



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg, Vice Chair Thomas Friedel,
Alderman Pete Karas, Alderman Sandy Weidner,
Alderman Aron Wisneski*

Monday, December 11, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

UPDATE

Call to Order and Roll Call.

PRESENT: 4 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, Sandy Weidner and Aron Wisneski

EXCUSED: 1 - Pete Karas

Alderman James Spangenberg called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for the November 27, 2006 meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [06-2892](#) **Subject:** Communication from Police Chief Whalen requesting to add a position of sergeant beginning in the fiscal year 2007, which will subsequently reduce the number of patrol officers by one position.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to eliminate one patrol officer's position and create one sergeant's position.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That permission be granted for the Police Chief to eliminate one patrol officer's position and the creation of one Sergeant's position.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in the salaries budget to account for the increase in salary.

Police Chief Kurt Whalen appeared before the Committee. The Police Department lost one Lieutenant's position that overlooked Community Policing and the Gangs Division. The Gangs division moved to the Drug Unit. Community Policing will require a sergeant's position to over look them. The difference in pay for the sergeant's patrol officer is \$8,700. The money will be made up in 2007's budget by vacancies in the patrol area.
Recommended For Approval

2. [06-2870](#) **Subject:** Communication from Deputy Chief of Police Hurley requesting to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss an annual exemption to use City vehicles.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted for the Explorer Scouts, Emergency Government and off-duty police officers to utilize City of Racine vehicle's during police related events with a signed hold-harmless agreement, driver licenses check and vehicle insurance.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That permission be granted for the Explorer Scouts, Emergency Government and off-duty police officers to utilize City of Racine vehicle's during police related events with a signed hold-harmless agreement in place.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Chief Kurt Wahlen appeared before the Committee. Explorer Scouts, Emergency Government and off-duty police officers were allowed to utilize City vehicles for police related events. Chief Wahlen was informed that officers being paid by organizations should not be allowed to use City vehicles. The Committee recommends allowing City vehicles to be utilized at police related events with a hold harmless agreement, driver licenses check and vehicle insurance.

Recommended For Approval

Alderman Wisneski arrived at the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

3. [06-2872](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to accept a donation of \$1,500.00 from the Racine Fire Fighters Charities' to the Racine Fire Department's Fire Safety and Public Education Fund.

Also refer to Finance and Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted for the Fire Chief to accept the \$1,500 donation from the Racine Fire Fighter's Charities to be utilized for the Fire Safety and Public Education Fund and an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted for the Fire Chief to accept the \$1,500 donation from the Racine Fire Fighter's Charities to be utilized for the Fire Safety and Public Education Fund.

Fiscal Note: \$1,500 will be placed in account 711.000.7970, Fire Department Gifts.

Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee. The donation will be utilized for Fire Safety and Public Education.

Recommended For Approval

4. [06-2902](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Assessor wishing to discuss correction to the 2005 and 2006 assessment and tax rolls.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 12-11-06:** Racine County Housing Authority, assessments for 1911 Linden Avenue, Tax No. 09738000 be reduced in 2005 from \$59,000 to \$0 with the resulting credit of \$1,356.58 and in 2006 from \$70,000 to \$0 with the resulting credit of \$1,557.72.
- Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available for this credit. Other taxing jurisdiction's portions will be charged back to them when appropriate. The credits will be charged against account 101.990-5930, Real Estate and Personal Property taxes cancelled.
- Tom Kienbaum, City Assessor appeared before the Committee. The location of 1911 Linden Avenue was assessed in 2005 and 2006 based on interpretation of a document that showed transfer of ownership rights similar to a land contract. The City attorney informed Tom that the lease to purchase agreement does not transfer ownership of property; it stays with Racine County Housing Authority. Racine County Housing Authority is a tax-exempt property so credit will be required for 2005 and 2006.*
- Recommended For Approval**
5. [06-2879](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the Consolidated Grant. Funding is for the period of January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007, and is for the amount of \$322,654.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 12-11-06:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$322,654 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-053) to be utilized for the Emergency Planning, Lead, Well Women Program, Immunizations and Maternal Child Health.
- Recommendation of the Board of Health on Dec. 12, 2006:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$322,654 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-053) for the Consolidated Grant.
- Fiscal Note:** There is an in-kind soft match of \$60,548 on the part of the City.
- Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee. The grant will be utilized for the Well Women Program, Bio-terrorism Program, Lead Program, Emergency Planning, Immunization and Maternal Child Health.*
- Recommended For Approval**
6. [06-2880](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting

permission to accept funding and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The contract is for the Tobacco Prevention Control Program for the period of January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007, and is for the amount of \$57,998.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$57,998 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-055) to be utilized for the Tobacco Prevention Control Program.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on Dec. 12, 2006: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$57,998 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-055) to be utilized for the Tobacco Prevention Control Program.

Fiscal Note: There is no match required on the part of the City.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee. The grant is an on ongoing grant for multiple years. The grant is utilized for the WINS Program, the Sting operation that checks to see if retailers are selling tobacco to underage kids and the Tobacco Free Coalition Program.

Recommended For Approval

7. [06-2881](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The contract is for Preparedness-City Readiness and Pandemic Influenza for the period January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007, and is for the amount of \$70,307.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$70,307 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-054) to be utilized for Preparedness - City Readiness and Pandemic Influenza.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on Dec. 12, 2006: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$70,307 agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services (Grant Control No. 2006-054) to be utilized for Preparedness - City Readiness and Pandemic Influenza.

