



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Alder Jeff Coe
Alder Mollie Jones
Alder John Tate II
Alder Edwin Santiago Jr
Alder Melissa Kaprelian
Alder Jeffrey Peterson
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Marcus West
Alder Terry McCarthy
Alder Sam Peete
Alder CJ Rouse
Alder Henry Perez
Alder Natalia Taft
Alder Jason Meekma
Alder Melissa Lemke

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

7:00 PM

Virtual

Public Registration Link:

https://cityofracine-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7WfK4WVwTzWpyy1O9SypgA

A. Call To Order

PRESENT: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

B. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag

Mayor Mason led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes)

February 1st, 2022

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder West to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

D. Proclamations

Women's History Month

[0138-22](#)

Subject: Women's History Month

E. Public Comments

Mercedes Dzindzeleta appeared to speak before the Common Council.

F. Committee Reports

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Tate, II

Presentation by Dottie Kay Bowersox on COVID-19 Updates

[0124-22](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason adopting Ord. 0001-22 Sun-setting Face Coverings.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Perez, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 1 - Taft

ABSENT: 1 - Rouse

[0126-22](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Mayor Mason proposing that Resolutions 0645-21 and 0864-21 be amended to allow City of Racine governmental bodies to return to in-person meetings and be rescinded effective April 20, 2022.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason on 03/01/2022: That City of Racine governmental bodies return to in-person meetings on a phased-in basis. Specifically, the Common Council of the City of Racine shall return to in-person meetings effective March 15, 2022; and all Committees of the Common Council, and all other Committees, Boards, Commissions, and Authorities of the City of Racine, shall return to in-person meetings effective April 20, 2022. In addition, the action of the Common Council Resolutions 0645-21 and 0864-21 to suspend operation of Racine Ordinances chapter 2, article XI, shall be terminated according to the same schedule as the return to in-person meetings.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Tate II seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Taft

[0081-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting to apply for the Juvenile Justice JJ Formula Positive Youth Development Mentoring Programs Grant (#00429).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

2-21-2022: Approval to apply for the Juvenile Justice JJ Formula Positive Youth Development Mentoring Programs Grant.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$50,000. No Match Required

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0100-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting to accept the 2022 Beat Patrol Grant (#00391).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

2-21-2022: Approval to accept the 2022 Beat Patrol Grant.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$121,434. City Match: \$40,478. City Match is budgeted in the 2022 budget:

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0111-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting the City transfer 233 Jones Street, 1801 Mead Street, 1805 Mead Street, 1422 Marquette Street, 1317 Albert Street, and 1637 Packard Avenue to the City of Racine Community Development Authority for the purpose of redevelopment and sale to homeowners.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

2-21-2022: That the Finance and Personnel Committee recommend approval of transfer 233 Jones Street, 1801 Mead Street, 1805 Mead Street, 1422 Marquette Street, 1317 Albert Street, and 1637 Packard Avenue to the City of Racine Community Development Authority for the purpose of redevelopment and sale to homeowners.

Fiscal Note: Transfer of each property will require \$30 in recording fees, totaling \$180 in transfer fees.

A motion was made by Alder Taft seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 1 - Perez

Closed Session

The Common Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy with respect to litigation in which the City of Racine is involved.

A motion was made Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Coe, to go into closed session. The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

Open Session

If the Common Council convenes in closed session the Common Council will return to open session and may take action on any item discussed in closed session.

A motion was made Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Tate II , to go back into open session. The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

0112-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney meet with the Finance and Personnel Committee concerning litigation in which the City is involved, specifically Charles Edwards vs. City of Racine, et al, Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 2021 CV 1300.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 2-21-2022: To accept and approve the settlement agreement as presented.

Fiscal Note: The settlement amount of \$20,000 shall be paid from Account 11202-53500, Misc - Judgment & Claims

A motion was made by Alder Taft seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

0113-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney meet with the Finance and Personnel Committee concerning litigation in which the City is involved, specifically Sugeis Idial vs. City of Racine, et al, Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 2021 CV 769.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

2-21-2022: To accept and approve the settlement agreement as presented and to carryover \$175,000 of funds available from 2021 in account 11202-53500 Judgment & Claims to cover the cost of the settlement.

Fiscal Note: The settlement amount of \$175,000 shall be paid from Account 11202-53500, Misc - Judgment & Claims

A motion was made by Alder Taft seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

Public Works and Services Committee Report, by Ald. Jones

0101-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, submitting bid results for Contract 2022029 - Main Street Lift Bridge Gate Replacement.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 02-22-22: That Contract 2022029 Main Street Lift Bridge Gate Replacement, be awarded to Drax, Inc., in the amount of \$192,638.00, they being the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in 40402 57545 Lift Bridge Capital Projects. This work is 100% reimbursable from the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

0105-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the City Engineer, submitting Change Order No. 1 to Contract 2021051 - Lake Michigan Pathway Phase IV, A.W. Oakes & Sons, Inc., Contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 02-22-22: That Change Order No.1 to Contract 2021051 - Lake Michigan Pathway Phase IV, A.W. Oakes & Sons, Inc., Contractor, be approved in the deduct of (\$662.08).

