



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

Chairman Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II
Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy
Dennis Wiser
Ronald D. Hart
O. Keith Fair

Monday, October 24, 2011

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call to Order & Roll Call

PRESENT: 5 - Q.A. Shakoor, II, Terry McCarthy, Dennis Wiser, Ronald D. Hart and O. Keith Fair

Approval of minutes for the October 10, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

1. [11-7017](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting to apply for the SC Johnson Fund for the After Zones after school project (Grant Control No. 2011-035).

Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-24-11: Permission be granted for the Grant Facilitator to apply for the SC Johnson Fund (Grant Control 2011-035) in the amount of \$300,000 to be utilized for the Racine AfterZone Program.

Fiscal Note: The grant is for \$300,000 over a three year period to be utilized for the Racine AfterZone, a public/private strategic partnership.

Attachments: [SCJRAZ](#)

Debbie Embry, Grant Facilitator, appeared before the Committee to discuss on the item.

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

2. [11-6992](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Alcohol Enforcement Mobilization grant (Grant Control No. 2011-030).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-24-11: Permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Alcohol

Enforcement Mobilization Grant (Grant Control No. 2011-030) in the amount of \$35,028.

Fiscal Note: The \$35,028 grant will require a 25% soft match in the amount of \$8,757 on the part of the City.

Attachments: [LEGISTAR ID 11-6992_001](#)

Kathy Kasper, Support Service's Manager of the Racine Police Department, appeared before the Committee to discuss on the item.

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

3. [11-6993](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Speed Enforcement Mobilization grant (Grant Control No. 2011-031).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-24-11: Permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Speed Enforcement Mobilization Grant (Grant Control No. 2011-031) in the amount of \$35,028.

Fiscal Note: The \$35,028 grant will require a 25% soft match in the amount of \$8,757 on the part of the City.

Attachments: [LEGISTAR ID 11-6993_001](#)

Kathy Kasper, Support Service's Manager of the Racine Police Department, appeared before the Committee to discuss on the item.

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

4. [11-6994](#)

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief requesting to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement grant (Grant Control No. 2011-032).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-24-11: Permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Grant (Grant Control No. 2011-032) in the amount of \$4,032.

Fiscal Note: The \$4,032 grant will require a 25% soft match in the amount of \$1,008 on the part of the City.

Attachments: [LEGISTAR ID 11-6994_001](#)

Kathy Kasper, Support Service's Manager of the Racine Police Department, appeared before the Committee to discuss on the item.

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

5. [11-6995](#)

Subject:Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Bicycle Safety Grant (Grant Control No. 2011-033).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-24-11: Permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Bicycle Safety Grant (Grant Control No. 2011-033) in the amount of \$2,016.

Fiscal Note: The \$2,016 grant will require a 25% soft match in the amount of \$504 on the part of the City.

Attachments: [LEGISTAR ID 11-6995_001](#)

Kathy Kasper, Support Service's Manager of the Racine Police Department, appeared before the Committee to discuss on the item.

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

6. [11-6996](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police, requesting to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Seat Belt Safety Grant (Grant Control # 2011-034).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-24-11: Permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for and accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2012 Seat Belt Safety Grant (Grant Control No. 2011-034) in the amount of \$25,200.

Fiscal Note: The \$25,200 grant will require a 25% soft match in the amount of \$6,300 on the part of the City.

Attachments: [LEGISTAR ID 11-6996_001](#)

Kathy Kasper, Support Service's Manager of the Racine Police Department, appeared before the Committee to discuss on the item.

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

7. [11-6857](#)

Subject: The Common Council referred the item back to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 9-20-11 being a communication from the Finance Director wishing to appear before the Finance & Personnel

Committee to discuss changing Section 90-26 of the City of Racine Municipal Code relating to due dates on installment tax payments. (Ordinance No. 10-11)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-12-11: That an ordinance be adopted changing Municipal Code Sec. 90-26 and 90-27 to reduce property tax installments to 2 payments effective with 2012 tax roll being collected in 2013 as follows:

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-26-11: The item be deferred pending further analysis of two options discussed with the Committee and for any other options suggested be submitted in writing by Aldermen. Further recommends that the appropriate authorities review these options.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-10-11: The item be deferred to give staff time to contact Racine County.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-24-11: That an ordinance be adopted changing Municipal Code Sec. 90-26 and 90-27 to reduce property tax installments to 2 payments effective with 2012 tax roll being collected in 2013 as follows in order to improve internal efficiency and to provide a platform for County integration.

Sec. 90-26. Due date; installment tax payments.

All taxes upon real estate in the city due and payable on or before July 31, 2012 shall be paid on or before January 31 of each year, except that where the tax on a particular parcel amounts to \$100.00 or more, it may be paid in four equal installments, each of which shall become successively due and payable on or before January 31, March 31, May 31 and July 31. On any installment date, the taxpayer may pay the balance of the tax due.

Effective for all payments upon real estate taxes due on or after August 1, 2012, all ~~All~~ taxes upon real estate in the city shall be paid on or before January 31 of each year, except that where the tax on a particular parcel amounts to \$100.00 or more, it may be paid in ~~four~~ two equal installments, each of which shall become successively due and payable on or before January 31, ~~March 31, May 31~~ and July 31. ~~On any installment date, the taxpayer may pay the balance of the tax due.~~

Sec. 90-27. Delinquent installments; interest and penalty.

(a) When the first installment of the real estate taxes is not paid on or before

January 31, the whole amount of such real estate taxes shall become delinquent as of February 1. All such taxes remaining unpaid on February 1 shall be collected by the city treasurer with interest at the rate of one percent per month or fraction thereof, and penalty of 0.5 percent per month or fraction thereof from February 1.

(b) For all taxes upon real estate in the city due and payable on or before July 31, 2012, if ~~If~~ the second or any subsequent installment payment of real property taxes is not paid by the due date specified, the entire amount of the remaining unpaid taxes on that parcel is delinquent on the first day of the month after the payment is due. Such taxes shall be collected together with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof and penalty of 0.5 percent per month or fraction thereof from February 1.

Effective for all payments upon real estate taxes due on or after August 1, 2012, if ~~If~~ the second or any subsequent installment payment of real property taxes is not paid by the due date specified on or before July 31, the entire amount of the remaining unpaid taxes on that parcel is delinquent on ~~the first day of the month after the payment is due~~ August 1. Such taxes shall be collected together with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof and penalty of 0.5 percent per month or fraction thereof from February 1.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Tax payment 11-6857](#)

David Brown, Finance Director appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

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

8. [Ord.10-11](#)

Ordinance No. 10-11

To repeal and recreate Sections 90-26 and 90-27 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Taxation:

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

Part 1:

Section 90-26 is repealed and recreated to read as follows:

"Sec. 90-26. - Due date; installment tax payments.

(a) All taxes upon real estate in the city due and payable on or before July 31, 2012 shall be paid on or before January 31 of each year,

except that where the tax on a particular parcel amounts to \$100.00 or more, it may be paid in four equal installments, each of which shall become successively due and payable on or before January 31, March 31, May 31 and July 31. On any installment date, the taxpayer may pay the balance of the tax due.

(b) Effective for all payments upon real estate taxes due on or after August 1, 2012, all taxes upon real estate in the city shall be paid on or before January 31 of each year, except that where the tax on a particular parcel amounts to \$100.00 or more, it may be paid in two equal installments, each of which shall become successively due and payable on or before January 31 and July 31.

Part 2:

Sec. 90-27 is repealed and recreated to read as follows:

"Sec. 90-27 - Delinquent installments, interests & penalty.

(a) When the first installment of the real estate taxes is not paid on or before January 31, the whole amount of such real estate taxes shall become delinquent as of February 1. All such taxes remaining unpaid on February 1 shall be collected by the city treasurer with interest at the rate of one percent per month or fraction thereof, and penalty of 0.5 percent per month or fraction thereof from February 1.

(b) For all taxes upon real estate in the city due and payable on or before July 31, 2012, if the second or any subsequent installment payment of real property taxes is not paid by the due date specified, the entire amount of the remaining unpaid taxes on that parcel is delinquent on the first day of the month after the payment is due. Such taxes shall be collected together with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof and penalty of 0.5 percent per month or fraction thereof from February 1.

(c) Effective for all payments upon real estate taxes due on or after August 1, 2012, if the second installment payment of real property taxes is not paid on or before July 31, the entire amount of the remaining unpaid taxes on that parcel is delinquent on August 1. Such taxes shall be collected together with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof and penalty of 0.5 percent per month or fraction thereof from February 1."

Part 3:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after

publication.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Passed by the Common Council:

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

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

9. [11-6945](#)

Subject: The Common Council referred Ordinance No. 10-11 to repeal and recreate Sections 90-26 and 90-27 of the Municipal Code and City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Taxation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 9-20-11.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 9-26-11: The item be deferred.

Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-10-11: The item be deferred to give staff time to contact Racine County.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-24-11: Adopt Ordinance No. 10-11.

Fiscal Note: N/A

David Brown, Finance Director appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

Ald. Q.A. Shakoor II, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee