



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
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Public Works and Services Committee

*Alderman John M. Engel, Chairman, Alderman Ronald D. Hart,
Alderman Cherri Cape, Alderman Raymond DeHahn, Alderman Keith Fair*

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

5:30 PM

Room 301

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: 5 - John M. Engel, Ronald D. Hart, Cherri Cape, Raymond DeHahn and Keith Fair

PRESENT: Alderman John Engel, 12th District (Chairman)
Alderman Ron Hart, 14th District (Vice-Chairman)
Alderman Cherri Cape, 2nd District
Alderman Raymond DeHahn, 7th District
Alderman Keith Fair, 1st District
Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works
Tom Eeg, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works - Operations
John Rooney, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works – Engineering

OTHERS: Robert Krencisz; Michael Jeffers; Michael Bohm; Al Hafeman

Approval of Minutes for the January 31, 2006 Meeting.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the minutes were approved as printed.

to Approve the Minutes

1. [06-1489](#) **Subject:** Item 8 of February 8, 2006, communication from the President of Fast Cat Trucking, Inc. requesting to close off Hoffert Dr. along North Beach for the Racine Area Soap Box Derby.

Recommendation: The Racine Area Soap Box Derby be granted permission to use Hoffert Drive for a rally on Saturday and Sunday, May 13 & 14, Saturday and Sunday, June 17 & 18, and Saturday and Sunday, September 9 & 10, 2006, with the following stipulations:

A hold harmless agreement be executed;

B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event;

C. The set up and dismantling of barricades, snow fencing and placement of waste barrels will be the responsibility of the Soap Box

Derby Association and must be erected no sooner than 24 hours prior to the event and must be removed no later than 24 hours after the event;

D. Any overtime and/or equipment and material loss will be charged to the Soap Box Derby Association;

E. The sponsor shall notify all residents on Michigan Boulevard and residents in the 200 blocks of Kewaunee Street, St. Patrick Street, High Street, and English Street, 72 hours in advance of this event.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, Chief of Police, and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs incurred on a regular shift basis to implement this event.

Attachments: [Soap Box Derby Request.pdf](#)

Robert Krencisz appeared before the Committee and explained the event and the dates they would be occurring this summer. John indicated there have been modifications made to Hoffert Drive with the Lake Michigan Pathway. He noted the area where a gate used to be located that would be manned by the Soap Box Derby. He noted the new gate will not be ready for their event in May and Department of Public Works would have to supply barricades they would maintain for the event.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

2. [06-1513](#)

Subject: Item 9 of February 7, 2005, communication from Gorman & Company, Inc. requesting to enter into an agreement with the City to relocate the traffic light and street light control systems at the corner of State Street and Gaslight Drive.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Gorman & Company, Inc. for the relocation of traffic light and street light control systems at the intersection of State Street and Main Street. The estimated cost to relocate these systems is \$47,000.00 plus any charges from WE Energies for new electrical services.

Further recommends that the agreement requires Gorman & Company, Inc. to place in escrow with the City of Racine the sum of \$47,000.00.

Further recommends that due to the schedule for implementing these

changes, that public bidding requirements be waived.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine for making changes to the street light and traffic signal control system.

Attachments: DOC060206streetlights main st
[Ald Engel-Relocation at State-Main
State and Main Estimate](#)

John Rooney explained the project and noted that due to the building construction, the sidewalk would have to be completely removed for the tight sheeting to be put in. He noted both the traffic signal and control boxes would need to be relocated during this project. He stated he met with members of Gorman & Company and the utilities to discuss these changes. He indicated an agreement would need to be entered into with Gorman to reimburse the City for all costs associated with this infrastructure move and the work would be done in-house, to be completed before the April 2006, groundbreaking. Mike Jeffers indicated this is necessary and had no objections to the proposal. Rick noted the City Attorney will draft up an agreement requiring these funds be placed in an escrow account for the reimbursement of all the work and all necessary costs, including electrical service charges from WE Energies.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the request and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Approval

3. [06-1514](#) **Subject:** Item 10 of February 7, 2006, communication from Michael Bohm, 7223 Blackhawk Drive, wishing to replace a porch at 1240 Erie Street that was damaged due to a traffic accident.

Recommendation: The property owner of 1240 Erie Street be granted permission to replace a porch that extends onto City right-of-way, as requested, with the stipulation that a hold harmless agreement be executed, in accordance with State Statute 66.0425, Privileges in Streets.

Further recommends that the property owner be charged a \$50.00 fee to cover costs associated with filing this item with the Register of Deeds office.

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

Attachments: DOC060206porch

Rick Jones noted the porch was damaged due to a traffic accident and encroached on public right-of-way. He indicated it would be appropriate to grant the property owner permission to replace the porch with the encroachment subject to a hold harmless agreement. He noted there is a filing fee for the Register of Deeds. Mike Bohm had no objections to the proposal.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Cape, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

4. [06-1516](#) **Subject:** Item 11 of February 7, 2006, communication from Racine Sister City Planning Council requesting the City replace the present sister cities signs that are located on the "main" road/highway entrances to the City of Racine.

Recommendation:

Attachments: [DOC060206sista city sign](#)

Al Hafeman appeared before the Committee and explained that the current signs are too small to read and cited some examples. Tom Eeg indicated this item went before the Traffic Commission in 1992 for the placement of three 24" x 30" signs on Durand, Northwestern and Washington Avenue. He indicated Sister City supplied the signs and the City merely installed them. Alderman Hart stated the Racine Sister City Planning Council should pay for new signs if they would like to have them replaced and the City could install them.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the Committee deferred the item for the Sister City Planning Council to provide a mock up for review and locations for installing the signs.

