



City of Racine

Meeting Minutes

City Hall
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Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Ronald D. Hart, Vice Chair Thomas M. Sollman,
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Raymond DeHahn,
Alderman Keith Fair*

Tuesday, June 27, 2006

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: Ronald D. Hart, Thomas M. Sollman, Robert Anderson, Raymond DeHahn and
Keith Fair

Approval of Minutes for the June 13, 2006 Meeting.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the minutes.

06-2095

Subject: Communication from the owner of Too Good to be Through, 720 High Street, requesting permission to install a projecting sign over the public right-of-way.

Recommendation: The property owner of 720 High Street be granted permission to install stationary, projecting sign, as requested, with the stipulation that a hold harmless agreement be executed, in accordance with State Statute 66.0425, Privileges in Streets.

Further recommends that the property owner be charged a \$50.00 fee to cover administrative costs associated with filing this item with the Register of Deeds office.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine.

Rick Jones read the communication and noted the usual stipulations for installing the projecting sign.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request subject to the usual stipulations.

Recommended For Approval

06-2096

Subject: Communication from Rojo's Pub, 1311 Yout Street, requesting permission to close Charles Street between Douglas Avenue and Yout Street for a fundraiser on Saturday, July 29, 2006.

Recommendation: Permission be granted to Rojo's Pub, 1311 Yout Street, to close Charles Street from Douglas Avenue to Yout Street, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2006, for a fundraiser, with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;
- B. Proof of liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event;
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor;
- D. The sponsor shall notify all abutting property owners seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.
- E. No alcoholic beverages will be sold and/or dispensed within the street right-of-way.
- F. Any tents placed on the public right-of-way shall not be anchored by any means to the roadway surface.
- G. The sponsor shall pay a \$250.00 special event fee.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, in implementing this event.

Dave Dearborn appeared and explained this fund-raiser is planned for Tom Eeg. He noted the event is from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the afternoon on July 29th. He requested permission to install tents and perform live music. He indicated no beer will be sold outside in the public r-o-w. Rick Jones suggested closing the street from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to allow for sufficient time for set up and clean up.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

[06-2118](#)

Subject: Communication from James Andrews requesting an ordinance to allow electric energy efficient vehicles on the roads.

Recommendation: The communication be referred to the City Attorney's office for their review of appropriate State statutes regarding this issue and to advise the committee as to the appropriate action.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

James Andrews appeared and explained his justification for neighborhood electric vehicles and asked the Committee to consider an ordinance to allow them on the public r-o-w on local streets with speed limits less than 30 mph. Rick Jones recommended the item be referred to the City Attorney's office for an opinion.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee referred the item to the City Attorney's Office.

Deferred

06-2117

Subject: Communication from Claes Wennerth of Alloc Inc., submitting a Supplemental Agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the City of Racine relating to the Alloc rail spur.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a supplemental agreement with the Union Pacific and City of Racine Basic Agreement Audit Number 212180 of January 27, 1999 which provides for the extension of a spur line to the Alloc Inc. manufacturing complex.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine.

Rick Jones read the communication and explained the agreement from the railroad and recommended it be approved.

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

Recommended For Approval

06-2116

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from Fourth Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. requesting permission to use the Walker Site parking lot on Tuesday, July 4, 2006.

Recommendation: Permission be granted to Fourth Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. to use the Walker Site on Tuesday, July 4, 2006, for parking of vehicles in conjunction with the Fourth of July fireworks display.

Fiscal Note: Fourth Fest is one of two City co-sponsored events. Therefore, there is no need for liability insurance or a hold harmless agreement.

Rick Jones read the communication and indicated a \$5.00 charge would like to be used for parking at this location. Mark Chaffee noted the \$5.00 charge would be split between a youth organization manning the lot and the other half would go to 4th Fest for funding next year's festivities. Rick noted that since this is a City sponsored event and the City owns the lot, not hold harmless or liability insurance would be required.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

06-1905

Subject: Communication from The Journal Times requesting additional alley lighting.

Recommendation: The Department of Public Works be authorized and

directed to upgrade the 50 watt high pressure sodium light to 100 watts to better serve the needs of this alley.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs for the City of Racine to engage the services of WE Energies to implement this change.

John Rooney explained the results of the lighting survey in the alley. He noted the lighting is well spaced and is being served by WE Energies with leased lights. He noted one of the lights was only 50 watts, where all the rest were 100 watt high pressure sodium fixtures. He noted there were concerns with the new addition of the Journal Times building that the alley would become a gauntlet and lighting would be critical for the safety of the residents and tenants who have property on the west side of Main Street, between Third and Fourth Streets.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request to upgrade the lighting.

Recommended For Approval

[3045](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 15th District requesting a policy be implemented relating to requests for street name changes.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick Jones requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

[06-2142](#)

Subject: Res. 06-7045 of June 20, 2006 relating to street improvements.

