

Committee Recommendation: No Punishment for Mayor

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When La Crosse's ethics board cast judgment on the city's mayor, they did so with mercy. Although the board agreed that Matt Harter had crossed ethical lines in meetings with the county solid waste director last year, board members said the mayor should not receive punishment. Instead the recommendation to Harter: Reflect. Repent. Go to ethics classes. During a city council committee meeting last night, council member Bob Seaquist agreed with those changes and urged his colleagues to go forward with that, saying, "it's time to move on." Sure enough, his council committee has recommended to the full council no punishment should be levied against the mayor. Final decision on that should come next week.