Fiscal Note: There is no match required on the part of the City.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee. The grant is for the preparedness-City readiness for the ability to prophylax the entire population within 48 hours. The grant is for the incorporation of the process to provide the necessary drug. The City of Milwaukee's Health Department is an assigned district to work with the City of Racine.

Recommended For Approval

8. [06-2903](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Director of City Development requesting an amendment to the Project Plan for Tax Increment District No. 2 to allow for continued increment sharing.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted to amend the Project Plan for Tax Increment District No. 2 to allow for continued increment sharing.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 12-13-06: That the proposed Second Amendment to the Project Plan for Tax Increment District Number Two, City of Racine, as presented to the Plan Commission on December 13, 2006, is found feasible and in conformity with the master plan of the City of Racine.

Further that the Second Amendment to the Project Plan for Tax Incremental District Number Two, City of Racine, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

David Brown, Interim Finance Director, appeared before the Committee. In the late 80's early 90's some of the TIF Districts' increments were not generated in sufficient dollar amounts to be able to pay the debt service. The City taxpayer had an additional levy on the tax bill to raise the money to pay for the short fall on the increment that was recorded as an advance TIF District. District No. 2 has been sharing with 3 other TIF Districts for the last five years. To continue an amendment to the plan is required for the next 3 years.

Recommended For Approval

9. [06-2876](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting permission to apply for a \$112,000 grant with the Wisconsin Waterways Commission (Grant Control No. 2006-051) to be utilized for the installation of a floating dock on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted for the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering apply for a \$112,000 grant with the Wisconsin Waterways Commission (Grant Control No. 2006-051) to be utilized for the installation of a floating dock on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge.

Fiscal Note: Total project cost will be \$140,000 with the City's hard cash match at 20% or \$28,000. The City's match will be budgeted for in 2008 Capital Improvements.

John Rooney, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering, appeared before the Committee. Port-A-Pier submitted a quote to install a floating dock system to be located west of the Main Street Bridge on the north side of the river. The State of Wisconsin Waterways Commission will fund 80% of the cost that is totaled at \$140,000. The City's cost is budgeted for in the 2008 Capital Improvements.

Recommended For Approval

10. [06-2877](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting permission to apply for a \$15,000 grant with the Wisconsin Waterways Commission (Grant Control No. 2006-052) to be utilized for the installation of a boat pump-out station on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted for the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering apply for a \$15,000 grant with the Wisconsin Waterways Commission (Grant Control No. 2006-052) to be utilized for the installation of a boat pump-out station on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge.

Fiscal Note: Total project cost will be \$20,000 with the City's hard cash match at 25% or \$5,000. The City's match will be budgeted for in the 2008 Capital Improvements.

John Rooney, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering, appeared before the Committee. The Sani-Staton pump-out is a boat pump-out station to be installed on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge total cost at \$20,000. The state funding will be 75% or \$15,000. The pump-out station and floating dock will be installed in 2008.

Recommended For Approval

11. [06-2910](#)

Subject: Communication from the Human Resource Director requesting an opportunity to discuss updating the City's Wellness Program as it relates to subsidizing health club memberships.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted for the Wellness Committee to implement the items listed below to encourage participation from current City employees and families into the Wellness Program for a trial basis of 1 year to begin in 2007.

1.) The City will reimburse active, full-time employees up to 50% of annual membership costs for local health club or organizations up to a City maximum contribution of \$200 per employee/family.

2.) Payment to active, full-time employees shall be made upon presentation of a paid receipt or letter from a health organization of choice showing the employee has registered and has paid.

3.) Membership will expand to include approved listed organizations.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in the Health Insurance Fund (405) for this program.

Julie Anastasio, and Stephen Nenonen, City Administrator, appeared before the Committee. For the past two years the incentive for employees to work on fitness, the YMCA membership had been subsidized by the City by paying one-half of the membership for single or family. The Wellness Committee would like to increase the number of employees involved in fitness. They are expanding the list of health clubs to allow current employees and their families to join a club of their choosing with the City subsidizing the costs up to 50% or up to a set maximum of \$200 a year. Employees will have to choose from the approved listed health club organizations. Stephen Nenonen recommends approval of the expanded listing of health clubs to encourage City employee participation. His request is a one-year trial basis, evaluate the statistical results and then make a decision for continuation of expanded list or an amendment to the program.
Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance & Personnel Committee convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §19.85(1) (c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility

A motion was made by Alderman Friedel and seconded by Alderman Weidner that the Committee be convened in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Roll call taken: Ayes: Aldermen Spangenberg, Friedel, Weidner and Wisneski
Noes: None
Abstain: None

Also present: David Brown, Terry Parker and Julie Anastasio

12. [06-2909](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Human Resource Director requesting to present in closed session a summary of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and District 1199 with United

Professionals For Quality Health Care/SEIU (Nurses), for 2006-2008.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: The contract with District 1199 with United Professionals for Quality Health Care/SEIU (Nurses) for 2006-2008 be approved.

Fiscal Note: The costs to the City for District 1199 with United Professionals for Quality Health Care/SEIU (Nurses) will be in 2006, \$11,306.38; 2007, \$8,884.53 and 2008, \$14,890.14. Increases do not include potential savings from premium contributions and plan design changes.

Recommended For Approval

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 2006 at City Hall, Room 103.