



City of Racine

City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403
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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, December 7, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual

Public Registration Link:

<https://cityofracine-org.zoom.us/j/85006869885>

A. Call To Order

PRESENT: 13 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, McCarthy, Peete, Rouse, Taft, Meekma and Lemke
EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and Perez

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)

November 16th

November 29th

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Taft, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motions PASSED by the following vote:

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

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and Perez

D. Proclamation

National Human Rights Day

[0977-21](#)

Subject: Human Rights Day Dec. 10

E. Public Comments

The following people appeared to speak before the Common Council:

Mercedes Dzindzeleta

F. Committee Reports

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Taft

[0856-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the Human Resources Benefits Manager, requesting to appear before the Finance and Personnel Committee to discuss offering Short-Term Disability Insurance for 2022.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-29-2021: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement for the City's 2022 Short-Term Disability Insurance through MetLife.

Fiscal Note: Funds are allocated in the 2022 budget in the amount of \$121,179.12. Account #70312 52165

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

[0934-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West on behalf of the City Clerk submitting 2022-2023 Election Officials for approval.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-29-2021: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0955-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the City Clerk requesting the attached list of alternate early absentee voting locations for all elections in the 2022 calendar year be approved.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-29-2021: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

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

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and Perez

[0956-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the City Clerk requesting the attached polling location for the 2022 calendar year.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-29-2021: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0957-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting the City accept \$20,000 in grant funding from Results for America for production of videos to promote the City's economic mobility initiatives. Grant control #00421

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-29-2021: To Approve.

Fiscal Note: The grant is for \$20,000 and requires no City match.

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

Public Works and Services Committee Report, by Ald. Jones

[0940-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of Robert Kreil, Walden III Middle/High School Directing Principal, requesting to close off the south sidewalk of Rupert Boulevard from Chicago Street west to the cemetery during the 2021-2022 winter season.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That Racine Unified School District is granted permission to close off the south sidewalk of Rupert Boulevard from Chicago Street west to the cemetery from December 1, 2021, to April 1, 2022, 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

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

[0941-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of City Engineer, to submit Contract 2022001- 2022 Storm Sewer Repair Fixed Prices.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That the 2022 Storm Sewer Repair Fixed Prices, be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in Org-Object-60484 54400-Storm Sewers-Infrastructure Repairs.

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

[0942-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of City Engineer, to submit Contract 2022002- 2022 Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Fixed Prices.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That the 2022 2022 Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Fixed Prices, be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in Org-Object-22640 54400-Sanitary Sewer Lateral-Infrastructure Repairs.

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

[0943-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, submitting the 2022 summary of lease agreements for office space.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee on 11-30-21: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into 2022 lease agreements for rental office space in City Hall, City Hall Annex and the Safety Building at the rental rates as submitted.

Fiscal Note: Rental rates will increase in 2022 due to the 2021 Consumer Price Index increasing by 4.7%. These leases will generate a total annual revenue of approximately \$133,776.94.

A motion was made that this Communications be Approved as Presented. The

motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0944-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to submit final payment for Contract 20200028-Tyler Domer HVAC Replacement, Southport Engineered Systems, Contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That the work completed by Southport Engineered Systems., on Contract 20200028, Tyler Domer HVAC Replacement, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract of \$168,307.00. Final Payment to include retainage.

Fiscal Note: Contract 20200028 was authorized under Resolution No.0565-20, dated September 1, 2020.

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

[0945-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Park, Recreational and Cultural Services, submitting bid results for Contract 2021093-Zoo Path Emergency Repair.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That Contract 2021093-Zoo Path Emergency Repair be awarded to DK Contractors, in the amount of \$59,400.00, they being the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in 45040 57110 Parks-Land Improvements.

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

[0946-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Department of Public Works submitting Amendment 1 for Contract 20200069 - Janitorial Services-Building Complex, CleanCo Racine, Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That the Mayor and City Clerk be directed to sign Amendment 1 with CleanCo Racine, Inc for Contract 20200069, 2022 fee increase.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in 70240 52200 Building Complex-Contracted Services

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

[0947-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the

Department of Park, Recreational and Cultural Services submitting Amendment 1 for Contract 20200070 - Janitorial Services-Building Complex, CleanCo Racine, Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That the Mayor and City Clerk be directed to sign Amendment 1 with CleanCo Racine, Inc for Contract 20200070, 2022 fee increase.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in the following Org-Objects:

1500214 52200 Chvz-Contracted Services
1500215 52200 HmbI-Contracted Services
1500216 52200 King-Contracted Services
1500217 52200 Brtn-Contracted Services
1500218 52200 Tylr-Contracted Services
22450 52200 Contracted Services
15003 52200 Park-Contracted Services

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

[0948-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to submit final payments. Contract 2021003 - Sidewalk Replacement-Phase I (RWP), Forward Equipment, LLC, Contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That the work completed by Forward Equipment, LLC., on Contract 2021003 - Sidewalk Replacement-Phase I, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract of \$548,522.50. Final Payment to include retainage.

Fiscal Note: Contract 2021003 was authorized under Resolution No.0083-21, dated February 17, 2021.

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

[0949-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of City Engineer, submitting Change Order No. 2 to Contract 2021003 - Sidewalk Replacement-Phase I (RWP), Forward Equipment, LLC, Contractors.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That Change Order No. 2 to Contract 2021003 - Sidewalk Replacement-Phase I, Forward Equipment, LLC, Contractor, be approved in the deduct amount of (\$129,772.10).

