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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Marcus West
Vice Chair Maurice Horton
Alder Mary Land
Alder Amanda Paffrath
Alder Terry McCarthy

Monday, January 29, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Vice Chair Horton, Alder Land, Alder Paffrath and Alder McCarthy

EXCUSED: 1 - Chair West

Approval of Minutes for the January 8, 2024 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Paffrath, to Approve the minutes.

[0069-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting permission to enter into a contract and accept funding of \$6,619.04 from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the Clean Sweep Unwanted Prescription Drug Grant Contract #00543.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Public Health Administrator be granted permission to accept funding of \$6,619.04 from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the Clean Sweep Unwanted Prescription Drug Grant Contract #00543.

Fiscal Note: There is a 25% soft match required - \$1,654.76.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Paffrath, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0070-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting permission to enter into an agreement and accept funding of \$108,523 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Communicable Disease (CD) and Prevention Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman (WWWP) Programs (Grant Control #00525-Wisconsin Well Woman Program

(GPR EDU & MJA), Grant Control #00526-Wisconsin Well Woman Program (NBCCEDP, Grant Control #00524-CD Prevention).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Public Health Administrator be granted permission to enter into an agreement and accept funding from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Communicable Disease (CD) and Prevention Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman (WWWP) Programs (Grant Control #00525-Wisconsin Well Woman Program (GPR EDU & MJA), Grant Control #00526-Wisconsin Well Woman Program (NBCCEDP, Grant Control #00524-CD Prevention).

Fiscal Note: Contract covers three grants: Grant Control #00525-Wisconsin Well Woman Program (GPR EDU & MJA) \$97,175, Grant Control #00526-Wisconsin Well Woman Program (NBCCEDP) \$5,538, and Grant Control #00524-CD Prevention \$5,810. No match is required for any of these grants.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Paffrath, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0072-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting permission to enter into an agreement and accept funding of \$115,900 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Maternal and Child Health Grant Control #00548, Childhood Lead Grant Control #00549, and Immunizations Program Agreements Grant Control #00550.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Public Health Administrator be granted permission to enter into an agreement and accept funding of \$115,900 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Maternal and Child Health Grant Control #00548, Childhood Lead Grant Control #00549, and Immunizations Program Agreements Grant Control #00550.

Fiscal Note: Contract covers three grants: Maternal and Child Health-Grant #00548 \$58,504, Childhood Lead-Grant #00549 \$25,456, and Immunizations Program Agreements-Grant #00550 \$31,940. Soft Match of \$43,878 is required for the Maternal and Child Health Grant which will be covered by health department salaries. The other two grants have no match required.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land , that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0073-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting permission to accept funding of \$98,708 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Programs.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Public Health Administrator be granted permission to accept funding of \$98,708 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Programs - BIOT (Bioterrorism) Focus A Planning Grant Control #00521 and the BIOT (Bioterrorism) Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) - Grant Control #00522.

Fiscal Note: Contract covers two grants: BIOT (Bioterrorism) Focus A Planning Grant Control #00521 \$63,580 and the BIOT (Bioterrorism) Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) - Grant Control #00522 \$35,128. There is no match required for either grant.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Paffrath, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0074-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting permission to enter into a grant agreement and accept funding of \$10,981 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Preventative Health & Health Services (PHHS) Grant Program - Grant Control #00551.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Public Health Administrator be granted permission to enter into a grant agreement and accept funding of \$10,981 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Preventative Health & Health Services (PHHS) Grant Program - Grant Control #00551.

Fiscal Note: There is no match required.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0075-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Administrator, requesting permission to enter into a contract and accept funding of \$301,688 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the LPHD Public Health Infrastructure Grant Control #00545.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Public Health Administrator be granted permission to enter into a contract and accept funding of \$301,688 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the LPHD Public Health Infrastructure Grant Control #00545.

Fiscal Note: There is no match required.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Ferguson, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0078-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting permission to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Grant Control #00552 in an amount up to \$225,000.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Commissioner of Public Works be granted permission to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Grant Control #00552 in an amount up to \$225,000.

Fiscal Note: Maximum grant amount is \$225,000 and requires a local match equal to the grant. This will be funded in the 2025 Storm Water Utility budget account number 60484 - 57570.

Commissioner of Public Works Rooney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0079-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting permission to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Non-Point Source & Storm Water (UNPS&SW) Grant Control #00553 in an amount up to \$150,000.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Commissioner of Public Works be granted

permission to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Non-Point Source & Storm Water (UNPS&SW) Grant Control #00553 in an amount up to \$150,000.

Fiscal Note: Maximum grant amount is \$150,000 and requires a local match equal to the grant. This will be funded in the 2025 Storm Water Utility budget account number 60484 - 57570.

Commissioner of Public Works Rooney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0082-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to enter into a professional services agreement with HDR, Engineering Inc. to complete a Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Rail Corridor Planning and Federal Funding Program Application project. Contract #2024008.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Purchasing Agent, Mayor and City Clerk be granted permission to enter into a professional services agreement with HDR, Engineering Inc. to complete a Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Rail Corridor Planning and Federal Funding Program Application project. Contract #2024008.

Fiscal Note: Cost not to exceed \$2,000,000 from funding available in Federal Congressionally Directed Spending with no local match required. Account Number: 60282011 57110 82010.

Transit & Mobility Director Jung, and Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Representatives, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0083-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to enter into a professional services agreement with AECOM to complete a Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Passenger Rail Transit-Oriented Development Value Capture Analysis. Contract #2023310.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Mayor and City Clerk be granted permission to enter into a professional services agreement with AECOM to complete a Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Passenger Rail Transit-Oriented Development Value Capture Analysis. Contract #2023310.

Fiscal Note: Cost not to exceed \$320,000. Funding available in Federal Congressionally Directed Spending with no local match required account number 60282011 57110 82010.

Transit & Mobility Director Jung, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0089-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to purchase canine "Loki" a 25-month-old Belgian Malinois registered with the American Kennel Club.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to purchase canine "Loki" a 25-month-old Belgian Malinois registered with the American Kennel Club.

Fiscal Note: Funds for the purchase of canine Loki are available through the RPD K-9 Donation Account: 20622.53200.31002 - There is no City Match required.

Police Chief Ramirez, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Paffrath, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0038-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Lucia Becerra for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(g) to discuss strategy for litigation in which the City of Racine is or is likely to be involved.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, to go into Closed Session.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

PRESENT: 4 - Vice Chair Horton, Alder Land, Alder Paffrath and Alder McCarthy

EXCUSED: 1 - Chair West

[0087-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting permission to address national KIA Hyundai Vehicle Theft Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, and recommend a law firm to represent the City of Racine's interests in such litigation.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: That the City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute a retainer agreement with Keller Rohrback, L.L.P., to represent the City of Racine's interests in KIA Hyundai-related litigation.

Fiscal Note: There will be no out-of-pocket cost to the City of Racine. The retainer agreement provides for a contingent fee arrangement, plus actual direct costs, to be paid from any judgment or settlement.

City Attorney Letteney, and Keller Rohrback, L.L.P. Representatives, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0086-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney present a proposed settlement for the litigation in the matter of *House v. Klepel, et al.*, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 2:22-cv-000911.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: To approve the settlement in *House v. Klepel, et al.*, as presented.

Fiscal Note: Payment of \$25,000 will be issued to Jeffrey D. House, to be paid from Account 11202 53500, Judgment and Claims.

City Attorney Letteney, Assistant City Attorney Pomplin, and Mayor Mason, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0085-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney address litigation strategy for the litigation in the matter of *Arendt, et al., v. City of Racine*, Racine County Case No. 2020 CV 1229

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-29-2024: To approve the strategy as presented.

Fiscal Note: N/A

City Attorney Letteney, Finance Director Fischer, and Mayor Mason, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Paffrath, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

Open Session

The Finance and Personnel Committee will return to open session and may take action on any item discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Paffrath, to go into Open Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Vice Chair Horton, Alder Land, Alder Paffrath and Alder McCarthy

EXCUSED: 1 - Chair West

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:06p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder West, Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee