



City of Racine

City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Alder Jeff Coe
Alder Mollie Jones
Alder John Tate II
Alder Edwin Santiago Jr
Alder Jennifer Levie
Alder Jeffrey Peterson
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Marcus West
Alder Trevor Jung
Alder Sam Peete
Alder Mary Land
Alder Henry Perez
Alder Natalia Taft
Alder Jason Meekma
Alder Melissa Lemke

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual

A. Call To Order

PRESENT: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

EXCUSED: 1 - Perez

B. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag

Mayor Mason led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes)

December 15th, 2020

December 1st, 2020

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Coe to Approve the Minutes. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

EXCUSED: 1 - Perez

D. Presentation by the new Racine Public Library Executive Director Angela Zimmermann

E. Committee Reports

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Taft[0802-20](#)

Subject: Communication from the General Manager submitting a "Comfort Resolution" pertaining to the 2020 Bond Issue.

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 12/15/20:
Waterworks Commission approved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the "Comfort Resolution" pertaining to the 2021 Revenue Bond Issue.

Recommendation of Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-11-2020: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the "Comfort Resolution" pertaining to the 2021 Revenue Bond Issue.

Fiscal Note: The Water Utility will be able to reimburse previous capital expenditures with bond proceeds.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0804-20](#)

Subject: Communication from the General Manager presenting a 2020 Revenue Bond Issue with Baird - Brad Viegut invited to the meeting

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES AND THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$20,000,000 TAXABLE NOTE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 12-15-20:
Approve

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee: To approve the Waterworks Revenue Bond Issue as presented by R.W. Baird.

Fiscal Note: The \$20 million revenue bond will be repaid from revenues generated from water rates and contributions from Mt. Pleasant.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0838-20](#)

Subject: Communication from Ald. Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Sylvia Rodriguez for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-11-2021: That the claim of Sylvia Rodriguez be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0900-20](#)

Subject: Communication from Ald. Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting authorization to continue the self-insured workers compensation program under the Wisconsin Workers Compensation Act.

Recommendation of Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-11-2021: To grant authorization for the City of Racine to continue the self-insured worker's compensation program under the Wisconsin Workers Compensation Act.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0017-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the Sustainability and Conservation Coordinator requesting to apply for and accept the Energy Innovation Grant from the PSC Office for Energy Innovation to install solar plus storage at the Racine Transit Garage at 1900 Kentucky St. (Grant Control #00355)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-11-2021: That staff be authorized to execute the necessary application form to apply for this grant.

Fiscal Note: Estimated grant in the amount \$500,000, with \$275,000 City match budgeted in 2021 CIP- Transit Garage- Solar Panels

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0019-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Interim City Administrator, submitting a COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Policy for consideration. This Policy is intended to create a one-time exception in 2021 to the sick leave accrual language in City of Racine Employee Handbook Section 5.05.A., as specified therein.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-11-2021: To adopt the proposed COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Policy as presented.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Public Works and Services Committee Report, by Ald. Jones[0385-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, submitting the reroute for STH 32 for Downtown Racine.

Recommendation to the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-23-20: That the Committee approves the preferred alternative and the report be forwarded to WisDOT for review of the jurisdictional transfer of the connecting highway of STH 32/20, from Main Street and Sixth/Seventh Streets to Marquette Street and State Street.

Fiscal Note: The cost associated with this change is undetermined at this time; and may range between \$25,000 and \$460,000. Once determined, the cost will be appropriated in the 2021 - 2030 CIP.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0886-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason presenting bid results to raze 3015-3021 Washington Ave.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 1-12-21: Motion made by Alder Santiago, seconded by Alder Jones, to award contract for Official Notice No. 16-2020, Raze 3015 Washington Avenue, to Veit and Company Inc., at their bid price of \$225,000, they being the second lowest responsive bidder.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in the 2021 IG budget #45260 52340

A motion was made by Alder Santiago Jr, seconded by Alder Lemke, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

NOES: 5 - Coe, Jones, Jung, Land and Taft

EXCUSED: 1 - Perez

A motion was made by Alder Jones, seconded by Alder Land, that this Communication be Deferred for 3 months. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Jones, Peterson, Jung, Land, Taft and Coe

NOES: 8 - Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Horton, West, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

EXCUSED: 1 - Perez

A motion was made by Alder Peterson, seconded by Alder Levie, to amend the bid to be awarded to Azarian at bid price. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 10 - Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Land, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

NOES: 4 - Coe, Jones, Jung and Taft

EXCUSED: 1 - Perez

[0005-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 20200042-Roof Replacement-City Hall.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee on 1-12-21: That Change Order No. 1 on contract 20200042-Roof Replacement -City Hall be approved in the amount of \$5,521.00.

Fiscal Note: Funding to cover the cost of this \$5,521.00 change order is available in Org-Obj 45040-57200-Building Improvements.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0006-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 20200043, Roof Replacement-Racine Public Library.

Recommendation to the Public Works and Services Committee on 1-12-21: That Change Order No. 1 on contract 20200043-Roof Replacement -Public Library be approved in the amount of \$9,446.00.

Fiscal Note: Funding to cover the cost of this \$9,446.00 change order is available in Org-Obj 45055-57200, Library-Building Improvements

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0018-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, submitting a request to place awnings and a sign over City right-of-way at 211 Sixth Street.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on

1-12-21: That the property owner at 211 Sixth Street be granted permission to install a stationary projecting sign and awning, as requested, with the stipulation that a hold harmless agreement be executed and a \$150.00 processing fee paid, in accordance with State Statue 66.0425, Privileges in Streets.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0020-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, to submit final payments on the following contracts:

Contract 20200044-Roof Replacement-City Hall Annex-Carlson Racine Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc., Contractor

Recommendation to the Public Works and Services Committee on 1-12-21:That the work completed by Carlson Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., on Contract 20200044, Roof Replacement - City Hall Annex, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$132,782. Final Payment to include retainage.

Fiscal Note: Contract 20200044 was authorized under Resolution 0428-20 dated July 21, 2020.

Contract 20200048-Wustum Museum Roof Replacement-Kaschak Roofing, Inc., Contractor

Staff Recommendation to the Public Works and Services Committee on 1-21-21: That the work completed by Kaschak Roofing, Inc., on Contract 20200048, Roof Replacement - Wustum Museum, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$60,250. Final Payment to include retainage.

Fiscal Note: Contract 20200048 was authorized under Resolution 0430-20 dated July 21, 2020.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0022-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting a request for a revised State/Municipal Agreement for State Project ID: 2703-11-00/70, Goold St-Douglas Ave to N. Main, STP-U 2017-2022 Cycle

Recommendation to the Public Works and Services Committee on 1-12-21: That the City Engineer be authorized and directed to sign the revised State/Municipal Agreement (SMA) for State Project ID: 2703-11-00/70, Goold St-Douglas Ave to N. Main St.

Fiscal Note: The estimated total cost of the project is \$2,404,000, with the City's share being \$640,800 (20% + balance) and the State's share being \$1,763,200 (capped). Funding for this project is appropriated in the approved 2021-30 Capital Improvement Program budget.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. Coe

[0885-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Change of Agent with a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, for GMRI Inc DBA The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, located at 6000 Durand Ave, Amy Alwardt, Agent (14th District)

Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-12-2021: To approve an application for a Change of Agent with a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, for GMRI Inc DBA The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, located at 6000 Durand Ave, Amy Alwardt, Agent (14th District)

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0011-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Gas Service Station License, HSS Trader LLC, DBA Amoco Racine located at 4301 Washington Ave, Abuzar Sheikh, Agent (12th District)

Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-12-2021: To approve an application for a Gas Service Station License, HSS Trader LLC, DBA Amoco Racine located at 4301 Washington Ave, Abuzar Sheikh, Agent (12th District)

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Community Development Authority Report, by Ald. West[0003-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Manager of Neighborhood Services, requesting the approval of the TID 22 Funding Allocation Plan and authorization for the Department of City Development and Community Development Authority to implement the plan.

Recommendation of the Community Development Authority on

01-07-2021: That the TID 22 Funding Allocation Plan be approved and that the City Development Director, or his designees, be authorized to implement the program.

Fiscal Note: TID 22 generated around \$320,000 in increment during 2020, and is expected to generate steadily increasing amounts of funding in subsequent years. Subsequent years' funding amounts will be allocated to various programs as outlined in the Funding Allocation Plan.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Tate II**Mayor Mason announcing the appointment of Alder Sam Peete to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0041-21](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason extending the appointment of Kathleen Fischer as Interim City Administrator up to an additional 60 days.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To approve extending the appointment of Kathleen Fischer as Interim City Administrator up to an additional 60 days.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in the 2021 budget.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0042-21](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing Kathleen Fischer as Finance Director effective January 30th, 2021.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To approve appointing Kathleen

Fischer as Finance Director effective January 30th, 2021.

Fiscal Note: Funds available in the 2021 budget

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0043-21](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing Dan Murphy as City Assessor effective as of January 1st, 2021.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To approve appointing Dan Murphy as City Assessor effective as of January 1st, 2021.

Fiscal Note: Funds available in the 2021 budget.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0044-21](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, President Tate, II, Alder Jung, Alder Coe, Alder Levie, Alder Land, Alder Santiago, Alder West, Alder Taft, Alder Peete, Alder Meekma, Alder Horton, Alder Jones, Alder Levie, Alder Lemke and Alder Peterson presenting Resolution 00044-21 Condemning Insurrection at the United States Capitol.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To approve Resolution 00044-21 Condemning Insurrection at the United States Capitol.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0045-21](#)

Subject: (Direct Referred) Communication sponsored by President John Tate II, Mayor Mason, Alder Coe, Alder Meekma, Alder Santiago, Alder Levie, Alder Jones, Alder Jung, Alder Taft, Alder Peete, Alder West, Alder Levie, Alder Lemke, Alder Santiago Jr., Alder Peete and Alder Land presenting Resolution 00045-21 In Opposition to the Proposed Youth Detention Center in the City of Racine.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To approve Resolution 00045-21 Youth Prison

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Meekma, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

NOES: 1 - Peterson

EXCUSED: 1 - Perez

[0046-21](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing the following:

Shannon Powell to the Wastewater Commission for a term ending September 30, 2022

Shannon Powell to the Waterworks Commission for a term ending September 30, 2022

Alder Taft to the Wastewater Commission for a term ending September 30, 2021

Alder Tate, II to the Wastewater Commission for a term ending September 30, 2021

Alder Taft to the Waterworks Commission for a term ending September 30, 2021

Alder Tate, II to the Waterworks Commission for a term ending September 30, 2021

Alder Santiago to the Board of Harbor Commission for a term ending April 30th, 2023

Alder Jones to the Planning Heritage and Design Committee for a term ending April 30, 2023

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

F. Council Vote on Consent Agenda Items (Communications, Committee Reports, Resolutions)

G. Common Council Announcements

Announcements are limited to recognition of City residents and employees, memorials, and non-political community events. Discussion of matters related to governmental business is prohibited.

H. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Alder Tate II.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

**ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE
CITY CLERK**

Public Comments:

*Pippin Michelli
Jane & John Brosseau
Jeanne Denney
Like M. Phipps
Sally Brown
Amanda Knepper
Yasser Bashi
Joanne Haysmer-Wachs
Mark Giese
Shelly Petersen
Reme Bashi
Valerie Zamecnik
Thomas Elias
Judith Schulz*