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

\$18,260.00 60484 57560 Storm Sewers
 \$82,971.00 45040 57515 Sidewalks
(\$231,003.10) 40104 57515 Sidewalk Assessment
 (\$129,772.10)Total

A motion was made by Alder Jones seconded by Alder McCarthy that this Communication be Referred to Public Works and Services. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and Perez

[0950-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of City Engineer, submitting Change Order No. 1 to Contract 2021006 - 2021 Assessable Streets and Alleys (RWP), A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc., Contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That Change Order No.1 to Contract 2021006 - 2021 Assessable Streets and Alleys (RWP), A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc., Contractor, be approved in the amount of \$53,261.00.

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

\$6,837.00 45040 57500 Concrete Street/Alley Paving Miscellaneous Locations
 \$24,894.00 45040 57515 DPW Sidewalk Replacement
 \$11,630.00 60484 57570 Storm Sewers Miscellaneous Locations
\$9,900.00 40101 57560 Sanitary Sewer Various Locations
 \$53,261.00 Total

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

[0951-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of City Engineer, submitting Change Order No. 2 to Contract 2021073 - City of Racine Transit Facilities Repair, Berglund Construction Company, Contractors.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That Change Order No. 2 to Contract 2021073 - City of Racine Transit Facilities Repair, Berglund Construction Company, Contractor, be approved in the amount of \$4,873.59.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this change order is available in the following Org-Obj 20049 57200 -60000021.Brks&Mrtr.RYDE

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

[0952-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, submitted by the City Engineer, submitting Amendment to the City of Racine Municipal Code Chapter 94 Article III - Stopping, Standing and Parking.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-21: That Chapter 94 Article III, Division 2, Section 94-141 Schedule F, Item (6), of the Municipal Code be amended to include two additional parking restrictive zones on Harbridge Avenue.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this change order is credited in the following Org-Objects: 14013 53200 - Trfc-Work Supplies

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

Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. Horton

[0827-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board, creating an "Adopt a Park" Program.

Recommendation of the Board of Park, Recreation, and Cultural Services on 11-10-2021: To Approve

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Meeting on 11-29-2021: That the Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board, creating a "Adopt a Park" Program be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0910-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Massage Establishment License, Lauren Recupero DBA Laurel Massage Studio, located at 524 Monument Square Suite 204 Racine, WI 53403, Lauren Recupero, Owner. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee 11-29-2021: That the Communication sponsored by Alder Coe

submitting an application for a Massage Establishment License, Lauren Recupero DBA Laurel Massage Studio, located at 524 Monument Square Suite 204 Racine, WI 53403, Lauren Recupero, Owner. (1st District) be Recommended for Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0930-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Change of Agent, with a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, for Speedway LLC DBA Speedway #2089 located at 4620 Washington Ave Racine, WI 53405, Chantenise Walker, Agent. (12th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

11-29-2021: That the Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Change of Agent, with a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, for Speedway LLC DBA Speedway #2089 located at 4620 Washington Ave Racine, WI 53405, Chantenise Walker, Agent. (12th District) be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0953-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant LLC, DBA El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant, located at 6116 Regency West Dr. Racine, WI 53406 , Jennifer Rios-Arroyo, Agent. (14th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

11-29-2021: That the Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant LLC, DBA El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant, located at 6116 Regency West Dr. Racine, WI 53406 , Jennifer Rios-Arroyo, Agent. (14th District) be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Report, by Ald. Peete

[0967-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason for an allocation of up to \$112,500.00 to be provided to the City of Racine Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services for extension of operational hours at qualifying community centers.

Recommendation of the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board on 12/6/2021: That up to \$150,000.00 in CDBG funds be allocated to the City of Racine Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services for extension of operational hours at qualifying community centers.

Fiscal Note: This allocation will be funded by the FY 2022 CDBG allocation.

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

[0968-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting amendments to the CDBG, CDBG-CV and ESG-CV contracts executed pursuant to Resolution #0673-20 and #0519-20 to extend the expiration dates until June 30, 2022.

Recommendation of the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board on 12/06/21: That the CDBG Advisory Board approve amendments to the CDBG, CDBG-CV and ESG-CV contracts executed to date to extend the expiration date until June 20, 2022.

Fiscal Note: The total CDBG, CDBG-CV and ESG-CV contract budgets will remain unchanged.

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

[0971-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason amending Resolution #1317-19 and requesting permission to authorize a HOME Multifamily Loan with Brinshore Development for up to \$300,000 related to the St. Paul Commons project.

Recommendation of the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board on 12/7/2021: That an amendment to Resolution #1317-19 for an increase in the loan amount from \$250,000 to \$300,000 be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a HOME loan to Brinshore Development related to the St. Paul Commons project for up to \$300,000 at 1% interest with a 20-year term. Mortgage,

promissory note, land use restriction agreement, and HOME agreement, and necessary subordinations to be signed at closing after demonstrating full project financing and a completed HUD Part 58 environmental review.

Fiscal Note: This item increases the total amount of HOME funds loaned to the St. Paul Commons project to an amount not to exceed \$300,000 total. There are sufficient HOME funds available to meet this request. All principal and interest would be returned to the City as HOME program income.

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

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

[0939-21](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the attached proposed 2022 Common Council Calendar.

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

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and Perez

[0974-21](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason at the request of Alder Taft on behalf of the fire department requesting permission accept \$6,527.80 from the State of Wisconsin Emergency Management to support our Hazardous Materials Team training and equipment and authorize the Mayor to sign the funding agreement (Grant Control #00422).

Fiscal Note: The grant is for \$6,527.80 and there is no local match. Account 20621 Project Number 30004

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

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

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and Perez

G. Council Vote on Consent Agenda Items (Communications, Committee Reports, resolutions)

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

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

EXCUSED: 2 - Coe and Perez

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 7:29 P.M. by Alder West.