



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Alder Jeff Coe
Alder Mollie Jones
Alder John Tate II
Alder Edwin Santiago Jr
Alder Jennifer Levie
Alder Jeffrey Peterson
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Marcus West
Alder Trevor Jung
Alder Carrie Glenn
Alder Mary Land
Alder Henry Perez
Alder Natalia Taft
Alder Jason Meekma
Alder Melissa Lemke

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtually

A. Call To Order

PRESENT: 13 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke
EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

B. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag

Mayor Mason led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes) July 21, 2020

Alder Tate II made a motion to Approve the Minutes, seconded by Alder Jung.

AYES: 13 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

D. Safer Racine Presentation by Public Health Administrator Bowersox

E. Committee Reports

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Taft

[0150-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Levie, Alder Tate II, Alder Jones, and Alder Jung requesting to reduce the interest rate residents would pay for city loan on assessed projects.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

07-27-2020: To adopt the Ordinance as attached and written.

Fiscal Note: The 2020 interest rate is 6%, beginning in 2021 the interest rate will be 4.5%.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0422-20](#)

Subject: A communication sponsored by Alder Jung, and a request by Matthew G. Sadowski, Interim Executive Director of the Community Development Authority (CDA), seeking permission to prepare and execute a loan through Business Lending Partners for up to \$100,000 of the City of Racine EPA Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BC-RLF) for the purpose of supplementing an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant of the CDA intended to fund the removal of contaminants from the CDA property at 1425 North Memorial Drive (South Lot).

Recommendation of the Community Development Authority on

07-09-2020: That the request by the Interim Executive Director of the CDA to execute a loan through Business Lending Partners for up to \$100,000 of the City of Racine's EPA Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BC-RLF) for the purpose of supplementing an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant of the CDA for the property at 1425 North Memorial Drive (Racine Steel Castings - South Lot) be approved, subject to the terms and conditions listed in CDA Resolution 20-03.

Further, that the Interim Executive Director and/or Chairman of the CDA, Mayor, City Clerk, or their designee, be authorized to execute loan documents to facilitate the loan.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

07-27-2020: That the request by the Interim Executive Director of the CDA to execute a loan through Business Lending Partners for up to \$100,000 of the City of Racine's EPA Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BC-RLF) for the purpose of supplementing an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant of the CDA for the property at 1425 North Memorial Drive (Racine Steel Castings - South Lot) be approved, subject to the terms and conditions listed in CDA Resolution 20-03. Also approve associated 20% City match of up to \$20,000.

Fiscal Note: The BC-RLF loan of up to \$100,000 will be made from a grant received from the Environmental Protection Agency. Racine County Economic Development Corporation - Business Lending Partners will serve as the loan "servicer". A 20% City match is required. City match of up to \$20,000 is available in 95060 52200, Brownsfield Contracted Services.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0445-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Clerk, requesting to apply and accept the Wisconsin Election Commission CARES Sub-grant to be used for August and November 2020 Election Cycle. (Grant Control #00332)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: To approve and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to apply and accept the Wisconsin Election Commission CARES Sub-grant to be used for August and November 2020 Election Cycle

Fiscal Note: Amount to be determined by the Wisconsin Election Commission equal to \$200 plus \$1.10 per registered voter in the City of Racine as of June 1st, 2020. No city match is required.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0478-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Lemke, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract agreement with Maxim HealthCare Services to establish temporary employment for Contact Tracers, Disease Investigators and Monitors.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: That permission be granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract agreement with Maxim HealthCare Services to establish temporary employment for Contact Tracers, Disease Investigators and Monitors.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Levie, that this Contract be amended to include eighty percent of hires must be City of Racine residents. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

A motion was made by Alder Glenn, seconded by Alder Perez, that this Communication be Deferred and rescheduled as soon as possible once the company agrees to the stipulations. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Santiago Jr, Glenn and Perez

NOES: 10 - Jones, Tate II, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Glenn, that this Communication be Deferred for 48 hours. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Tate II, Santiago Jr, Glenn and Perez

NOES: 9 - Jones, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Horton, that this Communication be Adopted As Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 1 - Glenn

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

[0480-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Lemke, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting the Mayor and City Clerk enter into a contract agreement and to accept funding in the amount of \$62,397.00 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health for COVID-19. The funds will be used for public health crisis emergency response and for the continuation of emergency preparedness efforts for the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: That the Mayor and City Clerk enter into a contract agreement and accept funding in the amount of \$62,397.00 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health for COVID-19.

