identities (e.g., gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, transgender, and nonbinary gender); emerging adults transitioning from foster care, juvenile justice, or child welfare settings; victims of interpersonal violence; veterans; and persons who have been incarcerated, arrested, paroled, on probation, or otherwise court-involved; AND

WHEREAS oppressed groups, persons of low socioeconomic status, and all individuals living in poverty are disproportionately impacted by housing loss related to destruction following natural disasters; illness, loss of income, and eviction during pandemics; inequitable wages based on gender, race, or immigration status; wage theft and underpayment; insufficient income and savings; higher rates of unemployment and under-employment; gentrification and dislocation; job loss owing to plant shutdowns and job relocations; financial scams; predatory lending and subprime loans; discriminatory leasing practices; and inaccessible or unaffordable public transportation, all of which contribute to housing instability and homelessness; AND

WHEREAS in times of economic downturn, pandemics, job loss, and periods of high rates of under-employment and unemployment, persons of low socioeconomic status and those living in poverty in urban, suburban, and rural locations are at significantly heightened risk of losing stable housing resulting in homelessness;

WHEREAS homelessness results from structural racism, anti- LGBTQ+ discrimination, systemic barriers, and embedded social injustices including the lack of safe and affordable housing; discriminatory gaps in wages based on gender, race, ethnicity, and immigration status; high costs of food, childcare, transportation, and utilities; health disparities and unequal access to health care treatment; insufficient supportive community services, including those targeted to treat mental health and substance disorders; under-funded schools ill equipped to prepare students for academic or vocational success; scarce job training programs; limited early childcare and after school programs to support working families; inadequate and unfair wages; job layoffs and under-employment; AND

WHEREAS psychosocial stressors that impact physical, social- emotional, and behavioral health functioning are often associated with entrance into and exit from homelessness, and where rapid and supportive housing as well as expanded access to health and mental health care; community-based prevention, intervention, and treatment services; and job training opportunities along with structural changes and the creation of affordable housing contributes to the reduction of homelessness; AND

WHEREAS the City of Stevens Point is uniquely poised to contribute to the reduction of homelessness through local policies, partnerships, program design, active implementation and continuing evaluation; empirically supported programs for those experiencing homelessness or at risk of housing instability; education and job training for persons wishing to work at the programmatic or individual levels with persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of housing loss; and advocacy around issues and policies associated with racial and socioeconomic injustice; increased access to safe and affordable housing; fair wages, the decriminalization of homelessness, and structural and race-based barriers to health care; and climate justice; AND

WHEREAS the City of Stevens Point aspires to promote the human rights and dignity of all persons, through the creation of equal opportunities for work, education, physical, emotional, and behavioral wellbeing, including equal access to housing, especially for those who are most vulnerable owing to systemic racism and classism, structural inequity, or bias based on the intersectionality of marginalized identities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Stevens Point acknowledges that housing insecurity is an emergent issue. We recognize that homelessness and housing insecurity are affected by a wide variety of factors which are very fluid and may require a change of policies, goals, and procedures to adequately address, requiring both policy and structural/systemic interventions necessary for those experiencing the consequences of poverty and homelessness;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Stevens Point desires to be an active part of the solution through adoption of this Resolution and reaffirms its commitment to actively contribute to reducing housing insecurity and homelessness and supports the following actions:

Promotion and implementation of policies and programs that support the keeping of people in, or the rapid reentry of persons into stable, safe, affordable, and permanent housing, including the City of Stevens Point committing human and financial resources toward the active and systematic execution of recommendations contained within the 2023 Housing Task Force Report.

Amongst the many recommendations, priority in efforts shall be given initially to:

Replace:

- Focus on the simplest and most cost-effective solution of keeping people in housing when at all possible
- Direct staff to engage and work cooperatively with community partners on forward thinking sustainable housing insecurity solutions
- Adopt and implement recommendations for low or no cost ordinance related items utilizing increased density; such as zoning restriction and unrelated persons limits
- Annually document and report the status of homelessness and housing insecurity to the public including programmatic updates which the City is involved in, or should be
- Support grass roots local efforts for eviction prevention and identify proper staff to receive landlord-tenant mediation training and a point of contact for landlord-tenant disputes
- Include the Stevens Point Housing Authority in multi-agency collaboration and intergovernmental cooperation on grant and other funded opportunities that aim to preserve and/or increase affordable housing in the City of Stevens Point.

Implementation of efforts directed towards the prevention of homelessness among marginalized and vulnerable populations. City staff shall take the lead in actively implementing plans for those currently experiencing homelessness, vulnerable adults, or at imminent risk of homelessness, utilizing available research on service use among populations at risk for homelessness, as well as the evaluation and assessment of programs that support affordable and permanent housing options.

