



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

*President John Hewitt, Vice President Thomas Bunker,
Secretary Robert Lui, Kathy DeMatthew, Mayor John Dickert,
Thomas Friedel, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Howard Stacey,
Chris Wright, Alderman James Morgenroth, Anthony Beyer,
Chris Larsen, Joseph Mandala, Ralph Schwarz, James T.
Spangenberg, Alderman Terry McCarthy*

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, A.

PRESENT: 16 - John Dickert, Thomas Friedel, Ronald D. Hart, James Morgenroth, Joseph Mandala, John Hewitt, Thomas Bunker, Robert Lui, Howard Stacey, Anthony Beyer, Kathy DeMatthew, Ralph Schwarz, James T. Spangenberg, Chris Wright, Chris Larsen and Terry McCarthy

2. Approval of Minutes for the August 2014 Meeting

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by Joseph Mandala, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [14-10569](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Wastewater Finance Committee Held on September 3, 2014

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Joseph Mandala, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [14-10570](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for August 2014 Totaling \$1,091,548.26

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by James Morgenroth, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [14-10571](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Household Hazardous Waste Event - September 20, 2014
- B) Status of May 12, 2014 Storm Modeling Effort - TAC Meeting
- C) Pretreatment Ordinance Revisions - Chapter 98, Article IV, Division 3
- D) Update on WPDES Permit
- E) Air Permit Inspection

- F) Discussion of Sewage Conveyance
G) Presentation in Sturtevant - September 9, 2014

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

6. [14-10491](#) **Subject:** Policy Decision on Raising Employee Share of Medical Expense Premium from 7.5% to 10%

Recommendation: Approve to keep employee share of medical expense premium at 7.5% with the option of participating in a 5% premium plan with a higher out-of-pocket expense

The General Manager noted that the Finance Committee of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners recommended that the health care premium for Wastewater Utility employees stay at 7.5% for employee share for employees currently paying 7.5%. Also, all employees would be able to participate in a 5% premium plan with a higher out-of-pocket expense, which the City is offering. Furthermore, employees would have to pay their own premium if they chose the option of having dental care. For recent hires paying a 10% premium, the Utility will pay for single dental coverage.

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [14-10596](#) **Subject:** Communication from the General Manager Regarding a Cost of Service Study for the Kinzie Ave./Roosevelt Ave. Project

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that he received a proposal from Ruekert-Mielke in the amount of \$10,000.00 with regard to a Cost of Service Study (COSS) for the Kinzie Ave./Roosevelt Ave. project and recommended approval.

A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by Joseph Mandala, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [14-10574](#) **Subject:** Wastewater Commission Directors Insurance Policy Renewal

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted a proposal from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. with regard to the Wastewater Commission Directors Insurance Policy. He noted that this insurance policy provides the Wastewater Commissioners with protection for Liability and Employment Practices Liability coverage. The General Manager recommended approval in the amount of \$11,055.00.

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

9. [14-10575](#) **Subject:** Submittal of the Report of the Finance Committee of the Racine Wastewater Commission Regarding Year 2015 Wastewater Utility Operations and Maintenance Budget and the 2015-2019 Capital

Improvements Budget Recommended Adoption

Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Commission on 9/23/14: To adopt

FURTHER RECOMMEND, THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A motion was made by James Spangenberg, seconded by Ralph Schwarz, that the Operations and Maintenance Budget be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

A motion was made by James Spangenberg, seconded by Ralph Schwarz, that the Capital Improvements Program Budget be Recommended for Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10. [14-10572](#)

Subject: Submittal of the 2015 Sewer Service Rates

Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Commission on 9/23/14: To adopt

FURTHER RECOMMEND, THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The General Manager submitted the 2015 Class 1 and Class 2 Sewer Service Rates.

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by Joseph Mandala, that the Class 1 Sewer Service Rates be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by Ralph Schwarz, that the Class 2 Sewer Service Rates be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

11. [14-10573](#)

Subject: Approval of New Household Hazardous Waste Rates for 2015

Recommendation: Approve a rate of \$3.60 per household for 2015

The General Manager noted that the Finance Committee of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners recommended raising the Household Hazardous Waste rate from \$3.00 to \$3.60 per household for 2015.

A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by James Spangenberg, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

12. [14-10576](#)

Subject: Election of Officers

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted a list of proposed officers for 2014-2015 and recommended that the following slates of proposed officers be approved:

BOARD OF RACINE WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS:

*President: Thomas Bunker
Vice-President: Robert Lui
Secretary - Kathleen DeMatthew*

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

*Chairman: Thomas Bunker
Ralph Schwarz
Alderman James Morgenroth
Kathleen DeMatthew
Alderman Ronald Hart
Joseph Mandala
John Hewitt
Chris Wright*

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

*Robert Lui
Chris Wright
Alderman Ronald Hart
Thomas Bunker*

A motion was made by James Morgenroth, seconded by James Spangenberg, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chris Wright made a motion, seconded by Joseph Mandala, to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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