



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS

May 29, 2007

5:30 P.M.

Room 205, Council Chambers

PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

6:00 P.M.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ald. Ron Hart, 14th District, Chairman; Ald. Peter Karas, 9th District, Vice-Chairman; Ald. Robert Anderson, 2nd District; Ald. Ray DeHahn, 7th District; Ald. Jeff Coe, 1st District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works; Tom Eeg, Asst. Commissioner/Operations; John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner/Engineering

Staff: Brian O'Connell

Others: Scott Fergus

Approval of Minutes for the May 8, 2007 Meeting.

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

1. [07-0586](#)

Subject: Communication from James W. Crain, 500 Wolff Street, requesting to remove northeast corner of Wolff Street and Erie Street section of sidewalk.

Recommendation: The property owner of 500 Wolff Street be granted permission to remove the sidewalk abutting their property along North Wisconsin Street.

Fiscal Note: The cost of removing the sidewalk will be borne by the property owner.

Rick read the sidewalk removal policy and referred to an overhead. He noted the owner at 500 Wolff Street does not violate any of the items in the sidewalk removal policy and

therefore recommended approval to remove the sidewalk.

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

Recommended For Approval

2. [07-0602](#) **Subject:** Communication from Harbor Fest, Inc. requesting to close city right-of-way on June 21, 2007 through June 24, 2007 for Harbor Fest.

Recommendation: That Harbor Fest, Inc. be granted permission to close Festival Park Drive between 5th Street and 6th Street, and 5th Street between Festival Park Drive and Lake Avenue, for Harbor Fest from 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2007 thru 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 25, 2007, in accordance with their request.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. 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. The sponsor shall pay a \$300.00 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, to assist in implementing this event.

Rick read the communication from Harborfest and indicated this is an annual request and read the usual stipulations and noted the fee is \$300.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the request subject to the usual stipulations.

Recommended For Approval

3. [07-0634](#) **Subject:** Communication from St. Catherine's High School to place planet posters along the Lake Michigan Pathway by Pershing Drive.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick read an e-mail from St. Catherine's High School and noted the posters have already been placed and removed along Lake Michigan Pathway by Pershing Drive before the Committee meeting and requested the item be received and filed.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

4. [07-0517](#) **Subject:** To create an ordinance requiring occupancy permits for rental properties.

Recommendation: Defer

Alderman Hart requested this item be deferred.

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

Deferred

5. [07-0673](#) **Subject:** Item 14 of May 2, 2000, being a communication from the 1st Vice-President of Racine Area Veterans, Inc. wishing to discuss the relocation of the Walker Manufacturing World War II Memorial Stone from its present location on Michigan Boulevard.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.**Fiscal Note:** Not applicable.

John Rooney noted the monument had been moved off the Walker property and relocated in between Rooney and Pugh Recreational Areas. He noted it would be in the way of the Pointe Blue development where the public roads would hook-up to the existing parking lot in the Rooney Recreational Area. He stated the monument was going to be moved further to the north and east of the parking lot in Rooney Recreational Area between the parking lot and walkway. The item can be received and filed.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

6. [07-0672](#) **Subject:** Item 16 of May 4, 1999, being a communication from a representative of the W.H. Pugh Oil Co. wishing to discuss the purchase of a portion of the Walker property located on the north side of Reichert Court.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.**Fiscal Note:** Not applicable.

Rick noted in light of the Pointe Blue Development this item can be received and filed.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [07-0499](#)

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer recommending that Hillcrest Circle from Wright Avenue to the dead end and Oakdale Avenue from Wright Avenue to Athens Avenue be paved and the costs charged to the abutting property owners.

Recommendation: That a preliminary resolution be introduced for the paving of Hillcrest Circle from Wright Avenue to the dead end and Oakdale Avenue from Wright Avenue to Athens Avenue.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time. Approval of the preliminary resolution only authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer to conduct a public hearing.

Rick noted the condition of the pavement and approval for a preliminary resolution to be drafted. Under normal circumstances these streets that have been turned down by public hearing and the Common Council have to wait five years, but due to the poor conditions it dictates replacement. He noted this street has been before the City Council three times in the last three years. Alderman DeHahn noted he has been on these streets and has seen the poor condition and that it has been reduced to gravel. He indicated the City could be liable for injuries on the street and requested the Committee consider authorizing a preliminary resolution.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved a preliminary resolution for street improvements. Karas voted Nay.

Recommended For Approval

8. [07-0669](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting the request of the Village of Mt. Pleasant for the City of Racine to participate in the cost of paving 16th Street from west of Ostergaard Avenue to west of Oakdale Avenue.

Recommendation: That the Mayor and City Clerk enter into an agreement with the Village of Mt. Pleasant for the rubbilization and overlaying of bituminous concrete on 16th Street from STH 31 to Ostergaard Avenue.

Further recommends that the City of Racine agrees to pay 48% of the construction cost for its share of the construction project for the rubbilization and placement of bituminous concrete and 36% of the engineering, legal and administrative costs which are currently estimated at \$106,117.00. The City of Racine's final cost will be based upon the actual cost to perform the work on the City's share of the project based upon actual bid pricing.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of this work are available

in the intergovernmental shared sewer revenue fund.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick explained the project desired by the Village of Mt. Pleasant and requested the item be deferred until plans, specifications and estimates from the Village can be submitted for review and budgeting. Alderman Karas inquired whether sewer revenue dollars could be used for the project and Rick stated that streets being paved with sewer revenue dollars are Oakes Road and the completed project on Chicory Road.