Recommendation: Resolution No. 06-7045, of June 20, 2006, be amended to delete:

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING

VISTA DRIVE from Spring Valley Drive to Harrington Drive
SPRING VALLEY DRIVE from Harrington Drive to Vista Drive
WESTWAY AVENUE from Perry Avenue to Echo Lane
WESTWAY AVENUE from Echo Lane to Crab Tree Lane
LOMBARD AVENUE from N. Main Street to Chatham Street

and, as amended , Resolution No. 06-7045, of June 20, 2006, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: Funds will be appropriated in the 2007 C.I.P. for these street improvements, and special assessments will be paid by the abutting property owners for the street improvements

John Rooney explained the results of the hearing to the Committee members. After

reviewing the minutes of the hearing, all streets were deleted except for Chatham Street from Kewaunee Street to St. Patrick Street.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the resolution as amended.

Recommended For Approval

06-2102

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer requesting to fill a Stationary Engineer position in the Building Complex Division.

Recommendation: The position of Building Complex Maintenance Worker, HU-9, which is vacant due to a retirement, be filled and any subsequent positions that result from the posting of this position.

Further recommends that this item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for their consideration.

Fiscal Note: Funds are provided in the 2006 Operating Budget.

Rick Jones explained the request to fill the vacancy and noted this position is vacant due to retirement, however the job is critical for the operations of the building complex division and requested it be filled. Bill Miller went through a detailed explanation for the need of the position and, again asked for the position to be filled as soon as possible.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee recommended the position be filled and referred the item to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Recommended For Approval

06-2099

Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development submitting an amendment to the contract with Earth Tech, Inc., for design and engineering of Southside Industrial Park Infrastructure.

Recommendation: Amendment No. 3 on Contract 5-05 (K5-005), Professional Services - Design of Jacobsen-Textron Redevelopment Site, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$4,008.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from TID No. 10.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Brian O'Connell appeared before the Committee and explained the design needs for the addition to the Southside Industrial Park as a result of the Kranz acquisition. He explained the amendment in the amount of \$4,008.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the amendment and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into it.

Recommended For Approval

06-2088

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer wishing to submit a Green Space and Public Facilities Grant to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Recommendation: The Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to submit a Green Space and Public Facilities Grant to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the clean up of a portion of the Pointe Blue Redevelopment project.

Fiscal Note: The project development agreement requires the City of Racine to cooperate with the developer to assist in acquiring various State and Federal grants to offset the cost of this development project.

Rick Jones asked for authorization to submit a grant application due July 21st for up to \$200,000 for environmental remediation funding.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to apply for the grant.

Recommended For Approval

06-2100

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a revised project agreement for Racine Street reconstruction, ID 2350-10-00/20/70.

Recommendation: The Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to sign on behalf of the City of Racine the revised project agreement for the Racine Street Reconstruction, Project ID No. 2350-10-00/20/70.

Fiscal Note: The revised project agreement will result in an increase in the City share of \$406,000.00 to \$707,125.00 due to an increase in the overall project from \$3,103,000.00 to \$4,851,900.00. Funding is available in the 2006 Capital Improvement Project budget to cover the increase in cost due to the revised project agreement.

Rick Jones read the revised project agreement and noted the agreement has changed due to construction prices. The original agreement, signed in 2002, was for 3.1 million and now, in 2006, the construction prices have grown to over 4.8 million. The City's share is 20%.

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

Recommended For Approval

06-2104

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on

Contract 36-05 (K5-043), 2005 City Resurfacing, Payne & Dolan, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: The work of Payne & Dolan, Inc., under Contract 36-05 (K5-043), 2005 City Resurfacing, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$767,144.17.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 6575 of July 19, 2005.

John Rooney noted the contractor has satisfactorily completed the project and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$767,144.17.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

06-2147

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works submitting a three-party agreement for design engineering services for State Project ID: 2703-03-05, Ohio Street, 16th Street to 21st Street.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a three-party agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Clark Dietz, Inc. for preparing plans and specifications for the reconstruction of Ohio Street from 16th Street to 21st Street, for the not-to-exceed cost of \$200,015.51, which is funded 80%, or \$160,012.41, by the State of Wisconsin, and 20%, or \$40,003.10, by the City of Racine.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of these professional services are available in the 2007 CIP.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John Rooney explained the agreement is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,015.51, which is funded 80% by State and Federal funds.

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

Recommended For Approval

06-1822

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Asst. Comm. of Public Works/Operations submitting a proposal from HNTB for professional services for Railing Replacement at Memorial Hall and the Safety Building.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick Jones requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

Miscellaneous Business

[06-2170](#)

Subject: Communication from the Sales/Marketing Director of the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau requesting permission to use the Walker Site for parking for the Spirit of Racine Triathlon.

Recommendation: Permission be granted to the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau to use the City owned property, commonly referred to as the Walker Site, for special event parking on Sunday, July 23, 2006, in connection with the Spirit of Racine Triathlon with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to the event;
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor; and,
- D. The sponsor pay the City \$1.50 for each car which is allowed to park on this public property.

Fiscal Note: The City of Racine will share a percentage of the proceeds which the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau obtains through charging for parking on this property.

Rick Jones read a communication from Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau asking to use the Walker site for the Triathlon in July. He noted the request has been approved in the past.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request subject to the City receiving \$1.50 for each car parked at the Walker site.

Recommended For Approval

If you are disabled and have accessibility needs or need information interpreted for you, please contact the Department of Public Works at 262.636.9121 at least 48 hours prior to this meeting.