



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg, Vice Chair Thomas Friedel,
Alderman Pete Karas, Alderman Sandy Weidner,
Alderman Aron Wisneski*

Monday, October 23, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

Call To Order and Roll Call.

Alderman James Spangenberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, Sandy Weidner, Peter Karas and Aron Wisneski

Approval of Minutes for the October 9, 2006 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [06-2677](#) Subject: Communication from Kate Remington, of 613 Sixth Street, wishing to discuss representation on the Downtown Business Improvement District #1.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: The item be deferred until November 13th.

Fiscal Note: None

Kate Remington, resident of Racine County, appeared before the Committee. She emphasized that the bid survey for the 6th street area should include input from other individuals besides the DRC. This would give everyone a chance for input into the downtown area. Kate will compose a letter to the Mayor requesting that business and property owners be allowed to serve on the bid board. Item is deferred until November 13 meeting to allow the committee to review the DRC budget.

Deferred

2. [06-2640](#) Subject: Communication from the Executive Director of Racine County Convention & Visitors Bureau requesting to submit a plan for the institution of the City of Racine Special Event Fund.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: Authorize the convention and Visitor's Bureau to institute a City of Racine special event fund to grant money to non-profit organizations.

Fiscal Note: None

David Blank, Executive Director, Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau appeared before the Committee. The Convention and Visitor's Bureau will institute a City of Racine special event fund to grant money for non-profit organizations who apply for funding. Economic indicators and quantitative measures were discussed. The review committee consists of representatives from the City of Racine; the Racine Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department; the Racine Civic Centre, a Racine hotelier/B&B; Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Sustainable Racine. The application process plan was approved.

Recommended For Approval

3. **06-2607** Subject: Communication from the City Attorney requesting authorization to represent various police officers in the case of Antonio Matos v. City of Racine, et al., Case No. 06-C-1011.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: Permission be granted for the City of Racine to represent the police officers.
- Fiscal Note: None
- Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee. The City of Racine will represent the officers in the case of Antonio Matos v. City of Racine, et al., Case No. 06-C-1011.*
- Recommended For Approval**
4. **06-2651** Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Mary Ann Glassen for consideration.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: The claim of Mary Ann Glassen be paid in the amount of \$50,000.00.
- Fiscal Note: Funds available in account #101.160.5910 Judgements and Claims.
- Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee. Mary Ann Glassen, claimant, sustained injuries when walking across buckled city pavement.*
- Recommended For Approval**
5. **06-2652** Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Laurence Miller and Cynthia Miller for consideration.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: The claim for Laurence and Cynthia Miller in the amount of \$9,470.00 be denied.
- Fiscal Note: None
- Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee. Laurence and Cynthia Miller claim reimbursement for expenses incurred in connecting the sanitary sewer service to their new property. The Millers claim that the City, while referring to plans dated 1919, confirmed that there was a sanitary lateral in front of their newly built house. The sanitary lateral was not in that location. New construction always requires connecting the sanitary sewer service.*
- Ayes - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Pete Karas.
Noes - Sandy Weidner and Aron Wisneski*
- Recommended For Denial**
6. **06-2634** Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Tiffany Booker for consideration.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: The claim in the amount of \$1,267.95 to Tiffany Booker be denied.
- Fiscal Note: None
- Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee. Tiffany Booker, claimant, requests reimbursement for damage to her auto from driving in a pothole. Without prior knowledge of the alleged defective condition of the car, the City denies*

liability.

Recommended For Denial

7. **06-2633** Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Anthony Segura for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: The claim in the amount of \$250.00 to Anthony Segura be denied.

Fiscal Note: None

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee. Anthony Segura, claimant, requests reimbursement for damage to his auto while driving over the Main Street bridge. Without prior knowledge of the alleged defective condition of the car, the City denies liability.

Recommended For Denial

8. [06-2664](#) Subject: Communication from Stephen T. Nenonen, City Administrator and Scott Letteney, Assistant City Attorney, requesting the opportunity to present an amended contract for the operations of the Civic Centre and Memorial Hall.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: The item be deferred.

Staff Recommendation of Civic Centre Commission: That the amended contract be accepted and approved.

Fiscal note: None

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney and Steven L. Peters, Compass Facility Management appeared before the Committee. A summary will be created of the amended changes to the contract for the operations of the Civic Centre and Memorial Hall. The item will be deferred.

Deferred

9. **06-2606** Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of WE Energies for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: That the claim be paid in the amount of \$16,750.36.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee. WE Energies claims damages arising out of an accident when a City of Racine Department of Public Works truck backed into a utility pole. Invoice will be presented to the committee and payment will be made to WE Energies

Recommended For Approval

10. [06-2632](#) Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development to accept the award for 2006 Housing Cost Reduction Initiative (HCRI) funds of \$104,720 and to execute a grant agreement.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: Accept the award for 2006 Housing Cost Reduction Initiative (HCRI) funds of \$104,720 and to execute a grant agreement.

Fiscal note: No match required

Joseph Heck, Assistant Director City Development appeared before the Committee to request acceptance of the award in the amount of \$104,720 to support the Weed and Seed Individual Development Account Homebuyer program.

Recommended For Approval

11. [06-2678](#) Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator to support the Kenosha county Division of Health in their application for the HUD Lead Demonstration Grant in the amount of up to \$2 million and to allow staff to enter into a subcontract agreement with the Kenosha County Division of Health for the HUD Lead Demonstration Grant.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: Allow City staff to enter into a subcontract agreement with the Kenosha county Division of Health for the HUD Lead Demonstration Grant.

Fiscal Note: A hard match is required and will be fulfilled by the CDBG. Grant Control #2006-046.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee. Permission granted to allow the city staff to enter into a subcontract agreement with the Kenosha County Division of Health for the HUD Lead Demonstration Grant.

Recommended For Approval

12. [06-2679](#) Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to enter into a Services Agreement with The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, Inc., at a cost of up to \$15,000 in order to provide assistance with the preparation of a 2006 HUD Lead Hazard Demonstration Grant and to enhance the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: Authorize city staff to enter into a services agreement with The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, Inc., at a cost of up to \$15,000.

Fiscal Note: Expenditures will be covered by a grant from the U.S. Conference of Mayors Fund 756.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee. Permission granted for the city staff to enter into a services agreement with The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, Inc., at a cost of up to \$15,000.

Recommended For Approval

13. [06-2701](#) Subject: (Direct Referral) Submission by the Finance Director of the third quarter 2006 financial report.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee 10/23/06: The third quarter 2006 Financial Report be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: None

David Brown, Interim Finance Director, appeared before the Committee to present the third quarter 2006 City of Racine Financial Report.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Miscellaneous Business

None

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2006 at City Hall, Room 103

Respectfully submitted,

**Alderman James Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance and Personnel Committee**