Fiscal Note: Funding for this change order is available the following Org-Objects:

20313 57550 - Federal Grants-DPW

45040 57550 - DPW Lake Michigan Pathway Phase 4

450 13600 - General Obligation Bonds BS

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0106-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to submit final payment for Contract 2021051 - Lake Michigan Pathway Phase IV, A.W. Oakes & Sons, Inc., Contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 02-22-22: That the work completed by A.W. Oakes & Sons, Inc., on Contract 2021051, Lake Michigan Pathway Phase IV, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract of \$582,932.93. Final Payment to include retainage.

Fiscal Note: Contract 2021051 was authorized under Resolution No.0518-21, dated July 20, 2021.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0107-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of Angela Zimmermann, Executive Director, Racine Public Library, requesting to use the Library Lot, on May 14, 2022, from 9:00 am. - 4:00 pm for the Spring Literacy Festival in collaboration with RUSD.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 02-22-22: That the Racine Public Library be granted use of the Library Lot on May 14, 2022, from 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m. for the Spring Literacy Festival, and that the lease cost of \$126.00 per day be waived, and that the Racine Public Library execute of a hold harmless agreement with the City and pay a \$75.00 processing fee.

Fiscal Note: Result in a loss \$126.00 of revenue to the Parking Enterprise Fund.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0108-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of Angela Zimmermann, Executive Director, Racine Public Library, requesting to use the Library Lot, on April 4-9, 2022, from 9:00 am. - 8:00 pm for National Library Week.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 02-22-22: That the Racine Public Library be granted use of the Library Lot on April 4-9, 2022, from 9:00 am - 8:00 p.m. for National Library Week, and that the lease cost of \$126.00 per day be waived, and that Racine Public Library execute a hold harmless agreement with the City, and pay a \$75.00 processing fee.

Fiscal Note: Result in a loss of \$756.00 in revenue to the Parking Enterprise Fund.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0109-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the City Engineer requesting approval of a Temporary Limited Easement (TLE) for 1515 Winslow Street.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-22-22: That the TLE for 1515 Winslow Street be approved and that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to approve a negotiated payment to the property owner for acquisition of the TLE.

Fiscal Note: Funds to defray the cost of the easement are available in Org-Obj 45040 57500

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0110-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to submit final payment for Contract 2021032 - Roof Replacement 1415 Hampden Place, H.I.S. Comp, Contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 02-22-22: That the work completed by H.I.S, Comp, on Contract 2021032, Roof Replacement 1415 Hampden Place, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract of \$70,215.11. Final Payment to include retainage.

Fiscal Note: Contract 2021032 was authorized under Resolution No.0356-21, dated May18, 2021.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0117-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Racine and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the not to exceed amount of \$222,550.00, for the Wastewater Infiltration/Inflow and Flow Exceedance Reduction Program, Phase I.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 02-22-22: That the Public Works and Services Committee approve the professional services agreement and direct the Mayor

and City Clerk to sign the agreement between the City of Racine and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for the Wastewater Infiltration/Inflow and Flow Exceedance Reduction Program, Phase I, in the not to exceed amount of \$222,550.00.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in Org-Obj 40101 52100 Manhole Fund Professional Services.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. Coe

Report from the Committee Chair on Training Presented at the last Public Safety and Licensing Committee Meeting.

Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission Report, by Ald. Peete

[0102-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of Terri Jones, representing JT's Events, seeking a conditional use permit to operate a meeting/banquet facility, classified as a class 1 non-commercial use, at 2051 Taylor Avenue, as allowed by Sec. 114-448 of the Municipal Code. (PHDC-22)

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design

Commission on 02-23-22: That the request from Terri Jones to operate a meeting and banquet facility at 2051 Taylor Avenue be approved, subject to conditions a. - j.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board Report, by Ald. Tate II

[0115-22](#)

Subject: HOME CHDO Operating funding for the Racine Revitalization Partnership.

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 2/21/2022:

Based on application, staff recommends authorizing up to \$55,727 in CHDO Operating funds for the Racine Revitalization Partnership.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient HOME funds to fund the staff recommendation. Program income as defined by HUD will be returned to the City.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II seconded by Alder Peete, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Jones

[0116-22](#)

Subject: HOME Investments Partnership funding for housing rehabilitation of two units by the Racine Revitalization Partnership

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 2/21/2022:

Authorization of up to \$81,618 in HOME funding for the rehabilitation of 620 Hubbard Based on underwriting and program requirements, staff recommends authorizing up to \$82,800 in HOME funding for the rehabilitation of 939 Center St. Program income as defined by HUD will be returned to the City after sale of the units to an income-eligible buyer. All properties must be sold to low-/moderate-income home buyers. HOME-funded developments will require resale restrictions for 15 years.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient HOME funds to fund the staff recommendation.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II seconded by Alder Horton, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Jones

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Tate, II

[0129-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing:

Napoleon Hardy to the Community Development Authority for a term expiring April 30th, 2023

Jeffrey Thomas to Chair of the Community Development Authority for a term expiring April 30th, 2023

A motion was made by Alder Tate II seconded by Alder Coe, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

G. Council Vote on Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Alder Jones seconded by Alder Tate II to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

H. Common Council Announcements

Announcements are limited to recognition of City residents and employees, memorials, and non-political community events. Discussion of matters related to governmental business is prohibited.

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54P.M. by Mayor Mason
The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday March 15, 2022.
ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE
CITY CLERK