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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg
Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II
Alderman Ronald Hart
Alderman Terry McCarthy
Alderman Dennis Wiser*

Monday, August 9, 2010

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call to Order & Roll Call

PRESENT: 5 - James T. Spangenberg, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Ronald D. Hart, Terry McCarthy and Dennis Wiser

Approval of Minutes for the July 26, 2010 meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

1. [10-5421](#)

Subject: Communication from Kuko Padilla requesting the waiving of rental fees to use the Skateboard Park and a portion of Pershing Park for the annual Bike Jam on Saturday, September 4, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-9-10: Permission be granted for the fees to be waived for Kuko Padilla to utilize the Pershing Skateboard Park and a portion of Pershing Park for the annual "Bike Jam" on Saturday, September 4, 2010 with a Hold Harmless Agreement.

Fiscal Note: The Park's Department fee would have been \$318. Mr. Padilla has maintained the Pershing Skateboard Park for the last 13 years at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [10-5421 - Bike Jam Waiver of Skateboard Park & Portion of Pershing Park-S](#)

Alderman Spangenberg stated that Kuko Padilla has maintained the Pershing's Skateboard Park without any compensation for time or materials. Minutes from 2009 shows that he has maintained it now for 13 years at no cost to the City.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Dennis Wiser, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

2. [10-5451](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept additional funds from the Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services for the Women, Infants

and Children Program. (Grant Control #2006-049)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

8-9-10: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an amended contract with the Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services for the Women, Infants and Children Program grant (Grant Control No. 2006-049).

Fiscal Note: The contract has increased in the amount of \$27,863. \$7,909 will be utilized for day-to-day operations of the WIC Program, \$2,298 for the WIC Farmer's Market and \$17,656 for WIC Peer Counseling.

Attachments: [WIC 2010 amend2.pdf](#)

David Brown, Finance Director, spoke on the item. He stated that it is an increase in funding that will be utilized for various portions of the WIC program.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [10-5396](#)

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting to apply for the 2010 USDOJ, COPS, Child Sexual Predator Program grant (Grant Control # 2010-028).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 8-9-10:

Permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for the \$299,700 2010 United State Department of Justice, COPS, Child Sexual Predator Program grant (Grant Control No. 2010-028).

Fiscal Note: There is a soft match required on the part of the City. The City will continue staffing the CAC for a third year being approximately 20 hours each week.

Attachments: [LEGISTAR 10-5396 001](#)

Tom Christensen, Deputy Chief of the Police Department, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item. The primary function of the grant is to establish a GIS base mapping tracking system for the Child Sexual Predator, training for law enforcement and Child Advocacy Center personnel regarding how to better deal with these issues, and to also certify the Child Advocacy Center. The department will be retasking an existing officer to work at the Child Advocacy Center part-time.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [10-5418](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Maricela Martinez for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

8-9-10: The claim of Maricela Martinez, 2037 Franklin St., requesting reimbursement of \$665 for repairs to her vehicle after a tree branch allegedly fell on her parked vehicle during a storm on June 18, 2010 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [martinez_001](#)

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item. She stated the City Forester informed her that the tree was a 28" diameter full foliage healthy tree. The wind of the storm of June 18, 2010 caused the branch to fall on the vehicle. She recommends the City deny the claim.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [10-5416](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Brian Matsen for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance Department & Personnel

Committee on 8-9-10: The claim of Brian Matsen, 2100 Shoop St., requesting reimbursement of \$1,036 for repairs after a tree branch allegedly fell on his fence during the storm on June 18, 2010 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [matsen_001](#)

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item. She stated the City Forester informed her that the tree was a 20" diameter full foliage healthy tree. After the branch was removed the tree was later removed. The wind of the storm of June 18, 2010 caused the branch to fall on the fence. She recommends the City deny the claim.

*Roll call vote taken: Ayes: Aldermen Spangenberg, Hart, McCarthy, Wiser
Noes: Alderman Shakoor
Abstain: None*

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [10-5417](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Valentin Saldivar and Amelia Saldivar for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance Department & Personnel

Committee on 8-9-10: The claim of Valentin Saldivar and Amelia Saldivar requesting \$1,836.61 for repairs after a tree allegedly fell on their parked vehicle during the storm on June 18, 2010 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [saldivar 001](#)

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item. She stated the City Forester informed her that the tree was a 25" diameter full foliage healthy tree. The wind of the storm of June 18, 2010 caused the branch to fall on the vehicle. She recommends the City deny the claim.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Dennis Wiser, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [10-5415](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Dennis Thompson for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance Department & Personnel

Committee on 8-9-10: The claim of Dennis Thompson, 1753 Park Ave., requesting reimbursement of \$3,000 arising from a warrant recommendation made to the Racine County District Attorney by the Police Department as the result of a complaint received on March 10, 2009 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [thompson 001](#)

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item. She recommends to deny the claim because the warrant was issued on March 9, 2009 which surpasses the 120 day reporting period to make a claim against the City. Also Mr. Thompson did not allege that any damage to his property had occurred or harm to himself.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [10-5331](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting to apply for the Focus on Energy LED Streetlight Retrofit grant.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

8-9-10: Item to be received and filed because the program for FOE incentive for custom LED incentive grants were eliminated through 12-31-10.

Fiscal Note: N/A

David Brown, Finance Director, spoke on the item. He recommends to receive and file the item because the program for FOE incentive for custom LED incentive grants were eliminated through the end of this year.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion

PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2010 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ald. James Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee**