



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes Common Council

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*Alderman Keith Fair, Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Tim Hermes,  
Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Sandy Weidner,  
Alderman Raymond DeHahn, Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Alderman Pete Karas,  
Alderman Thomas Friedel, Alderman Gregory Holding, Alderman Ronald D. Hart,  
Alderman Thomas M. Sollman, Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman Aron Wisneski*

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Wednesday, January 3, 2007

7:00 PM

Room 205, City Hall

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## A. Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 15 - Fair, Anderson, Hermes, Kaplan, Maack, Weidner, DeHahn, Shakoor II, Karas, Friedel, Holding, Hart, Sollman, Spangenberg and Wisneski

Mayor Becker requested to be excused.

## B. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag

*President Weidner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

## C. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes)

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Spangenberg.*

**to Approve the Minutes**

## D. Public Comments

*Mercedes Dzindzeleta  
Pete Karas*

## E. Public Hearings

**ZOrd.0009-06** An ordinance to rezone 3921-21st Street, 2100 and 2200 Lathrop Avenue

To amend the map of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Racine.

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

### Part 1:

That the property located at 3921 - 21st Street, 2100 and 2200 Lathrop Avenue, and more particularly described as follows:

"Lots 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of Block 11 of Doris Park Addition to the City of Racine. Said land being in the City of Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin"

be rezoned from "R-2" Single Family Residence, to "B-2" Community Shopping, and designated as Supplement No. \_\_\_\_\_, which Supplement is hereby made a part of this ordinance.

Part 2:

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

Passed by the Common Council:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A

*No one appeared and President Weidner declared the public hearing closed.*

ZOrd.0010-06 An Ordinance

To rezone 1101 Mound Avenue

To amend the map of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Racine.

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

Part 1:

That the parcel of property located at 1101 Mound Avenue, and more particularly described as follows:

“Block 33 of Sage’s Addition being the parts as described in Volume 228 of the Register of Deeds, pages 121 through 123, and Volume 642 of the Register of Deeds, Page 135, except those parts described in Volume 1988, pages 897 through 899 for street right-of-way purposes being East of Mound Avenue and West of Marquette Street. Said land being in the City of Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin”

be rezoned from "I-2" General Industrial District, to "B-5" Central Service District, and designated as Supplement No. \_\_\_\_\_, which supplement is hereby made a part of this ordinance.

Part 2:

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

Passed by the Common Council:

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A

*No one appeared and President Weidner declared the public hearing closed.*

## F. Communications

### Refer to Finance and Personnel Committee, by Ald. Spangenberg

[06-2894](#)

**Subject:** Communications from the Fire Chief requesting to transfer funds to cover the replacement of a kitchen appliance at Fire Station 1.

**Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee**

[06-2997](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 1st District requesting \$25,000 to be utilized for the implementation stage of labeling Joshua Glover Underground Railroad Project as historic markers.

Item also referred to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

**Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee**

**Referred to the Landmark Preservation Commission**

[06-2999](#)

**Subject:** Amendment of the Tax Incremental District Number 15 Project Plan.

Also referred to the City Plan Commission.

**Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee**

**Referred to the City Plan Commission**

[06-3005](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with the Racine County Human Services Department in the amount of \$70,000.

The city will serve as the fiscal agent and the monies will be divided between the City of Racine, Caledonia/Mt. Pleasant and Western Racine County Health Departments.

Also refer to the Board of Health.

**Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee**

**Referred to the Board of Health**

**06-3006**

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with Children's Community Health Plan. CCHP is an HMO provider to Medicaid recipients which is subcontracting to other HMOs. This contract allows the City of Racine Health Department to be reimbursed for services provided to clients with said HMOs.

Also refer to the Board of Health.

**Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee**

**Referred to the Board of Health**

**06-3022**

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs program. The grant amount is \$3,640 and the contract period is 01/01/07-12/31/07.

The contract has been reviewed and approved by Terry Maier in the Finance Department. The grant control number is 2006-046.

Fiscal Note: No match is required by the City.

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

**Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee**

**Referred to the Board of Health**

**06-3024**

**Subject:** Communication from the Chief of Police asking that the police department be allowed to carry over \$35,000 from account 101.311.5770 (Machinery & Equipment) from the 2006 budget to the 2007 budget and that the money be allocated to buy transcribing equipment and that formal bidding be waived.

**Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee**

**Referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**Refer to Public Works and Services Committee, by Ald. Hart**

[06-2907](#)      **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District, on behalf of Merlyn and Joanne Tamblingson, 2207 Rupert Boulevard, and Sue Griego, 2208 Rupert Boulevard, to install traffic signal controls at the intersection of Chicago and Spring Streets.

**Referred to the Public Works and Services Committee**

[06-3011](#)      **Subject:** Communication from the owner of Copacetic, 409 Main Street, and representative of the merchant committee, requesting to use city sidewalks for an ice sculpting festival on February 24, 2007 and to allow the sculptures to remain until they melt.

**Referred to the Public Works and Services Committee**

[06-3013](#)      **Subject:** Communication from Mark Nielsen, Municipal Judge, proposing to designate the courtroom the Michelson Municipal Courtroom.

**Referred to the Public Works and Services Committee**

[06-3016](#)      **Subject:** Communication from the owner of Henry & Wanda's, 501 Sixth Street, requesting to install two (2) vent hoods over public right-of-way on Park Avenue and Seventh Street.

**Referred to the Public Works and Services Committee**

**Refer to Public Safety and Licensing Committee, by Ald. Maack**

[06-2935](#)      **Subject:** Request to rescind Resolution #6748 regarding Change Order #2 to Contract 27-05 (K5-034) of October 11, 2005 Monument Square Landscape.

**Staff recommendation:** Approve request to rescind Resolution #6748

**Referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

[06-3014](#)      **Subject:** Application of Racine Antique Mall for a Secondhand Article Dealer License for 310 Main Street. **(Renewal) (1st District)**

**Referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**Refer to Traffic Commission, by Ald. Hart**

[06-3007](#)      **Subject:** Communication from Robert and Rebecca Venn, Port Gilbert, LLC., requesting a change in the 2-Hour parking restrictions at 949 Washington Avenue.

**Referred to the Traffic Commission**

**Refer to Executive Committee, by Ald. Weidner**

**06-3002**

**Subject:** Request from the City Attorney to go into closed session after roll call pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who is rendering oral advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the council with respect to litigation with AT&T in which the City is likely to become involved. It is also the intent that open session will follow closed session.

**Staff Recommendation:** To be determined by the Executive Committee.

**Referred to the Executive Committee**

**Refer to Committee of the Whole, by Ald. Weidner****06-2995**

**Subject:** Communication from Alderman Keith Fair wishing to discuss the process being used for licensing and prerequisites for taking parties to due process.

**Referred to the Committee of the Whole**

*Motion made by Alderman Holding that the communication be also referred to the City Attorney.*

**Referred to the City Attorney**

**AYES:** 10 - Fair, Anderson, DeHahn, Shakoor II, Karas, Friedel, Holding, Sollman, Spangenberg and Wisneski

**NOES:** 4 - Hermes, Kaplan, Maack and Hart

**NON VOTING:** 1 - Weidner

**06-3015**

**Subject:** Communication from the 5th, 11th, and 13th district alderman requesting the Committee of the whole and the Fire Chief to discuss the fire inspection fee's.

**Referred to the Committee of the Whole**

**Refer to Cemetery Commission, by Ald. Weidner****06-3021**

**Subject:** Request of Alderman Thomas Friedel for review of the fees charged for use of Cemetery facilities (grounds and buildings) used for a function not associated with burial on Cemetery grounds.

**Referred to the Board of Cemetery Commissioners**

**G. Committee Reports****Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. Maack****06-2901**

**Subject: (New)** Application of Grid Iron, LLC, Deborah DeLao, Agent, for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor

License for 1632 Douglas Avenue. (4th District)

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

**12-11-06:** That the license be granted, contingent upon the outcome of the Special Public Safety & Licensing Committee meeting on December 14, 2006 and current license holder surrendering their license. Also, pending city department approvals, and Common Council final approval.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

Referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

**Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine Report, by Ald. Spangenberg**

**06-2897**

**Subject:** Agreement with Racine County Economic Development Corp. (RCEDC) for continued assistance with the City's Brownfields Initiative.

