



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Ronald D. Hart, Vice Chair Pete Karas
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Raymond DeHahn, Alderman Jeff Coe*

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ald. Ron Hart, 14th District, Chairman; Ald. Robert Anderson, 2nd District; Ald. Raymond DeHahn, 7th District; Ald. Jeff Coe, 1st District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works; Thomas Eeg, Asst. Commissioner/Operations; John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner/Engineering

Excused: Ald. Peter Karas, 9th District

Staff: Brian O'Connell, City Development

Others: Tom Tousis

Approval of Minutes for the October 9, 2007 Meeting.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the minutes were approved as printed.

- 07-1261** **Subject:** Communication from D.N. Sterling Co., 2100 Douglas Avenue, requesting a variance for a depressed sidewalk.

Recommendation: Permission be granted to the property owner of 2100 Douglas Avenue for the installation of a depressed sidewalk.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine for the installation of this depressed sidewalk.

Tom Tousis appeared before the Committee and explained the transition of concrete sidewalk and driveway apron to match existing concrete sidewalk for the new gas station. He asked for a variance and noted the existing sidewalks around the site and in the area, particularly for driveway aprons is built the same way. Rick noted he had no objections to the request and asked it be approved.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval
- 07-1293** **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Racine Instinctive Bowmen's Club offering to take 100 loads of leaves from the City to mulch into a field.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed

to enter into an agreement with Racine Instinctive Bowmen's Club, Sturtevant, WI, for the disposal of approximately 100 loads of leaves, which are collected from city streets, with payment to be \$100.00 per truck load.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available to provide for the cost of these services in Account 104.000.5690, Special Services.

Rick read the request from Jeff Fidler indicating leaves could be taken to a Sturtevant farm at a cost of \$100 per load. Rick noted that is half of what DPW is currently paying to dispose of leaves. Rick welcomed the competition for areas to dispose of leaves at and asked the Committee authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

3. [07-0404](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District wishing to discuss the rehabilitation of the brick pavement on College Avenue from DeKoven Avenue to 14th Street.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 9-25-07: The policy for reconstruction of streets with brick/concrete pavers be approved. The following requirements will be used for the construction or reconstruction of streets with brick/concrete pavers:

- A. Street must be in a recognized Historic District.
- B. Street is classified as a local street.
- C. Street must have been paved with paver bricks at some point in its history.
- D. That the residents abutting the street agree to pay the equivalent of the assessment charge for construction with concrete.
- E. That the city utilizes sewer revenue dollars to cover the difference in cost between the total cost of the project and the amount owed by assessments.

Fiscal Note: This policy will allow for the rehabilitation of brick streets, such as College Avenue, with the abutting residents paying their fair share without placing a burden upon the remaining city taxpayers. This policy will also allow the means to expanded the number of streets paved with pavers which will be an asset to those neighborhoods helping to maintain or increase property values.

REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE BY COUNCIL ON 10-2-07.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-9-07 and 10-30-07: Defer

Rick read the proposed policy and reviewed asphalt over brick streets in existing historic

districts. The number of street affected by this policy is not that great. He noted the Mayor would like to speak on the issue.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

4. [07-1252](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Redevelopment Authority regarding the transfer of 1718 S. Memorial Drive to the City of Racine for storm water management purposes.

Recommendation: The property designated as Tax ID #16850015, 1718 S. Memorial Drive, be transferred from the Redevelopment Authority to the City of Racine and maintained by the Department of Public Works through its Stormwater Utility.

Fiscal Note: This property is a bio-remediation stormwater pond. Subsequently, funds are available in the Stormwater Utility to provide the required maintenance to this facility.

Rick read a letter from Brian O'Connell for the transfer of the property. Brian described the project for the Southside Industrial Park. This area of the site is a bio retention stormwater facility that should be maintained by the City of Racine Stormwater Utility and asked the transfer be approved.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-0611](#) **Subject:** Communication from Sam Azarian Jr. wishing to discuss purchasing the Marquette Street municipal parking lot.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-12-07, 7-10-07, 7-31-07, 8-14-07, 8-28-07, 9-11-07, 9-25-07, 10-9-07 and 10-30-07: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 5-30-07: The Marquette Street municipal parking lot be sold to Sam Azarian Jr. for a cost of \$1 contingent upon the upgrade of fencing and landscape, and the separation of lighting circuits.

Fiscal Note: The sale will generate \$1 to the Parking System

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 6-13-07: That the proposed sale is not in conflict with adopted City plans and programs.

Further, that the sale be approved.

Fiscal Note: The sale price of the property will be determined by the Public Works and Services Committee.

In the absence of Sam Azarian, on a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

6. [07-1103](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District wishing to discuss the reconfiguration of the intersection of Grange Avenue, Washington Avenue and Wright Avenue.

In the absence of Alderman Karas, on a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee deferred the communication.

