



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Executive Committee

*Mayor Cory Mason*  
*Alder Q.A. Shakoor II*  
*Alder Jeff Coe*  
*Alder Jason Meekma*  
*Alder Mollie Jones*  
*Alder John Tate II*

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Tuesday, February 12, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 6 - Cory Mason, Mollie Jones, John Tate II, Jeff Coe, Jason Meekma and Mary Land

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

Ald. Land attended on behalf of Ald. Shakoor II.

Others Present:

Alders Lemke, Larrin, Horton, Glenn, Perez, and Smetana

Staff Present:

City Administrator James Palenick, City Clerk Tara Coolidge, City Attorney Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney Nhu Arn and City Clerk Staff Annika Bolter

#### Approval of Minutes for the December 18, 2018 Meeting.

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, that the minutes be Approved**

**AYES:** 6 - Cory Mason, Mollie Jones, John Tate II, Jeff Coe, Jason Meekma and Mary Land

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

#### [0132-19](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the President of the Common Council requesting that a timeline be established for the temporary appointment of a municipal judge.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-11-2019:** To recommend that the Common Council fill the temporary appointment of municipal judge by no later than March 31, 2019.

**Recommendation of the Executive Committee on 02-12-2019:** To recommend that the Common Council follow the proposed timeline for the appointment of a new municipal judge.

**Fiscal Note:** None at this time.

**Sponsors:** Jason Meekma

**A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Coe, that the recommended timeline for the process of hiring a municipal judge be Amended to have the applicants appear before the Committee of the Whole. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 6 - Cory Mason, Mollie Jones, John Tate II, Jeff Coe, Jason Meekma and Mary Land

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

*The committee proposed a timeline for the Common Council to follow in appointing the temporary position of municipal judge. The timeline proposed with the amendment included is as follows:*

*Tuesday, February 19th - deadline for Alders to submit their questions for the candidates to the City Attorney*

*Wednesday, February 20th- The Common Council would approve the process proposed by the Executive Committee*

*Friday, March 1st- Applications from candidates due to HR*

*Tuesday, March 5th- Committee of the Whole to meet in open session to review candidates if there are six or more applicants.*

*Tuesday, March 12th - Special Common Council meeting to interview the top three candidates*

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, that the recommended timeline be Adopted As Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 5 - Cory Mason, John Tate II, Jeff Coe, Jason Meekma and Mary Land

**NOES:** 1 - Mollie Jones

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

[0160-19](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Mayor and President of the Common Council regarding the temporary appointment of the municipal judge to discuss pay and benefits and the process of identifying the candidates.

**Recommendation to the Executive Committee on 02-12-2019:** To raise the salary of the Municipal Judge to \$60,000 a year, plus benefits and be eligible for cost of living increase.

**Fiscal Note:** To be determined.

**Sponsors:** Jason Meekma

**A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Tate II, that the recommendation be amended to set the salary of the municipal judge to \$60,000 a year. The motion to amend PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 5 - Cory Mason, John Tate II, Jeff Coe, Jason Meekma and Mary Land

**NOES:** 1 - Mollie Jones

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

*City Attorney Letteney gave a review of the salaries, number of citations and benefits for other similar municipalities in the State of Wisconsin. Alder Meekma made a motion to increase the salary of the Municipal Judge to \$70,000.00 a year, plus benefits and subject to cost of living increase. Alder Coe made a motion to amend the proposed salary to \$60,000.00.*

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Coe, that this be Adopted As Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 5 - Cory Mason, John Tate II, Jeff Coe, Jason Meekma and Mary Land

**NOES:** 1 - Mollie Jones

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

### **Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.*