



City of Racine

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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 8, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chair West, Vice Chair Horton, Alder Land, Alder Paffrath and Alder McCarthy

Approval of Minutes for the November 27, 2023 Meeting.

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

[0005-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Fire Chief, requesting permission to appropriately dispose of Fire Department surplus Engine 31 and other surplus equipment to the Racine Founders Rotary Foundation upon execution of a hold harmless agreement.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the Fire Chief be granted permission to appropriately dispose of Fire Department surplus Engine 31 and other surplus equipment to the Racine Founders Rotary Foundation upon execution of a hold harmless agreement.

Fiscal Note: No budgetary impact

Fire Chief Hansen, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0011-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for and if awarded accept the 2023 Local Community Grant #00541.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for and if awarded accept the 2023 Local Community Grant #00541.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$3,500. **City Match:** N/A

Police Chief Ramirez, 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.

[0017-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for and if awarded accept the Alcohol Enforcement Grant #00533.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for and if awarded accept the Alcohol Enforcement Grant #00533.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$20,000. **City Match:** 0-25% soft match, which will be funded through the RPD General Fund.

Police Chief Ramirez and Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0016-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for and if awarded accept the Seatbelt Enforcement Grant #00534.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for and if awarded accept the Seatbelt Enforcement Grant #00534.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$19,000. **City Match:** 0-25% soft match, which will be funded through the RPD General Fund.

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

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

[0015-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for and if awarded accept the Speed Enforcement Grant #00547.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for and if awarded accept the Speed Enforcement Grant #00547.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$9,000. **City Match:** 0-25% soft match, which will be funded through the RPD General Fund.

Police Chief Ramirez, Deputy Police Chief Toeller, and Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0014-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for and if awarded accept the FY2024 Beat Patrol Grant #00539.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for and if awarded accept the FY2024 Beat Patrol Grant #00539.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$121,434. **City Match:** \$40,478 available in account #13101 59200

Police Chief Ramirez and Finance Director Fischer, 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.

[0013-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for and if awarded accept the 2023/2024 Mayor's Gang Collaborative Grant #00542.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for and if awarded accept the 2023/2024 Mayor's Gang Collaborative Grant #00542.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$63,400 **City Match:** None

Police Chief Ramirez and Finance Director Fischer, 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.

[0021-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting to reallocate ARPA funds to cover Police Department signing bonuses.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That funds be made available to cover Police Officer signing bonuses by transferring \$64,000 from the ARPA-Student Loan Program to the ARPA-Hiring Bonus Program.

Fiscal Note: Estimated cost of the request will be \$64,000. The funding will be transferred from the ARPA-Student Loan Program (22910-51700-22909) to the ARPA-Hiring Bonus Program

(22910-51700).

Finance Director Fischer and Human Resources Director Horton, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0004-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Assistant Director of City Development, requesting approval of the 2024 General Economic Development Services contract with Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the Assistant Director of City Development be granted permission to approve the 2024 General Economic Development Services contract with Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC). Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk, or their designees, be authorized and directed to enter into a contract with RCEDC for 2024 General Economic Development Services.

Fiscal Note: The cost of the contract is \$92,000. Sufficient funds are available in the City Development Professional Services account #16001 52100.

City Development Assistant Director Hintz, RCEDC Representative Jenny Trick, Mayor Mason, and Finance Director Fischer, 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.

[0012-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Assistant Director of City Development, requesting the City receive the property addressed as 1111 West Street (Parcel #02879000) from the County of Racine and transfer the property to Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of redevelopment.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the receipt of property addressed as 1111 West Street (Parcel #02879000) from the County of Racine to the City of Racine, be approved and that the property be transferred to Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of redevelopment.

Fiscal Note: Habitat for Humanity will reimburse the City for title transfer, recording, or any other applicable fees, estimated at approximately \$30.

City Development Assistant Director Hintz, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be

Recommended for Approval.

[1177-23](#)

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

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: 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 McCarthy, seconded by Alder West, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1178-23](#)

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

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: 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 West, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1179-23](#)

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

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: 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 West, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1180-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of GEICO Secure Insurance Company for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: 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 West, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1181-23](#)

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

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: 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 West, seconded by Alder Land, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1182-23](#)

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

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: 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 McCarthy, seconded by Alder Horton, 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 become involved and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(e), to address matters that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, requires a closed session.

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

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Chair West, Vice Chair Horton, Alder Land, Alder Paffrath and Alder McCarthy

[1151-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Paffrath, requesting permission to discuss the Racine Zoo Contract.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: To Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Horton, that this communication be Received and Filed.

[0018-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Lisa Englander and Bruce W. Pepich for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

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

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Alder Paffrath

[0019-24](#)

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 *BMC Racine, LLC, et al., v. City of Racine*, Racine County Case No. 2022 CV 737.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-08-2024: To approve the settlement in *BMC Racine, LLC, et al., v. City of Racine*, Racine County Case No. 2022 CV 737, as presented.

Fiscal Note: Payment of \$158,262 will be issued to BMC Racine, LLC, and Marc Racine, LLC, or to another account designated by to BMC Racine, LLC, and Marc Racine, LLC, in writing, as a refund of the property tax overpayment for the 2021 and 2022 tax year. There are sufficient funds available for payment of this settlement in Account 11202-53420, Misc-Property Taxes Cancelled. Approximately half of the

refund will be charged back to the other taxing jurisdictions. Additionally, the 2021 and 2022 real estate assessments will be set at \$9,900,000.

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

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

[0020-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney address mediation 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 01-08-2024: To Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Horton, that this communication be Received and Filed.

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 West, seconded by Alder McCarthy, to go into Open Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Chair West, Vice Chair Horton, Alder Land, Alder Paffrath and Alder McCarthy

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder West, Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee