

# **City of Racine**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

**4:15 PM**

**City Hall, Room 301**

### **Board of Health**

*William Little, M.D.  
Sarah Fouse, Ph.D.  
Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D.  
John Berge, Ph.D.  
Maria Morales  
Alderman Robert Mozol  
Alderman Raymond DeHahn  
Mary Sollman*

**Call To Order**

- PRESENT:** 7 - William Little M.D., Sarah Fouse Ph.D., Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., John Berge Ph.D., Robert Mozol, Raymond DeHahn and Mary Sollman
- EXCUSED:** 1 - Maria Morales

**Approval of Minutes for August 14, 2007 Meeting**

*Correction to Minutes of August 14, 2007:*

*Page 2, Paragraph 2, beginning "Dr. Little made a motion...", "Dr. Little be changed to "Dr. Rafiullah ".*

**A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Sarah Fouse, Ph.D, that the Minutes be Approved with changes. The motion PASSED.**

**Presentations/Miscellaneous**

*There were no presentations.*

**Old Business**

*Janelle Grammer informed the Board that she had a meeting earlier in the day regarding the contracting out of the STD Clinic to Family Medicine Center at St. Luke's. Services will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., five days a week, for treatment and diagnosis of sexually transmitted diseases. The City Health Department will maintain it's right to do HIV testing. This will meet the required criteria for access to health care.*

*Alderman Mozol asked if the Mayor would be meeting with or had met with County Executive William McReynolds to discuss the state statute requiring the county to provide free services for sexually transmitted diseases. Janelle Grammer stated that she had met with Mayor Becker and Attorney Scott Letteney regarding the matter. It was felt that because the City has the highest number of sexually transmitted disease cases, the services should be handled on a City level.*

*Alderman Mozol spoke to the City Attorney about the rules for the Board of Health regarding the attendance problem of Ms. Morales. He stated that after three consecutive non-excused absences a Board member is automatically replaced; however, the Board does have the right with a quorum to make a motion to replace a Board member. Alderman Mozol made a motion that the Board request the Mayor to replace Maria Morales with Olivia Castillo. The motion was not seconded.*

*John Berge, Ph.D., made a motion that the Director contact Maria Morales before the next Board of Health meeting to see whether she can improve her attendance or ask her to resign. Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D. seconded the motion. The Board voted. The motion PASSED.*

**Ord.17-07**

Ordinance No. 17-07

To amend Sec. 22-114 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Animal Commercial Establishments - Purchase, keeping or sale of endangered or dangerous species.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Sec. 22-114 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by adding the following after the word "turtles": "with a carapace length of less than four inches,".

Part 2:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed by the Common Council

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A

*The request to change Ord. 17-07 went to Council on 09/04/07. The council agreed with the recommendation of the Health Department not to change the ordinance.*

**New Business**

**07-1134**

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from Dewey & Tresa Johnson requesting Racine Municipal Code, Chapter 10, Article IV, Sec. 10-99. Animal feces, subsection (c) (Ord. No. 2-05, pt. 1, 3-15-05) be amended.

**Attachments:** [Original Request 08-08-07](#)  
[Sec. 10-99. Animal feces.](#)  
[Letter 08-09-07](#)  
[Letter 08-13-07](#)

*Theresa and Dewey Johnson were present to provide information to support their request to change the ordinance. Ms. Johnson talked at length about several concerns including the unacceptable behavior of their neighbors regarding the timeliness of picking up their dogs' feces and the lack of care of the dogs.*

*Alderman Shields was present to support the Johnsons and expressed his concerns regarding the dogs.*

*Environmental Health has been to the home with the dogs several times. Pictures were taken. The dog owners were instructed to pick up the dog feces. A warning letter was issued to the dog owners in response to the Johnson's complaint that the dogs were loose and charged at Mr. Johnson. Environmental Health has given Ms. Johnson an Animal Nuisance Complaint Form to be filled out and turned in to document any further*

incidents.

Marcia Fernholz, Environmental Health Director, stated that Community Policing is paying very close attention to this situation. The Police Department has referred the matter to the Dispute Settlement Center which will be contacting the Johnsons. There will be follow-up with Countryside Humane Society to check on the welfare of the dogs and verify the number of dogs in the home. Marcia will follow up with the U.N.I.T. about the clean up of the yard.

**A motion was made by John Berge, P.h.D, and seconded by Alderman Mozol that this communication be Received and Filed as Reported. The motion was APPROVED.**

**07-1106**

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply and accept funding from the Department of Health and Family Services. (Grant Control #2007-044)

**(Also refer to the Board of Health.)**

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on**

**9-10-07:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$26,296 agreement with the Department of Health and Family Services (Grant control #2007-044) to be utilized to support pandemic influenza readiness by completing activities defined in the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 09-11-07:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$26,296 agreement with the Department of Health and Family Services (Grant control #2007-044) to be utilized to support pandemic influenza readiness by completing activities defined in the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

**Fiscal Note:** No match is required on the part of the City.

**Attachments:** [DHFS Pandemic Readiness 2007-044](#)

*This is a grant that we've had for pandemic services for three years. The funds have gone down \$4,000. It's used to pay for salaries, training, speakers, mileage and the administrative managers meeting and lunch. Michele Breheim created the Emergency Response Pandemic Preparedness Continuity of Operations Plan for the City which was a requirement for this grant.*

**A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Robert Mozol, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED. by a Voice Vote.**

**07-1115**

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting that a formal bid be waived and the Purchasing Agent be directed to negotiate directly with Cepheid for the purchase of one Smart Cycler Add On Processing Block for DIA.

**(Also refer to the Board of Health.)**

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on**

**09-10-07:** That formal bidding be waived and the Purchasing Agent be directed to negotiate directly with Cepheid for the purchase of one Smart Cyler Add On Processing Block for DIA.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 09-11-07:** That formal bidding be waived and the Purchasing Agent be directed to negotiate directly with Cepheid for the purchase of one Smart Cyler Add On Processing Block for DIA.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Waive Formal Bid Processing Block](#)

A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Mary Sollman, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED. by a Voice Vote.

## Reports

### [07-1136](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** August monthly reports from the Public Health Administrator and Division Managers.

**Attachments:** [PHA Rep](#)  
[TOB MCH WWWP](#)  
[EH Rep](#)  
[EH Rev](#)  
[CHP Rep](#)  
[CHP Rev](#)  
[Lab Rep](#)  
[Lab Rev](#)

*Public Health Administrator - There was an All Staff Meeting on August 30, 2007. Chuck Dykstra spoke about the rabid bat incident. Michele Breheim spoke on the flooding that occurred and our Code Yellow Journal that we have for emergency response. Janelle Grammer discussed the budget updates and the architectural design for the Health Department's new area on the garden level.*

*Janelle Grammer met with people from the National Kidney Foundation. They would like to work with the City Health Department. We will be passing out information and pamphlets for the foundation. The Health Department will continue meeting with them.*

*Janelle Grammer and Thelma Jones attended a county wide pandemic tabletop exercise at Case High School. The Fire, Police and volunteer committees were in attendance. They went through scenarios of what could potentially happen and how they would contact each other.*

*Environmental Health - Environmental Health is continuing to follow up on the animals in the home where the positive bat was located. The family is finishing up their treatment.*

*There was an upsurge in the lead levels at the end of summer. There is hope that*

*numbers will taper off now that fall is coming and windows will be closed. The elevated numbers could be elevated in part due to the lead paint recall on toys. It appears that more children are being tested and Environmental Health is encouraging parents to bring their children in for testing. When there are extremely high lead levels it takes some time for the levels to come down. These children are monitored and retested.*

*Community Health Program - The additional TB case on the report is a person that moved into the area who was already well into their treatment.*

*There have been a high number of HPV vaccines being administered. The number of vaccines available has been increased.*

*The Clinic has obtained 300 of it's flu vaccines. There will only be 400 doses this year. Wheaton Franciscan will service the City employees.*

*Lab - Correction to report: Under Highlights, the first bullet point, "Zoo Beach had seven advisory days...", should be "Zoo Beach had five advisory days..."*

*The last sampling of Root River will take place this week. Dr. Julie Kinzelman will then look at statistics for the data.*

*James Maki, Ph.D., who is on sabbatical from Marquette University during the fall semester, would like to spend some time working in the City Lab. He would be paid by Marquette and offered to do testing in his laboratory.*

**A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Sarah Fouse, Ph.D. that the monthly reports be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED.**

## **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn was made by John Berge, Ph.D and seconded by Sarah Fouse, Ph.D. The motion PASSED.**