



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403
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Finance and Personnel Committee

Monday, February 12, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

Call To Order

PRESENT: James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, Pete Karas and Aron Wisneski

EXCUSED: Sandy Weidner

Approval of Minutes for the January 22, 2007 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-0077](#)

Subject: Proposal from R.W. Baird to facilitate bonding for 2007 CIP projects

Waterworks Commission Recommendation: Approve. Refer to the Finance & Personnel Committee for further consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: The \$11,510,000 Waterworks Revenue Bonds for 2007 Capital Improvements and the \$7,855,000 Waterworks Refunding Revenue Bonds as proposed by R.W. Baird be approved for issue and sale and that the Authorizing Resolution be presented at the March 6, 2007 Common Council meeting, being the proposed date of sale.

Fiscal Note: Water Utility Revenues will be used for debt service on these issues.

Bradley D. Viegut, Director of R. W. Baird, appeared before the Committee to discuss the revenue bonds be approved for issue and sale and that the Authorizing Resolution be presented at the March 6, 2007 Common Council meeting, being the proposed date of sale.

Recommended For Approval

2. [06-2773](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District submitting a communication on behalf of Sharon Baldukas, president of the Cemetery Commission, requesting the City to have an appraisal and preserve the City-owned Civil War cannon located at Mound Cemetery.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-13-06: The Purchasing Agent be directed to investigate appraisal service cost, to include Mr. Wayne E. Stark and any others, for the two Civil War cannons located at Mound Cemetery and West Racine and to report back to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 01-22-07: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: The item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sam Aiello, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Committee to report the results of his

investigation into appraisal service cost for the two Civil War cannons located at Mound Cemetery and West Racine. The cost would be \$1500.00.

Sharon Baldukas also submitted more documentation supporting the value of this artillery equipment and stating that \$1500.00 is not an unreasonable amount to pay for this appraisal.

Deferred

3. [07-0075](#) Subject: Communication from Friends of Seniors, Inc requesting an extension of their present lease.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: That the City Attorney be authorized and directed to negotiate with the Friends of Senior's for a year-to-year extension of their lease agreement of the Lakeview Community Center.

Fiscal Note: The final year of the current contract calls for an annual lease payment of \$20,000.

Les Lucareli and Dick Hinsman appeared on behalf of Friends of Seniors requesting a year-to-year extension on their lease agreement of the Lakeview Community Center.

Recommended For Approval

4. [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.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 01-08-07: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of Landmarks Preservation Commission on 01-08-07: Supports the provision of appropriate financial assistance by the City for the implementation stage of the Joshua Glover Underground Railroad Project.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 1-22-07: The item be deferred and directs finance staff to determine where funds are available for the Joshua Glover Underground Railroad Project.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: That unappropriated Room Tax funds in the amount of \$7,371.02 be allocated to the Racine County Roots of Freedom Underground Railroad Heritage Trail and that the Committee forward their recommendation of allocating any unappropriated City of Racine Special Event Funds as of December 31, 2006, currently estimated at \$2,200.00, being managed by the Racine Convention and Visitor's Bureau to this project. The Committee further recommends that the Racine County Roots of Freedom Underground Railroad Heritage Trail formally apply to the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau and The City of Racine Community Development Block Grant Committee for additional funding. Finally, the Committee recommends reintroducing this item as a new communication to further the exploration of funding when the petitioner has explored these other funding sources.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available.

Dave Brown, Finance Director, stated that he had looked into funding for this project and suggested that the Racine Convention and Visitor's Bureau be contacted to see if funds are available thru the Room Tax fund. He also suggested an application be made to the Community Development Block Grant Committee for additional funding.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-0094](#) Subject: Communication from the City Assessor requesting to discuss a correction to the 2006 assessment and tax rolls.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: The 2006 Assessment on Personal Property Parcel P02624002, Frank's Adjustment Bureau, 521 High Steet, be reduced \$8,000 from \$9,000 to \$1,000 and that the associated levy of \$178.03 be credited back to the taxpayer.

Fiscal Note: Funding for the adjustment is available in Account 101.990.5930, R.E. & P.P. Taxes Cancelled.

David Brown, Finance Director appeared before the Committee on behalf of Thomas Kienbaum, City Assessor to discuss a correction to the 2006 assessment and tax rolls.

Recommended For Approval

6. [06-2999](#) Subject: Amendment of the Tax Incremental District Number 15 Project Plan.

Also referred to the City Plan Commission.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: That the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

7. [07-0072](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Michael Christensen & Aime Gordon for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: That the claim of Michael Christensen and Aime Gordon of 1224 Layard Avenue claiming reimbursement of expenses for the repair of a sanitary sewer wye connection adjacent to their property be settled in the amount of \$7,727.26.

Fiscal Note: Funding for the settlement is available in Account 101.900.5910, Judgments and Claims.

City Attorney Scott Letteney appeared before the Committee to submit the claim of Michael Christensen & Aime Gordon for consideration.

Recommended For Approval

8. [07-0067](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Aloma Kellam and Diedre Ozier for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: The following claim be denied: Aloma Kellam and Deidre Ozier, 1636 Chatham Avenue, claim reimbursement for injuries and damages arising from an accident involving the BUS vehicle in which they were passengers on July 31, 2006. The BUS insurer (Transit Mutual) has determined that the other driver was negligent, therefore the City denies liability.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

City Attorney Scott Letteney appeared before the Committee to submit the claim of Aloma Kellam and Diedre Ozier for consideration.

Recommended For Denial

9. [07-0120](#) Subject: A communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funds and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an amended contract with the United Way of Racine County, Inc. for the Family Smart/Kid Friendly program in the amount of \$29,471.50. The original contract (resolution number 6806) covered the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The amended contract covers the period through June 30, 2007.

Also refer to the Board of Health.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: To accept funds and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an amended contract with the United Way of Racine County, Inc. for the Family Smart/Kid Friendly program (original City Grant Control Number 2005-052) in the amount of \$29,471.50 and extend the contract through June 30, 2007.

Fiscal Note: No match is required by the City.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee to request permission to accept funds and requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an amended contract with United Way of Racine County, Inc. in the amount of \$29,471.50 for the Family Smart/Kid Friendly program thru June 30, 2007.

Recommended For Approval

10. [07-0122](#) Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for funding from the United Way of Racine County, Inc. in the amount of \$68,000 for the Teen Parenting Support program. It is a joint application with the Mount Pleasant/Caledonia and Western Racine County Health Departments. The contract period is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

The Grant Control number is 2007-004.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: The Public Health Administrator be authorized to apply for funding in the amount of \$68,000 from United Way of Racine County for the Teen Parenting Support Program (City Grant Control Number 2007-004).

Fiscal Note: There is no match required by the City.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee to request permission to apply for funding from the United Way of Racine County, Inc. in the amount of \$68,000 for the Teen Parenting Support program.

Recommended For Approval

11. [07-0130](#) Subject: Communication from the Director of the City Library requesting reimbursement of \$6,876 from costs stemming from the Mobile Library broken into, items stolen and an alarm system installed into the Mobile Library.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: Reimbursement of \$6,876 be paid to the city Library for costs stemming from the Mobile Library break in.

Fiscal Note: Funds will be appropriated from Account 101.990.5970

Jessica MacPhail, City Librarian appeared before the Committee requesting reimbursement of \$6,876 from costs stemming from the Mobile Library being broken

into.

Dave Brown, Finance Director, stated that the City has no history of fronting money to other City departments in similar situations. Mr. Brown also stated that the Library has an Endowment Fund thru which this money can be allocated from. Ald. Friedel stated that since the incident did occur on City property, the City should reimburse the Library from the Contingency Fund.

Recommended For Approval

12. [07-0006](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting to rephrase the Hold Harmless, Indemnification and insurance clauses that are utilized in contracts with the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 1-22-07: The item be deferred.

Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: The item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A
Deferred

13. [Ord.02-07](#)

Ordinance No. 2-07

To repeal and recreate Sec. 66-566 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Offenses - Issuance of Worthless Checks - Prohibition.

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

Part 1:

Sec. 66-566 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

“Sec. 66-566. Prohibitions.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to issue a check or other order for the payment of money that, at the time of issuance, the person intends shall not be paid.”

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

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-12-07: Refer to Public Safety and Licensing Committee as this is a law enforcement issue as opposed to a municipal finance issue.

Deferred

Miscellaneous Business

None

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alderman James Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance and Personnel Committee**