



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Alderman Sandy Weidner
Vice Chairman Raymond DeHahn
Michael Shields
Eric Marcus
Jim Morgenroth*

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M.

PRESENT: 5 - Sandy Weidner, Raymond DeHahn, Michael Shields, Eric Marcus and James Morgenroth

Also present: Mark Yehlen, Tom Eeg, John Rooney, Jon Christensen, Kara Kading, Tom Karkow-WRJN, Christine Won, Journal Times

Approval of Minutes for the October 25, 2011 Meeting.

*The minutes for the October 25, 2011 meeting were approved as printed.
Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Morgenroth. Passed unanimously.*

1. [11-7047](#)

Subject: Communication from Kara Kading requesting to use City right-of-way for the St. John's Lutheran School Bunny Hop on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. until 12 noon.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-8-11: That St. John's Lutheran School be granted permission to use city right-of-way for a run/walk on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A 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.

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.

Kara Kading appeared before the committee and asked permission for the St. John's Lutheran Bunny Hop on Saturday, April 28, 2012. She explained the event and how the event went last year. Tom Eeg described the normal stipulations.

Motion made by Marcus, seconded by DeHahn to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

2. [11-7052](#)

Subject: Communication from Dr. Ann Yehle, McKinley Middle School Directing Principal, requesting to close off the south sidewalk of Rupert Boulevard from Chicago Street west to the cemetery during the 2011-2012 winter.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-8-11: That Racine Unified School District be granted permission to close the sidewalk on Rupert Boulevard fronting McKinley Middle School from December 1, 2011 to April 1, 2012 with the requirement that Racine Unified School District holds the City of Racine harmless from any and all injuries caused by conditions of the sidewalk related to this closure.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine in granting this permission.

Tom Eeg explained this was an annual request for McKinley Middle School to close off sidewalk on the southside of Rupert Blvd between Chicago St. and the cemetery property. Ald. Weidner noted she does receive complaints when the sidewalk is closed in the winter and she also noted that the Alderman in the 9th District objects to it as well.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Marcus to approve passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

3. [11-7006](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief Building Inspector submitting a change to Municipal Code Ordinance, Sec. 18-466 - Office of chief plumbing inspector.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-25-11: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-8-11: That the change to Municipal Code Ordinance, Sec. 18-466 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, relating to Office of chief plumbing inspector, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jon Christensen appeared before the Committee and explained some of the changes related to the change in the Municipal Ordinance Section 18-466 regarding shutting off water. He noted that the water service would only be shut off after proper notice is given if there is likely to be a dangerous situation to persons or property.

Motion made by Marcus, seconded Shields to approve and refer to the City Attorney's Office for an Ordinance change. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

4. [11-7067](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting bid results on Official Notice #15 for One (1) 33,000 GVW Truck Chassis with 46 Foot Working Height Insulated Aerial Unit.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-8-11: That the contract for One (1) 33,000 GVW 5 Truck Chassis with 46 foot working height insulated aerial unit be awarded to Utility Sales & Service, Appleton, WI, at their bid price of \$170,918.00 with trade-in, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Fiscal Note: Funding to defray the cost of this purchase be appropriated from Account 991.590.5030, Street Lighting, Bucket Truck.

Tom Eeg explained bid results on Official Notice #15.

Motion was made by DeHahn, seconded by Marcus to award the lowest responsible bidder. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Award of Bid

5. [11-6892](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District requesting to discontinue sidewalk assessments and to create a Special Revenue Fund for sidewalk maintenance and improvement.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 9-27-11 and 11-8-11: Defer

John Rooney submitted a report regarding a proposed fee for Sidewalk Replacement. Rooney noted that approximately 20% of the properties in the City of Racine are without sidewalk. He noted that 80% of the residential and non-residential properties could be charged an annual fee. He noted that a fee in the amount of \$20.00 per residential property and perhaps a factor of 2.5 for a non-residential property could generate enough funds to adequately fund the Sidewalk Replacement Program. He noted there would be some efficiencies in the City Engineer's Office insofar as letting only one Contract and he also noted that certified mailing for sidewalk orders would no longer have to be done. In addition he noted that issuing permits and extensions is another time consuming task. He also informed the Committee that this would eliminate a lot of work for small concrete contractors in the City of Racine. He did believe there would be a potential reduction in bid prices letting out one contract in the winter for the following year. He noted that this is just another option to fund the program that is mandatory. He noted he isn't in

favor or against the proposal by the Aldermen. He also noted the current system while cumbersome to administer is functional and does work. Eric Marcus supported the fee structure and noted that a \$20.00 fee would equate to a payback of almost of 8 years if a property owner had to replace one sidewalk square and get a permit. He suggested even a referendum that the residents would be in support of a sidewalk fee. Alderman Weidner noted that a referendum may not be what the City is desirous of doing, she noted that the Alderman sit in the committee to make these decisions in public and then make recommendations to the Common Council. Alderman Morgenroth questioned the need for this, particularly for those who have already paid for sidewalk improvements. He felt the \$20.00 fee was not commensurate with the amount of work that potentially someone would need to have done. Rooney noted that the proposed fee amount generates the amount of money needed to repair and replace on average 2,000 sidewalk orders that are written every year.

Motion made by Shields, seconded by Morgenroth to defer the item. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

6. [11-7064](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 17-11 (K1-017), N. Main and Goid Traffic and Street Light Renovation, Pieper Electric Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-8-11: That Change Order No. 1 on Contract 17-11 (K1-017), N. Main and Goid Traffic and Street Lighting Renovations, Pieper Electric, contractor, be approved in the amount of \$408.41.

Fiscal Note: Funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 991.600.5010, Traffic Signals.

John Rooney submitted Change Order No. 1 on Contract 17-11 (K1-017) and asked for approval.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Marcus. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

7. [11-7065](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 17-11 (K1-017), N. Main at Goid Traffic and Street Lighting Renovations, Pieper Electric Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-8-11: That the work done by Pieper Electric under Contract 17-11 (K1-017), N. Main and Goid Traffic and Street Lighting Renovations, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$91,841.44.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 11-2494, dated April 18, 2011.

John Rooney submitted final payment on Contract 17-11 (K1-017) and asked for approval.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Marcus. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

8. [11-7066](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 35-11 (K1-037), Fire Alarm System Replacement at Library, Enterprise Fire & Security/EES, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-8-11: That the work done by Enterprise Fire & Security/EES, Inc. under Contract 35-11 (K1-037), Fire Alarm System Replacement at Library, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$50,495.00.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 11-2593, dated June 7, 2011.

Tom Eeg submitted a request for final payment on Contract 35-11 (K1-037).

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Marcus. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

9. [11-7068](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting the 2011 Pavement Management System Summary Report.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-8-11: That the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rooney submitted the 2011 Pavement Management System Summary Report. He explained the Pavement Management Program and the report to the Committee and used a Power Point presentation to illustrate what type of pavement infrastructure the City has and how it is inventoried and assessed. He also noted the replacement value of the City's pavement infrastructure is approximately 293 million dollars and also noted that a remaining useful life of the system is upwards of 178 million dollars. He noted that these pavements deteriorate on average of about 6 million dollars annually and the funding in the Operations & Maintenance and Capital Improvement Programs should be commensurate with that to maintain a good pavement condition index of 70 for the entire City.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Marcus to receive and file the report. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

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