



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Committee of the Whole

Thursday, November 14, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Recessed from November 13, 2024

Call To Order

PRESENT: 15 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

[0939-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the proposed 2025 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Positions, and Fee Schedules as attached are anticipated to be included in adoption of this item.

Staff Recommendation: That the proposed 2025 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Positions, and Fee Schedules as attached are anticipated to be included in adoption of this item, be approved as amended

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Passed Amendments:

1. To add \$4,000 to the council budget to help clean District #2 and District #3 neighborhood next spring for tires and other items
3. To modify the City HSA contribution for all employees including library to have the residency differential by 50% more than the non-resident rate for the 2025 budget.
6. To remove the \$200,000 allocation from city budget to library fund
7. To reinstate the 20-year club to active and retired employees for a banquet to its 2018 budgeted amount
10. To allocate appropriate funding for an inside audit of departmental and employee P-cards
11. That TIDS 22, 23, 27, 28, and 31 allocation for administration costs be codified at 15% of annual revenues from each individual TID, until further action on policy is adopted
12. That TIDS 22, 23, 27, 28, and 31 allocation for infrastructure costs to be codified at 25% of annual revenues for each individual TID.

Eligible costs to include street/alley maintenance.

14. To remove the Communications Director position from the office of the Mayor and add the Communications Director position to the Department of Customer Service

14a. To eliminate the Strategic Initiatives Manager from the Mayors Office and use those funds to pay for 1 Racine Police Department Officer

15. To eliminate the Sustainability Coordinator from the Water Utility and Wastewater Utility

16. To retain the .25 Attorney position

17. To eliminate the Recruiter position from Human Resources

22. To add 1 position for TID applications to City Development

23. To allocate \$30,000 from TID #28 for Colonial Park Security Measures

25. To move Neighborhood Watch under contracted services in the Police Department and add \$30,000 to the budget

26. To add 5 patrol positions to the police department that were previously ARPA funded

27. To allow the Police Department to train private and parochial schools who request training for privately hiring school crossing guards and provide school crossing guards to any middle and elementary school who requests a school crossing guard.

28. To add \$100,000 to continue the facade grant program from the IG fund for 2025

31. To purchase additional speed signs, 1 pair per District

Fiscal Note: A copy of the 2025 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds are on file in the Office of the Finance Director and on the City Website.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Kelly, to Amend Amendment #14a, to use the funds for the Strategic Initiatives Mgr to fund 1 Racine Police Department Officer. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair
McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 1 - Kaprelian

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Harmon

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve as Amended Amendment #14a, to remove the Strategic Initiatives Mgr and use those funds to pay for 1 RPD Officer. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 11 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair
McCarthy, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 2 - Kaprelian and Peete

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Harmon

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to eliminate and repeal the corresponding ordinance of Amendment #14b, to eliminate the City Administrator. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Coe, Kaprelian, Weidner, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 9 - Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #15, to eliminate the Sustainability Coordinator from Water Utility. The motion

PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 5 - Jones, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete and Harmon

ABSENT: 1 - Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #16, to eliminate the new Asst Attorney. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 7 - Jones, Kaprelian, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 8 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land and Harmon

A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Peete to Approve an Amendment to Amendment #16, to retain the .25 position in the City Attorney's Office. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 2 - Chair McCarthy and Harmon

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #17, to eliminate the Equity Officer. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Coe, Kaprelian, Weidner, Chair McCarthy, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 8 - Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Horton, Esqueda, Peete, Land, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Perez to Approve Amendment #17, to eliminate the Benefits Coordinator. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

NOES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #17, to eliminate the Recruiter. The motion PASSED by the

following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

NOES: 2 - Horton and Peete

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly to Approve Amendment #18, to eliminate the Financial Empowerment Coordinator. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Coe, Jones, Kaprelian, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 6 - Turquoise-Davis, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land and Harmon

A motion was made by Alder Sebastian seconded by Alder Coe, to reconsider the vote for Amendment #18, to eliminate the Equity Office. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Weidner

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Harmon to Amendment #18, to retain the Financial Empowerment Coordinator. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #19, to eliminate the Customer Service Rep. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 2 - Kaprelian and Weidner

NOES: 11 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

ABSTENTIONS: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #22, to add 1 position for TID applications. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Coe, Jones, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Land and Perez

NOES: 6 - Turquoise-Davis, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #23, to allocate \$30,000 from TID 28 for Colonial Park security measures. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Maack, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #24, to curb and gutter college avenue - remove the bricks and the daylight \$100,000 and \$100,000.. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 1 - Weidner

NOES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Kelly, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #25, to move Neighborhood Watch to contracted services in Police and add #30,000 to have a total of \$70,000. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Harmon

A motion was made by Alder Kelly, seconded by Alder Perez, to Approve Amendment #26, to add 5 patrol positions to the police department that were previously ARPA funded.. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

NOES: 2 - Turquoise-Davis and Kaprelian

A motion was made by Alder Perez, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #27 ,to allow the police department to train private and parochial schools who request training for private hiring school crossing guards and provide school crossing guards to any middle and elementary school who request a school crossing guard. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #28, to add funding of \$100,000 to continue the facade grant program from the IG fund for 2025. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, seconded by Alder Weidner, to Approve Amendment #29 , to eliminate the Health Department. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Coe, Kaprelian, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 8 - Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Kelly, seconded by Alder McCarthy to Approve Amendment #31, to purchase additional speed signs. The motion Passes by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Peete, to Approve the Amended Budget. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

[0781-24](#)

Subject: Request for Approval of the Proposed 2025 Waterworks Operations & Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 09/17/2024:
To Adopt the Proposed 2025 Operations & Maintenance Budget as Presented with a Referral to the Committee of the Whole

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 09/17/2024:
To Adopt the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as presented with a Referral to the Committee of the Whole

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 11-14-2024:
To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Peete, to Approve this Communication. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

[0792-24](#)

Subject: Submission of the Proposed 2025 Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Budget and the Proposed 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Staff Recommendation: To Adopt the Operations & Maintenance Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan as presented with a Referral to the Committee of the Whole

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 11-14-2024:
To approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve this Communication. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Sebastian

[0793-24](#)

Subject: Approval of the 2025 Sewer Service Rates

Staff Recommendation: To Approve with Referral to the Committee of the Whole

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 11-14-2024:
To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, to Approve this Communication. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Horton, Esqueda, Chair
McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Harmon and Sebastian

NOES: 2 - Weidner and Kelly

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 PM