

The La Crosse Common Council has overturned Mayor Harter's veto of the 2012 city budget, by a 12-2 vote. Only Jim Bloedorn and Doug Farmer voted to uphold the veto. Several council members spoke during a brief session Saturday afternoon, claiming that Harter did not publicly object to imposing new fees without corresponding tax cuts during meetings about the budget. After the meeting, the mayor insisted that he has often spoken against fees that are not balanced by tax cuts. Harter says he'll now have to wait until the 2013 budget process to make the changes he would like.