



City of Racine

City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403
www.cityofracine.org

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Waterworks Commission

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

The Meeting was Called to Order by Commission President Jorgenson at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Commissioner Sullivan was present in a voting capacity for Commissioner Mason, who was excused from the meeting.

PRESENT: 6 - John Tate II, Natalia Taft, Jens Jorgensen, Jim Sullivan, Nick Barootian and Rosalind Thomas

EXCUSED: 2 - Cory Mason and Marlo Harmon

[0214-26](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the February 18, 2026, Waterworks Commission Meeting

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A.

A motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Tate II, that this file be Approved.

[0216-26](#)

Subject: Resolution Regarding the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Costs Attributed to 2027 Lead Service Line Replacement Project

Staff Recommendation: To Approve with a Referral to the Finance and Personnel Committee

Fiscal Note: The aggregate principal amount of debt for the Project is expected not to exceed \$40,000,000, of which 49% may be allocated as Principal Forgiveness for homeowner side lead service replacement.

The Water Utility Director presented a Resolution that would provide that all costs related to the Project that occur prior to finalization of the loan are rolled in the project loan total for reimbursement of Utility funds.

A motion was made by Taft, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Approved and Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

[0217-26](#)

Subject: Resolution Regarding the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Costs Attributed to 2027 Water Main Replacement Project

Staff Recommendation: To Approve with a Referral to the Finance and Personnel Committee

Fiscal Note: The aggregate principal amount of debt for the Project is expected not to exceed \$10,000,000.

The Water Utility Director presented a RResolution that would provide that all costs related tot he Project that occur prior to finalization of the loan are rolled in the project loan total for reimbursement of Utility funds.

A motion was made by Taft, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Approved and Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

[0232-26](#)

Subject: Communication from the Utility Director Regarding Bid Opening Results on Contract EqRa-001

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: \$40M from 2026 Bipartisan Infrastructure Loan for Lead Service Lateral Replacement Program.

The Executive Utility Director provided an update that Community Infrastructure Partners in partnership with the Utility opened bidding on the Project. The lowest responsible bidder is Miller Pipeline-Central Region at a bid price of \$18,602,854. The Commission inquired why the Commission was not voting to approve the lowest bidder and contract execution and the Executive Utility Director stated that because Community Infrastructure Partners was approved by the Commission to manage all aspects of the Project, they were the executers for the contract and would be providing a project plan at the next Commission meeting for approval that would include Project costs.

A motion was made by Sullivan, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Received and Filed.

[0233-26](#)

Subject: Communication from the Utility Director Regarding Bid Opening Results on Contract EqRa-002

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: \$40M from 2026 Bipartisan Infrastructure Loan for Lead Service Lateral Replacement Program.

The Executive Utility Director provided an update that Community Infrastructure Partners in partnership with the Utility opened bidding on the Project. The lowest responsible bidder is Miller Pipeline-Central Region at a bid price of \$17,658,184. Community Infrastructure Partners will be providing a project plan at the next Commission meeting for approval that would include approval of costs.

A motion was made by Taft, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Received and Filed.

[0234-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of Bid Opening Results on Contract W-26-5
2026 Pavement Restoration

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Utilization of 2026 Water Utility Budget for Pavement Restoration.

The Executive Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Racine Water Utility. The lowest responsible bidder was Conventional Concrete, at a bid price of \$440,425.

A motion was made by Taft, seconded by Tate II, that this file be Approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.