

Deal for Ramp, Building Passes With Doubts

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The outcome was never seriously in doubt. But La Crosse city council members had a hard time with some aspects of a deal for a new parking ramp and third Riverside Center building downtown. During discussions over the deal last night Council member Doug Farmer got a little frustrated that an agreement would keep the city from charging for parking at its own ramp. Farmer thinks developer Don Weber must be thinking the ramp is his. Not the case, says Farmer. He also expressed doubts about a deal that hinged on whether the city could charge for parking in its own ramp.

Under the deal, the city will own a new parking ramp but generally won't be able to charge for parking for 13 years. Construction on the ramp is scheduled to start in July. Groundbreaking for a third Riverside Center building under the deal is supposed to happen on May 15th.