



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding, Alderman Raymond DeHahn,
Alderman Sandy Weidner, Alderman Jeff Coe, Alderman
Michael D. Shields*

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: 4 - Gregory Holding, Raymond DeHahn, Sandy Weidner and Michael Shields

EXCUSED: 1 - Jeff Coe

Also present: John Rooney, Tom Eeg, Alderman Hart, Jason Mars- Parks Dept., Devin Sutherland, Doris Jacobson, Ben Lehner

Approval of Minutes for the February 8, 2011 Meeting.

The minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting were approved as printed.

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

1. [11-6080](#)

Subject: Communication from Downtown Racine Corporation requesting to use city right-of-way for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 19, 2011.

Permission be granted to the Downtown Racine Corporation to close Main Street from State Street to 6th Street, and State Street from Erie Street to Main Street, on Saturday, March 19, 2011, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., for a St. Patrick's Day Parade, 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.
- E. The sponsor shall be responsible for all detour signage during the event.
- F. The sponsor shall pay a \$500.00 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, in implementing this event.

Devin Sutherland appeared before the committee and indicated it was the same route used for last year's St. Patrick's Day parade. He noted he met with the Racine Police Department and they had no issues with the route. Tom Eeg noted the \$700.00 event fee and the usual stipulations.

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

Recommended For Approval

2. [11-6045](#) Subject: Communication from the Root River Council requesting permission to place permanent mosaics along the street-level walkways spanning the West 6th Street bridge between Marquette Street and Memorial Drive.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-22-11: Defer

Ben Lehner appeared before the committee. Lehner described the art project for permanent mosaics along street level walkways spanning the Root River bridges. He noted these art projects are to encourage river activity and create a sense of place. He also noted that this would help enhance some economic activity along the Root River corridor. Jason Mars of the Parks Department appeared before the committee and described the Youth Artist Gallery Project that is held each summer and he noted some of the work they have done at the North Beach Oasis and at the Goad Street Overlook on the Lake Michigan Pathway. He noted that some of this work could be done on some of these bridges. Rooney noted that the Public Works Department has no objection to the proposal and felt it would actually be a very appealing way to show off Public Works Infrastructure. Rooney asked that the item be deferred while a policy was created to determine appropriate locations for artwork on City bridges. He noted the policy would include such items as approving design content and making sure the responsible party could cause a removal if needed, providing liability insurance, and hold harmless agreements. Rooney also noted that in the policy there be what bridges can have the artwork placed on as it relates to historic structures or Wisconsin DOT reimbursed structures.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

3. [11-5978](#) **Subject:** Communication from Doris Jacobson, 1631 C.A. Becker Drive, regarding a water drainage problem.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 1-25-11, 2-8-11 and 2-22-11: Defer

Doris Jacobson of 1631 C.A. Becker Drive appeared the committee regarding the drainage problem. She noted the problems with the sump pump discharging next to her home and icing up the street. She noted this is a recurring problem every winter and asked that something be done to connect the sump pump to the city storm sewer system. Alderman Hart appeared before the committee and recommended the installation of the sewer to mitigate the problem. He noted there was a problem with

drainage in the neighborhood several years ago and the City of Racine authorized an extension of storm sewer for that location. Rooney noted that the problem that occurred in the neighborhood back in 2004 for a old farm drain tile that was not hooked up to the storm sewer at the time the subdivision was platted and the roads were built. He noted individual sump pump discharges are not illegal in the City of Racine. He noted the only prohibition is to allow them to discharge indirectly or directly on sidewalks. He noted there are approximately 25,000 properties in the City of Racine with roughly a third of them having sump pump discharges. He noted of those DPW monitors approximately 130 properties that create problem discharges during the winter. He noted these areas are addressed in the snow and ice operations manual. He noted the City receives very few complaints and most people understand the icing problem in the neighborhood caused by the sump pumps. He noted there are approximately 260 miles of streets in the City of Racine with only 130 miles of storm sewer. He noted there is not storm sewer available on every City street to take care of every sump pump discharge problem in the winter time. He noted the City of Racine could explore options to consider these sump pump nuisances and order them to be directly connected to municipal storm sewer. He noted that storm sewers could be extended and perhaps assessed to abutting property owners and then order the property owners to hook up to them. He indicated that work such as this would need to be budgeted for and increases in the storm water utility rate may be required to cover such costs if that is the City of Racine's desire. Alderman Hart noted that there must be operating expenses associated with sanding, salting, and removing ice from the sump pump discharges. Chairman Holding suggested that the item be deferred while the Interim City Engineer investigates the cost to extend sewers and compares them to annual operating costs for the maintenance of these icing problems in this particular area.

Motion made by DeHahn and seconded by Weidner to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

4. [11-6034](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Director of City Development requesting for final payment on Contract 37-09 (K9-038) Façade Renovation - 1418 Washington Avenue, Bane-Nelson, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-22-11: Defer

Eeg asked that the item be deferred.

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

Deferred

5. [11-6061](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 19-10 (K0-019), 2010 City Resurfacing (R1), Stark Asphalt, contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-23-11: That Change Order No. 1 on Contract 19-10 (K0-019), 2010 City Resurfacing (R1), Stark Asphalt, contractor, as submitted, be approved in the deduct amount of \$22,223.58.

Further recommends that the funding accounts be adjusted by the following amounts:

(\$24,649.23) - Account 990.908.5220, Asphalt Resurfacing
\$ 1,298.50 - Account 104.990.5420, Storm Sewer Misc. Loc.
\$ 1,100.00 - Account 287.990.5310, Sanitary Sewer, Var. Loc.
\$ 27.15 - Account 989.590.5010, Replace City Circuits
(\$22,223.58) - Total

Fiscal Note: Change Order No. 1 will result in a decrease in contract price.

Rooney submitted a rectifying Change Order No. 1 on Contract 19-10. He noted the amount of the deduct Change Order and asked for approval of the same.

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

Recommended For Approval

6. [11-6062](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 19-10 (K0-019), 2010 City Resurfacing (R1), Stark Asphalt, contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-22-11: That the work done by Stark Asphalt under Contract 19-10 (K0-019), 2010 City Resurfacing (R1), be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$337,696.66.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 10-1947, dated April 7, 2010.

Rooney submitted final payment on Contract 19-10. He noted the work was acceptable and asked that final payment be made.

Motion by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

7. [10-5949](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 35-10 (K0-043), Professional Services-Signage Design for Corinne Reid-Owens Transit Center.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 1-25-11: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-22-11: That the professional services provided by ARC

Architectural Group LLC, under Contract 35-10 (K0-043), Professional Services - Signage Design for Corinne Reid-Owens Transit Center, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$3,350.00.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 10-2189, dated September 21, 2010.

Eeg submitted a final request on Contract 35-10 . He noted the work has been done and is acceptable and final payment be made for the Corrine Reid-Owens Transit Center signage.

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

Recommended For Approval

8. [11-6081](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Interim Commissioner of Public Works submitting a request for final payment on Contract 41-10 (K0-050), Festival Hall AC Replacement, Grunau Co., Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-22-11: Defer

Eeg asked that this item be deferred.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Weidner to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

Adjournment

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