**Recommendation of the Economic Development Committee on 12/19/2006:** the agreement be approved.

**Recommendation of Redevelopment Authority on 1-3-07:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into the agreement.

**Fiscal Note:** The \$55,000 for the agreement is available in the 2007 Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Account no. 919.000.5610.

**Received and Filed as Reported**

**AYES:** 14 - Fair, Anderson, Hermes, Kaplan, Maack, DeHahn, Shakoor II, Karas, Friedel, Holding, Hart, Sollman, Spangenberg and Wisneski

**NON VOTING:** 1 - Weidner

**06-3012**

**Subject:** Communication from the Mayor proposing the purchase of a property.

**Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 1-3-07:** That the Common Council, pursuant to sec. 66.1333 (5) (b) Wis. Stats., authorize the Redevelopment Authority to acquire by purchase 1402 Liberty Street (parcel ID 07856000) and 1423 State Street (parcel ID 08180000).

Further that that the Common Council provide up to \$260,000 plus closing costs to fund the acquisition.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds will be advanced from the 2004 and/or 2005 Capital Project Funds.

**Received and Filed as Reported**

**AYES:** 14 - Fair, Anderson, Hermes, Kaplan, Maack, DeHahn, Shakoor II, Karas, Friedel, Holding, Hart, Sollman, Spangenberg and Wisneski

**NON VOTING:** 1 - Weidner

**Committee of the Whole Report, by Ald. Weidner**

**06-2704**

**Subject:** Communication from Jay Christie, President and CEO of Racine Zoological Society requesting an audience with the Racine Common Council to present the next phase of development at the Racine Zoological Gardens.

**Recommendation:** that the Item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Received and Filed as Reported**

**AYES:** 14 - Fair, Anderson, Hermes, Kaplan, Maack, DeHahn, Shakoor II, Karas, Friedel, Holding, Hart, Sollman, Spangenberg and Wisneski

**NON VOTING:** 1 - Weidner

**06-2899**

**Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney requesting to meet with the Committee of the Whole in closed session to discuss litigation regarding the retirees lawsuit.

**Recommendation:** the Item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Received and Filed as Reported**

**AYES:** 14 - Fair, Anderson, Hermes, Kaplan, Maack, DeHahn, Shakoor II, Karas, Friedel, Holding, Hart, Sollman, Spangenberg and Wisneski

**NON VOTING:** 1 - Weidner

**H. Resolutions**

**Res.06-7389**

Agreement with Racine County Economic Development Corporation for Brownfields Program

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC), from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, for continued technical assistance to the City in initiating and providing lead staff support for a comprehensive brownfield redevelopment program in the City of Racine at a



cost of \$55,000.

Fiscal Note: The cost of the agreement is available in the 2007 Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Account No. 919.000.5610.

**A motion was made by Alderman James T. Spangenberg that this be Adopted.  
The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 14 - Fair, Anderson, Hermes, Kaplan, Maack, DeHahn, Shakoor II, Karas, Friedel, Holding, Hart, Sollman, Spangenberg and Wisneski

**NON VOTING:** 1 - Weidner

**Res.06-7390** Authorize the Redevelopment Authority to acquire 1402 Liberty Street and 1423 State Street

Resolved, by the Common Council of the City of Racine pursuant to sec. 66.1333 (5) (b), Wis. Stats., that the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine is authorized and directed to acquire by purchase 1402 Liberty Street (parcel ID 07856000) and 1423 State Street (parcel ID 08180000).

Further resolved, that the Interim Finance Director is authorized and directed to advance to the Authority up to \$260,000 plus closing costs to fund the acquisition and to establish the accounts necessary for the transfer of funds.

Fiscal Note: Funds will be advanced from the 2004 and/or 2005 Capital Project Funds.

**A motion was made by Alderman James T. Spangenberg that this be Adopted.  
The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 14 - Fair, Anderson, Hermes, Kaplan, Maack, DeHahn, Shakoor II, Karas, Friedel, Holding, Hart, Sollman, Spangenberg and Wisneski

**NON VOTING:** 1 - Weidner

## J. Adjourn

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. by Alderman Shakoor. The next scheduled meeting of the Council is January 16, 2007.*

ATTEST: JANICE M. JOHNSON-MARTIN  
CITY CLERK