Fiscal Note: No City match is required.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0481-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Lemke, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract agreement and to accept funding in the

total amount of \$870,860 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health for the following programs:

- ELC COVID-19 (Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity) - \$24,200

The funds will be used to rapidly establish and monitor key activities related to COVID-19 in the areas of epidemiology, laboratory, and informatics.

The contract period is February 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

- COVID-19 Test Coordinator - \$127,800

The funds will be used to support staffing and resources to convene partners, and coordinate or support local testing efforts. To quickly identify new cases of disease, investigate and contain outbreaks.

- COVID-19 Plan - \$30,000

The funds will be used to update and support local Public Health Preparedness Pandemic Plans for COVID-19 to match Wisconsin's statewide "Box it In" strategy consisting of testing, isolation, quarantine, and contact.

- COVID-19 Contact Tracing - \$688,860

The funds will be used to conduct disease investigations and contact tracing for a wide variety of communicable diseases.

The contract period is March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: That permission be granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract agreement and to accept funding in the total amount of \$870,860 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health for the programs listed above.

Fiscal Note: No City match is required.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0482-20](#)

Subject: Communication by Alder Lemke, on behalf of Public Health Administrator, requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement and accept funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$28,000. The funds will be used to monitor WI DNR designated public beaches in SE WI

(Racine, Kenosha & Milwaukee Counties) in accordance with federal BEACH Act requirements.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: That permission be granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement and accept funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$28,000.

Fiscal Note: No City match is required.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0483-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Lemke, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract agreement and to accept funding in the amount of \$21,000 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health for HIV Prevention. The funds will be used for HIV Prevention and Integrated Surveillance Programs.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: That permission be granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract agreement and to accept funding in the amount of \$21,000 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health for HIV Prevention.

Fiscal Note: No City match is required.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0484-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Lemke, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract agreement and to accept funding in the amount of \$8,800.00 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health for Bio Terrorism Preparedness. The funds will be used to build and strengthen Wisconsin's ability to respond effectively to public health threats and for the continuation of emergency preparedness efforts for the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: That authorization be granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract agreement and to accept funding in the amount of \$8,800.00 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health for Bio Terrorism Preparedness.

Fiscal Note: No City match is required.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0486-20](#)

Subject: Communication from Mayor Mason presenting a request on behalf of the City of Racine Sustainability and Conservation Coordinator to amend the Solar Ground Lease Agreement approved by the Common Council on May 5, 2020, under Item 0243-20, with Wisconsin Electric Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, doing business as We Energies. The amendment would modify the area used for the City of Racine's participation in We Energies' Solar Now program and result in a 600 kW (ac) solar system being installed on 3.06 acres at Olsen Prairie Park.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to enter into an amendment to the solar ground lease agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, doing business as We Energies.

Fiscal Note: This amendment will not affect the revenue anticipated to be received by the City of Racine.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0489-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft on behalf of the Assistant Finance Director submitting the presentation of 4th Quarter 2019 and the 1st Quarter 2020 Fiscal Results and the March 2020 Investment schedule.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: To Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0491-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Clerk requesting to waive formal bidding and enter into an agreement with Kane Communications for community outreach and election official training revolving around the August and November Election.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: To approve waiving formal bidding and enter into an agreement with Kane Communications for outreach revolving around the

August and November Election

Fiscal Note: Funds available from the Center for Tech and Civic Life Safe Elections Grant not to exceed \$120,000.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Jung, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 10 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Horton, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft and Meekma

NOES: 2 - Peterson and Glenn

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Lemke

[0492-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Clerk requesting to waive formal bidding, sole source, and enter into an agreement with Burlington RV to purchase a mobile voting precinct.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: To approve waiving formal bidding , sole source, and enter into an agreement with Burlington RV to purchase a mobile voting precinct.

Fiscal Note: Funds available from the Center for Tech and Civic Life Safe Elections Grant not to exceed \$250,000.00.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

AYES: 13 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

[0494-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Clerk requesting to waive formal bidding and purchase 40 badger books from Paragon Development Systems Inc .

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 07-27-2020: To approve waiving formal bidding and purchase of 40 badger books from Paragon Development Systems Inc .

Fiscal Note: Funds available from the Center for Tech and Civic Life Safe Elections Grant not to exceed \$80,000.00

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Public Works and Services Committee Report, by Ald. Jones

[0263-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, submitting a revised State/Municipal Agreement for State Project ID: 2440-09-00/70, Washington Avenue - Roosevelt Avenue to West Boulevard.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 5-26-20: Approve and authorize and direct the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer to sign the revised State/Municipal Agreement for State Project ID: 2440-09-00/70, Washington Avenue - Roosevelt Avenue to West Boulevard Project. The estimated total cost of the project is \$14,777,300, with the City's share being \$1,011,100 (25% + balance) and the Federal/State share being \$13,766,200 (75%).

Fiscal Note: Funding for the City's share is available in Org-Object 45040-57500, STH20 - West to Roosevelt.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission Report, by Ald. Jung

[0218-20](#)

Subject: Request by Dominion Properties, authorized agent for The Main Attraction LLC, seeking a conditional use permit to operate a Hotel/Motel with possible extended stay, a request for a certificate of appropriateness, and a request for approval of exterior changes at 500 Main Street.

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission on 07-22-2020: That the request by Dominion Properties, authorized agent for The Main Attraction LLC, seeking a conditional use permit to operate a hotel/motel, a certificate of appropriateness, and exterior changes for the property at 500 Main Street be approved, subject to conditions a.-h.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Tate, II

[0505-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting Municipal Judge Weber's deposit schedule for citations written for violations Racine Ordinances section 54-35, Wear of Face Coverings.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: That the deposit schedule for citations written for violations Racine Ordinances section 54-35, Wear of Face Coverings, be approved.

Fiscal Note: No additional fiscal effect.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Taft, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 1 - Glenn

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

Alder Glenn made a motion to refer to Public Safety and Licensing Committee, it failed for a lack of second.

[0506-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Mayor Mason, requesting to adopt Ordinance 0007-20, Safer Racine 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response Extension

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To Adopt Ordinance 0007-20, Safer Racine 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response Extension.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0507-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Mayor Mason requesting to extend the City of Racine Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19 until December 31, 2020.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: That the City of Racine Declaration of Emergency be extended until December 31, 2020.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Taft, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 11 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 2 - Glenn and Perez

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

[0511-20](#)

Subject: Charles Helm to the CDBG Advisory Board term expiring on May 31, 2023.

Lynn Debilzen to the CDBG Advisory Board term expiring on May 31, 2023.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0518-20](#)

Subject: Bill Bowers appointed to Assessor and Director of City Development.

Fiscal Note: Position will be at pay scale R-11 at \$62.08/hr or \$129,126.40/annually.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

F. Common Council Vote on Consent Agenda (Communications, Committee Reports, Resolutions)

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that this be Considered as Reported. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and West

G. Common Council Announcements

Announcements are limited to recognition of City residents and employees, memorials, and non-political community events. Discussion of matters related to governmental business is prohibited.

H. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57PM by Alder West.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is September 01, 2020.

ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE
CITY CLERK