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

Deferred

9. [07-0675](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bids received on Contract 40-07 (K7-046), 2007 Sewer Lining.

Recommendation: Contract 40-07 (K7-046), 2007 Sewer Lining, be awarded to Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc., Pewaukee, WI, at their bid price of \$774,769.25, 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:

\$142,163.80 - Account 104.984.5400, Maiden Lane Detention Pond
\$148,641.20 - Account 104.987.5420, Storm Sewers, Misc. Locations
\$483,964.25 - Account 987.907.5310, Sanitary Sewer Construction
\$774,769.25 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick submitted bid results with Visu-Sewer Clean and Seal submitting the low bid in the amount of \$774,769.25.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the bid of the lowest responsible bidder and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract.

Recommended For Award of Bid

10. [07-0662](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 53-05(K5-060), PS - Pritchard Park Pond Retrofit, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: The professional services provided by Earth Tech, Inc. under Contract 53-05 (K5-060), Professional Services - Pritchard Park Pond Retrofit, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$42,162.07, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: This contract was approved by Resolution 6604, dated August 2, 2005.

John requested this item be deferred and noted the engineers are checking some final calculations now that the inlet and outlet pipes have been installed properly.

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

Deferred

11. [07-0635](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting the request of the Wisconsin Department of Administration to renew the lease of space of at 800 Center Street for the Department of Corrections from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2012.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to renew the lease agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Administration for the Department of Corrections for 5,894 square feet at the City Hall Annex, for the time period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2012. The rental rate for 2008 will be \$76,150.48 and will increase in accordance with the consumer price index.

Fiscal Note: This lease will generate a total revenue of \$404,293.24.

Tom Eeg explained the new rates for the renewal agreement of their lease.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Karas, the Committee approved the new rates and renewal request.

Recommended For Approval

12. [07-0670](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Change Order No. 2 to Contract 46-06 (K6-049), City Hall Data Center Improvements, Ricchio, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: Change Order No. 2 on Contract 46-06 (K6-049), City Hall Data Center Improvements, Ricchio, Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$8,628.03.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$1,783.95 - Account 985.120.5030, MIS-Communications Room Remodel

\$6,844.08 - Account 987.100.5030, City Hall-IS Computer Room HVAC

\$8,628.03 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom explained the change order is for additional work required for the data center improvement.

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

Recommended For Approval

13. [07-0671](#)

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

Recommendation: Change Order No. 1 on Contract 1-07 (K7-001), City Hall Renovations - Phase I, Seater Construction Co., Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$45,574.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$36,252.00 - Account 986.100.5010, City Hall Facility Plan Implementation
\$ 9,322.00 - Account 985.020.5020, Redundent Email Server & Software
\$45,574.00 - total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg explained the change order is for additional work required for the City Hall renovations, such as voice/data cabling and additional electrical service and outlets for the Council Chambers.

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

Recommended For Approval

14. [06-2167](#)

Subject: Vacation of Reichert Court.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 05-29-2007: Since public interest requires it, that the following parcel of land, more particularly described as follows, be and hereby is vacated and discontinued:

Reichert Court from Michigan Boulevard to its eastern most terminus.

Further recommends that a preliminary resolution be introduced to the Common Council and referred to the City Plan Commission.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Recommendation of City Plan Commission on 05-30-2007: That since the public interest requires it and since the proposed vacation is

consistent with adopted city plans and programs, that the following public way, more particularly described as follows, be and hereby is vacated and discontinued:

Reichert Court from Michigan Boulevard to the eastern terminus of Reichert Court.

Further recommends that a resolution be introduced and a public hearing be scheduled pursuant to sec. 66.1003 (4)(b), Wis. Stats.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Rick requested this item be approved and referred to the City Plan Commission. He noted the closing of the site was set for June 8th and if there is any problems with the closing at that time, the Plan Commission would not meet until after that date and they could not approve the vacation if the closing did not take place.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the vacation and referred the item to the City Plan Commission.

Recommended For Approval

15. [07-0653](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a proposal from Earth Tech, Inc., for Construction Management Services for the sewer lining contract.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Earth Tech for Construction Management Services for the 2007 Sewer Lining in the not-to-exceed amount of \$65,963.00.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of these Construction Management Services are available in the following accounts:

\$26,226.89 - Account 104.987.5420, Storm Sewer, Misc. Locations
\$39,736.11 - Account 987.907.5310, Sanitary Sewer, Var. Locations
\$65,963.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rooney explained the proposal is for construction management services for the sewer lining contract. The proposal is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$65,963.

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

Recommended For Acceptance as a Professional Services Agreement

16. [07-0581](#)

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City

Engineer submitting Amendment No. 1 on Contract 30-06 (K6-031), Professional Services - Sixth Street Sanitary Sewer, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: Amendment No. 1 on Contract 30-06 (K6-031), Professional Services - Sixth Street Sanitary Sewer, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant, as submitted, be approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$8012.00.

Further recommends that funding for this amendment are available in accounts:

\$4006.00 - Account 987.907.5330, Sanitary Sewer Const. - 6th Street.
\$4006.00 - Racine Water Utility.
\$8012.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick explained the amendment is for coordination of public involvement and is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$8,012 and the Water Utility has agreed to pay for half.

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

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

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.