



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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## Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman Thomas Friedel, Vice Chair Sandy Weidner  
Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Alderman Michael Shields*

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Monday, November 12, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### Call To Order

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

- 07-1282** Subject: Request of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to meet with Public Safety & Licensing Committee for approval of the extension of the Zoological Society contract.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-22-07: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a seven year extension for the Zoological Society contract.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a seven year extension for the Zoological Society contract at the current annual amount of \$550,000 (no increase in years 2011 and 2012).

Fiscal Note: \$550,000 annually for each of the seven years should be appropriated from account 101.740.5610, Zoological Professional Services, \$32,000 maintenance fee each year should be appropriated from account 107.740.5550, Zoo Maintenance and Repairs.

*Donnie Snow, Parks and Recreational Director, appeared before the committee to discuss the remaining 5 years of the Zoological Society contract.*

**Recommended For Approval**
- Res.07-0476** Extension of the Zoological Society Contract (Council referred to Finance and Personnel).

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a seven year extension with the Racine Zoological Society, Inc., for the Operating Agreement - Racine Zoological Gardens.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a seven year extension for the Zoological Society contract at the current annual amount of \$550,000 (no increase in years 2011 and 2012).

Fiscal Note: \$550,000 annually for each of the seven years should be appropriated from account 101.740.5610, Zoological Professional Services, \$32,000 maintenance fee each year should be appropriated from account 107.740.5550, Zoo Maintenance and Repairs.

*Donnie Snow, Parks and Recreational Director, appeared before the committee to discuss the remaining 5 years of the Zoological Society contract.*

**Recommended For Approval**

3.     [07-1334](#)     Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$63,045 from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the CDC Preparedness contract. (Grant Control #2007-050).
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Permission granted for the Public Health Administrator to apply for funding in an amount up to \$63,045 with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the CDC Preparedness contract (Grant Control #2007-050).
- Fiscal Note: There is no match required by the city.
- Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the committee requesting permission to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$63,045 from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the CDC Preparedness contract (Grant Control #2007-050).*
- Recommended For Approval**
4.     [07-1335](#)     Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept grant funds in the amount of \$39,834 from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the Cities Readiness Initiative contract. (Grant Control #2007-051).
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Permission granted for the Public Health Administrator to apply for funding in an amount up to \$39,834 with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the Cities Readiness Initiative contract (Grant Control #2007-051).
- Fiscal Note: There is no match required by the city.
- Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the committee requesting permission to accept grant funds in the amount of \$39,834 from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the Cities Readiness Initiative contract (Grant Control #2007-051).*
- Recommended For Approval**
5.     [07-1351](#)     Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1000 from UW Parkside. (Grant Control #2007-045).
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Permission granted for the Public Health Administrator to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,000 from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside (Grant Control #2007-045), Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant.
- Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal match required.
- Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the committee requesting permission to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,000 from the University of Wisconsin Parkside Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant (Grant Control #2007-045).*
- Recommended For Approval**
6.     [07-1388](#)     Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$29,563 from Wisconsin Coastal Management. (Grant Control #2007-052).
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Permission

granted for the Public Health Administrator to apply for 2008-2009 funding in an amount up to \$29,670 with the Wisconsin Coastal Management (Grant Control #2007-052).

Fiscal Note: There is a required City match of \$29,670, \$3,276 hard match, remainder soft match.

*Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the committee requesting permission to apply for 2008-2009 funding up to an amount up to \$29,670 with the Wisconsin Coastal Management (Grant Control #2007-052).*

**Recommended For Approval**

7. [07-1345](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant City Attorney submitting the claim of Lawrence Kimball & Marsha Kimball for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Claim of Lawrence & Marsha Kimball, 121 Michigan Court, requesting reimbursement of \$4,000.00 to the sewer for repairs be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the committee to describe the circumstances surrounding the claim and recommended that it be denied.*

**Recommended For Denial**

8. [07-1346](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant City Attorney submitting the claim of the Willie J. Brown and Betty J. Brown Family Trust for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Claim of Willie J. and Betty J. Brown Family Trust, owner of 135 Virginia Street, requesting reimbursement of \$5,000.00 - \$5,500.00 for repairs to the sewer be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the committee to describe the circumstances surrounding the claim and recommended that it be denied.*

**Recommended For Denial**

9. [07-1344](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant City Attorney submitting the claim of F. C. Randal Property Management, LLC for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Claim of FC Randal Property Management, LLC, requesting reimbursement of \$10,530.00 for repair to the Wye connection on the sewer be approved.

Fiscal Note: Payment will be made from account 101.990.5910 Judgement and Claims.

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the committee to describe the circumstances surrounding the claim and recommended that it be approved.*

**Recommended For Approval**

10. [07-1291](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant City Attorney submitting the claim of Joyce Breidinger for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Claim of Joyce Breidinger, 5608 Cambridge Lane #6, requesting reimbursement of \$6,500.00 for injury from tripping over a cart be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the committee to describe the circumstances surrounding the claim and recommended that it be denied.*

**Recommended For Denial**

11. [07-1364](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant City Attorney submitting the claim of Jose Navarro for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Claim of Jose Navarro, 1134 Geneva Street, requesting reimbursement of \$1,187.63 for repairs to his vehicle be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the committee to describe the circumstances surrounding the claim and recommended that it be denied.*

**Recommended For Denial**

12. [07-1367](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant City Attorney submitting the claim of American Family Mutual Insurance Company (insured is Mr & Mrs. Prochnow) for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Claim of American Family Mutual Insurance Company, requesting reimbursement of \$12,036.27 for repairs to a sewer be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the committee to describe the circumstances surrounding the claim and recommended that it be denied.*

**Recommended For Denial**

13. [07-1052](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss drafting a policy for a reimbursement policy for presidential campaign visits.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: That this item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Deferred**

14. [07-1409](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Alderman Friedel wishing to discuss possible amendments to the budget. No action will be taken by the committee.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting on 11-12-07: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the committee to discuss possible amendments to the 2008 budget.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

15. [07-1347](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney requesting additional funding for the 2007

budget, 101.160.5610, Professional Services.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: Transfer \$32,000 from contingency (101.990.5970) to City Attorney Professional Services (101.160.5610).

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for the transfer.

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the committee to discuss additional funding for the 2007 budget Professional Services.*

**Recommended For Approval**

## 16. Miscellaneous Business

*None.*

A motion was made by Alderman Weidner and seconded by Alderman Spangenberg that the Committee convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Roll call taken: Ayes: Alderman Friedel, Alderman Weidner, Alderman Spangenberg, Alderman Shields, Alderman Wisneski

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Also present: David Brown, Terry Parker and Rob Weber.

17. [07-1398](#) Subject: (Direct referral) Communication from the City Attorney's office requesting to address the committee with respect to a proposed settlement in the case of Wanda Sorensen et al. v. City of Racine, Case No. 06CV1005.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-12-07: The settlement of Wanda Sorenson et al. v. City of Racine, Case No. 06CV1005 be approved as presented.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in the Health Insurance Fund.

**Recommended For Approval**

## Adjournment

**There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2007 at City Hall, Room 301.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Alderman Thomas Friedel  
Finance and Personnel Committee**