



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Finance and Personnel Committee

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

Monday, June 11, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order and Roll Call

*PRESENT: Thomas Friedel, James Spangenberg, Sandy Weidner, Aron Wisneski,
Michael Shields*

PRESENT: 5 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, Sandy Weidner, Aron Wisneski
and Michael Shields

Approval of Minutes for the May 21, 2007 Meeting.

1. [07-0569](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Mayor of the City of Kenosha requesting a long-term loan of two Civil War cannon barrels to the Kenosha Public Museums for display with the Civil War Museum of the Upper Middle West.

The item has been referred to the Board of Parks & Recreation & Cultural Services and Landmark Preservation Commission.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on
05-21-07:** The item be deferred.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on
06-11-07:** The request from the Mayor of the City of Kenosha be denied and that the cannons remain in Racine.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural
Services 6-13-07:** that the request be denied.

Fiscal note: N/A

*Sharon Baldukas, President of the Cemetery Commission, appeared before the
Committee to give an update on the history of the civil war cannons, and requesting that
the cannons be kept in Racine as they are a reflection of Racine's history.*

*Christopher Paulson, Executive Director of Racine Heritage Museum, also spoke in favor
of keeping the cannons and taking care of these artifacts.*

*Ron Turner, head of Racine Area Veteran's Council stated that the Council favored
keeping the cannons in Racine.*

Recommended For Denial

2. [06-2773](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District submitting a communication on behalf of Sharon Baldukas, President of the Cemetery Commission, requesting the City to have an appraisal and preserve the City-owned Civil War cannon located at Mound Cemetery.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

11-13-06: The Purchasing Agent be directed to investigate appraisal service cost, to include Mr. Wayne E. Stark and any others, for the two Civil War cannons located at Mound Cemetery and West Racine and to report back to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

01-22-07: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-12-07: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sharon Baldukas, President of the Cemetery Commission, appeared before the Committee to give an update on the civil war cannon appraisal.

Donnie Snow, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that the Kids Cove playground at North Beach or Mound Cemetery might be possible locations for relocating the cannons.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

3. [07-0665](#) **Subject:** A communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding from the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network. (Grant Control #2007-005)

(Also refer to the Board of Health.)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: The Public Health Administrator be authorized to accept funding from the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network (Grant Control #2007-005) in the amount of \$7,236 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on 06-12-07: The Public Health Administrator be authorized to accept funding from the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network in the amount of &7,236 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

Fiscal Note: \$7,236 Grant; soft match of \$5,045.20 covered by the City.

Soft match will be fulfilled by \$3,700 worth of existing equipment, 15 staff hours and \$790.20 in existing grants.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to accept this grant. This project will include expanding the monitoring of water quality to provide a worksheet of data to assess future projects' impact on the Root River.

Recommended For Approval

4. [07-0571](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept a contract from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health.

(Also refer to the Board of Health)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: The Public Health Administrator be authorized to accept a contract from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health (Grant Control #2007-027) in the amount of \$500.00 for West Nile virus prevention and that Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on 06-12-07: The Public Health Administrator be authorized to accept a contract from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health in the amount of \$500.00 for West Nile Virus prevention and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement.

Fiscal Note: \$500.00 Grant; No match required by the City.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee. This grant will provide funding for West Nile Virus surveillance, education and prevention and control activities.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-0706](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to waive formal bidding and authorize the Purchasing Agent to negotiate and reach an agreement with Philips Medical Systems on the leasing of 6 Philips Heartstart MRx Advanced Life Support monitors, and 10 Philips FRx Automated External Defibrillators for the Fire Department.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: That formal bidding be waived for the purchase of 10 Philips FRx Automated External Defibrillators for the Fire Department; and that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Philips Medical Systems for the leasing of 6 Philips Heartstart MRx Advanced Life Support monitors.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

6-11-07: The Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Philips Medical Systems for the leasing of 6 Philips Heartstart MRx Advanced Life Support monitors, and 10 Philips FRx Automated External Defibrillators for the Fire Department.

Fiscal Note: \$25,000 (Life Support monitors), \$14,000 (External defibrillators) Both amounts will be funded from account #101.300.5770 in 2007.

Subsequent lease payments will be appropriated in subsequent years budgets.

Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee. He stated that the current Medtronic Life Pac 12 defibrillators are at the end of their useful life cycle. Also, with dramatic changes in technology in the last few years, these units are in need of upgrading.

Recommended For Approval

6. [07-0707](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to discuss and proceed with Phase I of the Heating and Ventilating System upgrade to Fire Station 8.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: Permission granted for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls for Phase I of the heating and ventilating upgrade at Station #8.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

6-11-07: Purchasing Agent be granted permission to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls for Phase I of the heating and ventilating upgrade at Station #8.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in Account 987.300.5010.

Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee stating that the boilers in Fire Station 8 are over 50 years old and need upgrading.

Recommended For Approval

7. [07-0687](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief Wahlen, requesting to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) 2007 grant (Grant Control #2007-031).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: Permission granted for Police Chief Wahlen to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) 2007 Program grant. (Grant Control #2007-031), in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

6-11-07: Chief Wahlen be granted permission to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) 2007 Program grant. (Grant Control #2007-031), in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Fiscal Note: Total project costs of \$2,000,000. 50% hard match to be funded by the Racine Unified School District.

Police Chief Wahlen appeared before the Committee to request permission to apply for this grant. This grant will be filed on behalf of Racine Unified School District to assist with the development of school safety resources and provide improved security at schools and on school grounds.

Recommended For Approval

8. [07-0688](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief Wahlen, requesting to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice COPS 2007 Technology ("Tech") Program grant (Grant Control # 2007-032).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: Permission granted for Chief Wahlen to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice COPS 2007 Technology ("Tech") Program grant. (Grant Control #207-032) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

6-11-07: Chief Wahlen be granted permission to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice COPS 2007 Technology ("Tech") Program grant. (Grant Control #2007-032) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Fiscal Note: 25% hard match to be funded by Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds (Fund 241) in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.

Police Chief Kurt Wahlen appeared before the Committee to request permission to apply for this grant. This grant provides funding for the procurement of technology that focuses on data information sharing and/or an enhancement of voice inter-operability with regional, state and federal partners.

Recommended For Approval

9. [07-0689](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief Wahlen to apply for, and accept, the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Community Re-Entry Program (CRP) grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang funding (Grant Control # 2007-033).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: Permission granted for Chief Wahlen to apply for and accept, the

State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Community Re-Entry (CRP) grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang funding in the amount of \$50,000. (Grant Control #2007-033) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

6-11-07: Chief Wahlen be granted permission to apply for and accept, the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Community Re-Entry (CRP) grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang funding in the amount of \$50,000. (Grant Control #2007-033) and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement.

Fiscal Note: No match is required.

Police Chief Kurt Wahlen appeared before the Committee to request permission to apply for this grant. This grant supports the City of Racine's Community Re-Entry Program.

Recommended For Approval

10. [07-0691](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief Wahlen, requesting to apply for the Office of Justice Assistance Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Grant (Grant Control # 2007-056).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: That Police Chief Wahlen apply for the Office of Justice Assistance Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Grant (Grant Control #2007-056) in the amount of \$150,000.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

6-11-07: Police Chief Wahlen be granted permission to apply for the Office of Justice Assistance Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Grant (Grant Control #2007-056) in the amount of \$150,000.

Fiscal Note: \$150,000 Grant; 10% hard match to be funded.

Police Chief Wahlen appeared before the Committee to request permission to apply for this grant. The primary objective of the G.R.E.A.T. program is the prevention of crime and immunization against delinquency, youth violence and gang membership.

Recommended For Approval

11. [07-0658](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Joel Durfey and Pamela Durfey for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

06-11-07: The claim of Joel and Pamela Durfey, 3718 Kinzie Ave, be settled in the amount of \$16,877.60, for a broken wye connection.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in Account 101.990.5910

Judgement and Claims.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee to submit the claim of Joel and Pamela Durfey for consideration.

Recommended For Approval

12. [07-0659](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Pedro Jones for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: The claim of Pedro Jones, 2701 Rapids Drive, requesting a \$50,000.00 reimbursement arising out of his slip and fall in the parking lot at Humble Park on January 23, 2006, be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee and recommended that the claim of Pedro Jones be denied.

Recommended For Denial

13. [07-0661](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Timothy Hart for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: The claim of Timothy Hart, 2017 Deane Blvd, be settled in the amount of \$12,913.87, for a broken wye connection.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in Account 101.990.5910, Judgement and Claims for payment.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee to submit the claim of Timothy Hart for consideration.

Recommended For Approval

14. [07-0697](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Rachel Sanchez for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: The claim of Rachel Sanchez, 1915 Slauson Ave, be settled in the amount of \$8,628.21 for a broken wye connection.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in Account 101.990.5910, Judgement and Claims for payment.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee to recommend that the claim of Rachel Sanchez for a broken wye connection be settled in the amount of \$8,628.21.

Recommended For Approval

15. [07-0709](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney requesting additional

funding for the Judgment & Claims Account, #101.990.5910.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

6-11-07: Permission granted for the Finance Department to transfer \$100,000 from Contingency (101.990.5970) to cover Judgment & Claims expenditures for the remainder of 2007.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in Account 101.990.5970.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney appeared before the Committee. He stated that the Judgement and Claims account is overdrawn because of numerous sewer claims. This is due to the aging of the sewer system in the city.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2007 at City Hall, Room 301.