Deferred

7. [07-1336](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer declaring an emergency under State Statute 62.15(1b), Exception as to Public Emergency, for the repair of the storm sewer at 16th Street and Park Avenue.

Recommendation: The Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to declare an emergency, under Wisconsin State Statute 62.15(1b), necessary to facilitate emergency repairs to the storm sewer system located at 16th Street and Park Avenue.

Fiscal Note: The total cost of repairs to the stormwater manhole and vertical storm sewer pipe is estimated between \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00.

John explained the emergency repair required at 16th and Park. The complex repair required bringing in a contractor from Pewaukee to install a 36" casing, in, what turned out to be a very unique emergency construction project. Rick explained the State Statute regarding the emergency. The statute is very rarely utilized by Public Works. The last declaration was in 2000 for the dredging of the boat launch area near the 5th Street boat ramps. He noted the purpose was to allow the City to contract for greater than \$25,000 without going through formal bidding process.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

8. [07-1193](#) **Subject:** Resolution No. 07-0420, of September 18, 2007, relating to street improvements.

Recommendation: Resolution No. 07-0420, of September 18, 2007, be amended to delete:

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING, SEWER AND WATER
AND SANITARY SEWER

Hillcrest Circle from Wright Avenue to the Cul-de-sac

SIDEWALK

Indiana Street at 2908 Indiana Street

and, as amended , Resolution No. 07-0420, of September 18, 2007, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: Funds will be appropriated in the 2008 C.I.P. for these street and sidewalk improvements, and special assessments will be paid by the abutting property owners.

Rooney went through the results of the public hearing. The Committee deleted Hillcrest Circle from Wright Avenue to the cul-de-sac and the sidewalk at 2908 Indiana Street. On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved Queens Court from Lighthouse Drive to the cul-de-sac.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved Oakdale Avenue from Wright Avenue to Athens Avenue, without sewer and water or sanitary sewer, with the stipulation a waiver be signed and no work for utilities could take place for 10 years after the improvement.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved Victorian Drive from Emstan Hills Road to Maryland Avenue;

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved Oakes Road from 16th Street to approximately 3,000' south, and;

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the sidewalk on Lathrop from 1703 Lathrop Avenue along Monroe Avenue; and, sidewalk on West Boulevard from 15th Street to 16th Street, and;

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the resolution as amended.

Recommended For Approval

9. [07-1338](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 50-07 (K7-058), City Hall Annex - Photovoltaic Generation System.

Recommendation: Contract 50-07 (K7-058), City Hall Annex - Photovoltaic Generation System, be awarded to Magaw Electric Construction, Inc., Sturtevant, WI, at their bid price of \$341,934.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$111,542.28 - Account 987.200.5020, Annex Solar Electric Generating

system

\$ 23,488.04 - Account 986.200.5010, City Hall Annex Parking Lot

\$ 71,928.68 - Account 986.100.5010, City Hall Facility Plan

\$ 99,975.00 - WE Energy Grant

\$ 35,000.00 - Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation Grant

\$341,934.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick Jones read the bid results and noted that Magaw Electric Construction was the low bidder with a bid of \$341,934.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the low bid and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with Magaw Electric.

Recommended For Award of Bid

10. [07-1292](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 8-05 (K5-013) Professional Services - On-Call Stormwater Utility Services, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: The professional services provided by Earth Tech, Inc., under Contract 8-05 (K5-013), Professional Services - On-Call Stormwater Utility Services, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$34,225.06, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution 6383, dated February 16, 2005.

Rick explained the consultant has satisfactorily completed the project and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$34,225.06.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

11. [07-1281](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 44-05 (K5-051), Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain, Bane-Nelson, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: The work of Bane-Nelson, Inc., under Contract 44-05 (K5-051), Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$136,641.00, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution 6919, dated March 7, 2006.

Brian O'Connell explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the project and is

requesting final payment in the amount of \$136,641.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

12. [07-1258](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 10-06 (K6-011), Chicory Road Reconstruction, Milwaukee General Construction Co., Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: The work of Milwaukee General Construction Company, Inc., under Contract 10-06 (K6-011), Chicory Road Reconstruction, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$1,721,365.95, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution 06-6957, dated April 5, 2006.

John Rooney explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the project and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$1,721,365.95.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

13. [07-1326](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 24-06 (K6-025), Concrete Street Reconstruction and Paving, Milwaukee General Construction Company, contractor.

Recommendation: The work of Milwaukee General Construction Company, Inc., under Contract 24-06 (K6-025), Concrete Street Reconstruction and Paving, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$1,401,662.60, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution 06-7060, dated June 6, 2006.

John Rooney explained the contractor has completed the project satisfactorily and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$1,401,662.60.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

14. [07-1325](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 17-07 (K7-020), 2007 Sidewalk Construction, Phase I, D.C.

Burbach, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: The work of D.C. Burbach, Inc., under Contract 17-07 (K7-020), 2007 Sidewalk Construction, Phase I, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$231,508.95, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution 07-0166, dated April 16, 2007.

John explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the project and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$231,508.95.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

15. [07-1190](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 28-07 (K7-032), Street Paving, Mann Brothers, Inc., contractor.

John Rooney requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee deferred the communication.

Deferred

16. [07-1337](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting the 2008 Be Smart Municipal Partner Membership agreement.

Recommendation: The City of Racine enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Be Smart Coalition for the provision of regional and local recycling education and conservation programs in the amount of \$12,809.60.

Fiscal Note: By being part of this cooperative partnership the City of Racine will qualify for a Recycling Efficiency Grant from the State of Wisconsin which will result in revenues totaling \$50,000.00 which are included in the 2008 budget.

Tom explained the agreement and noted this is a program assisting the City in recycling activities through out the year. We have to partake in the program to receive the necessary grants to administer the recycling program.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the agreement and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Approval

17. [07-1311](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to amend Resolution No. 07-0457 regarding Change Order No. 3 to Contract 1-07 (K7-001), City Hall Renovations - Phase I, Seater Construction Co., Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: That Resolution No. 07-0457, dated October 16, 2007, be rescinded.

Further recommend that Change Order No. 3 to Contract 1-07 (K7-001), City Hall Renovations - Phase I, Seater Construction Co., Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$12,149.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 986.100.5010, City Hall Facility Plan Implementation.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom explained the Resolution and Committee Report incorrectly identified the amount of money for Change Order No. 3 and asked the Committee to amend the resolution for the correct dollar amount.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee amended the resolution.

Recommended For Approval

18. [07-1327](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering, submitting Amendment No. 1 on Contract 53-07 (K7-063), PS - Storm Sewer Inspection at 16th Street and Park Avenue, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: That Amendment No. 1 on Contract 53-07 (K7-063), Professional Services - Storm Sewer Inspection at 16th Street and Park Avenue, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant, as submitted, be approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$8,600.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from Account 104.987.5420, Storm Sewer, Misc. Loc.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John explained the amendment is for additional services related the repairs at 16th and Park, and is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$8,600 and funding is available. He noted Earth Tech took the lead in finding the proper contractor to do this type of complex repair. Earth Tech partook in the design/build with the contractor and inspected every step of the repair.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the amendment and

authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Approval

19. [07-1324](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 3 on Contract 39-06 (K6-041), Pritchard/Reservoir Park Pond Retrofit, K & L Construction, contractor.

Recommendation: That Change Order No. 3 on Contract 39-06 (K6-041), Pritchard/Reservoir Park Pond Retrofit, K & L Construction, contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$29,650.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 104.987.5420, Storm Sewers, Various Locations.

Further recommends that the time to complete this contract be extended until November 1, 2007.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John explained the change order and noted it is for planting some trees near a residence where it was disturbed for the installation of storm sewer pipe, for bringing in compost material and re-seeding to establish vegetation and some additional drainage repairs with culverts and rip-rap to secure the chip walking path. The change order is in the amount of \$29,650 and funding is available.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

20. [07-1239](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a request for reduction in retainage on Contract 39-06 (K6-041), Pritchard/Reservoir Park Pond Retrofit, K & L Construction, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: That the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

John requested this item be received and filed and noted a final payment request would be coming at a future meeting and rather than reduce retainage and having the contractor come and over seed the project in the spring after the temporary winter wheat dies off, we would close the contract and see if we could contract with the Parks Department for the over seeding.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

21. [07-1331](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 6 on Contract 49-05 (K5-056), Lake Michigan Pathway, Phase II, Bane-Nelson, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: That Change Order No. 6 on Contract 49-05 (K5-056), Lake Michigan Pathway - Phase II, Bane-Nelson, Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$9,293.50.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 987.908.5130, Asphalt Resurfacing.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John explained this is the last rectifying change order. There were still a few outstanding items that were not covered in the last one and he expects final payment to be submitted very soon.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

22. [07-1332](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 11-07 (K7-011), Traffic Signal LED Retrofit, HES (HISP), TAPCO, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: That Change Order No. 1 on Contract 11-07 (K7-011), Traffic Signal LED Retrofit, HES (HISP), TAPCO, Inc, contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$10,320.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 930.047.5810, WisDOT Hazard Elimination Safety Grant.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John explained this change order is for additional mounting hardware needed at each intersection for the Hazard Elimination Safety Traffic Signal Renovation project. He noted in the bidders proposal it indicated 16 each of the mounting hardware would be needed, but in reality there were 12 poles at 16 intersections and the contractor incorrectly bid the lower amount. 90% of the funding for this project is reimbursable by the State of Wisconsin through the grant and the project is complete and he thanks the City Electricians and the Traffic Technician for their hard work on this project.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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