Deferred

5. [06-1451](#) **Subject:** Item 13 of February 8, 2006, communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting bids received for Official Notice No. 4 for One (1) Melter Applicator.

Recommendation: The contract for one (1) Melter Applicator be awarded to Sherwin Industries, Milwaukee, WI, at their bid price of \$46,229.76, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of this purchase be appropriated from Account 101.630.5980, Licensed Vehicles.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available as herein delineated.

Attachments: [Tar Melter Bids.pdf](#)

Rick Jones submitted bid results with Sherwin Industries of Milwaukee submitting the low bid of \$46,229.76. He recommended the City enter into a contract to purchase a Melter Applicator from said company.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the Committee approved the bid of Sherwin Industries.

Recommended to be Awarded

6. [06-1515](#) **Subject:** Item 12 of February 8, 2006, communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting bids for the purchase of one (1) mid-sized ride-on

sweeper.

Recommendation: The contract for one (1) mid-sized ride-on sweeper be awarded to Tennant Sales and Service Company, Minneapolis, MN, at their bid price of \$26,685.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of this purchase be appropriated from Account 106.110.5790, Unlicensed Vehicle.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available as herein delineated.

Attachments: DOC060206ride sweeper

Rick Jones submitted bid results with Tennant Sales & Service Company of Minneapolis submitting the low bid in the amount of \$26,685. He recommended the City enter into a contract to purchase the sweeper.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the Committee approved the bid of the low bidder.

Recommended to be Awarded

7. [06-1517](#)

Subject: Item 14 of February 8, 2006, communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting bids received for the purchase of two (2) Garbage Truck Chassis.

Recommendation: The contract for Two (2) Crane Carrier chassis w/Pak-Mor R325B packer, with trade-ins, be awarded to Cumberland Servicenter, at their bid price of \$315,694.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of this purchase be appropriated from Account 101.400.5780, Licensed Vehicles, Solid Waste.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available as herein delineated.

Attachments: [DOC060207two refuse packer](#)

Rick Jones submitted bid results with Badger Truck being the most responsible bidder. He recommended the City enter into a contract to purchase the trucks from the low bidder at their bid price of \$291,198.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the Committee approved the bid of the low bidder.

Recommended to be Awarded

8. [Ord.0915-06](#)

Item 70 of February 8, 2006, ORDINANCE NO. 4-06 RELATING TO

ADMINISTRATION; TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES - COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee:

Recommendation: Ordinance No. 4-06 of February 7, 2006 relating to Administration; Traffic and Vehicles - Commissioner of Public Works, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick Jones explained with the restructuring of the Public Works and Engineering Department administration. These were simply the language changes to the City ordinances regarding the responsibilities of the Commissioner of Public Works and City Engineer, and the duties of the former Traffic Engineer.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the Committee recommended adoption of Ordinance 4-06.

Recommended For Approval

9. [05-1211](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations requesting permission to submit a grant application to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for the acquisition and restoration of the former Racine Coast Guard Station.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Attachments: [WI Coastal Mgmt.pdf](#)

Rick Jones indicated the grant that was applied for was turned down by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Committee. He recommended it be received and filed.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

10. [06-1526](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting a proposal for professional services for City Hall Renovations, Phase I.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a professional services contract with ARC Architectural Group, LLC, Racine, WI, for the provision of plans and specifications for City Hall Renovations, Phase I, at a cost not-to-exceed \$61,810.00.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from Account 986.100.5010, City Hall Facility Plan Implementation.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Attachments: 12-06 Proposal.pdf

Tom Eeg reviewed the three million project for the Committee that would be taking place over the next three years to renovate City Hall. He noted this is a professional services agreement in the not-to-exceed amount of \$61,810 and funding is available. The agreement is for Phase I and the preferred consultant is ARC Architectural Group, LLC of Racine.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the proposal and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Acceptance as a Professional Services Agreement

11. [06-1527](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a proposal for professional services for Construction Management Services for Racine Street Sewer Lining.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a professional services contract with Earth Tech, Inc., for Inspection and Construction Management Services for the Racine Street Sewer Lining project, at a cost not-to-exceed \$17,293.00.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from Account 985.907.5310, Sanitary Sewer Construction, Various Locations.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Attachments: [Ald Engel - Proposal- Const Insp Racine St Sewer Lining](#)

John Rooney explained the proposal and noted it is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$17,293 and funding is available.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the Committee approved the proposal and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Acceptance as a Professional Services Agreement

12. [06-1482](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a proposal from Earth Tech for the design of the Sixth Street Sanitary Sewer.

Recommendation: Approve

John Rooney requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

13. [05-1090](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the City Engineer submitting Change Order No. 2 on Contract 26-05 (K5-033), Concrete Street Reconstruction, LaLonde Contractors, contractor.

Recommendation: Approve

John Rooney requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

14. [05-1091](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the City Engineer submitting Change Order No. 2 on Contract 30-05 (K5-037), Street Paving, LaLonde Contractors, contractor.

Recommendation: Approve

John Rooney requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Cape, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

Miscellaneous Business

None

The Committee adjourned at 6:25 p.m.