



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

2025 Budget Meeting- Amendment Meeting

The meeting will begin following the adjournment of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee or at 6:00p.m., whichever is later.

Call To Order

PRESENT: 13 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Sebastian and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

0939-24

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the proposed 2025 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Positions, and Fee Schedules as attached are anticipated to be included in adoption of this item.

Staff Recommendation: That the proposed 2025 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Positions, and Fee Schedules as attached are anticipated to be included in adoption of this item, be approved as amended

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Passed Amendments:

1. To add \$4,000 to the council budget to help clean District #2 and District #3 neighborhood next spring for tires and other items
3. To modify the City HSA contribution for all employees including library to have the residency differential by 50% more than the non-resident rate for the 2025 budget.
6. To remove the \$200,000 allocation from city budget to library fund
7. To reinstate the 20-year club to active and retired employees for a banquet to its 2018 budgeted amount
10. To allocate appropriate funding for an inside audit of departmental and employee P-cards

11. That TIDS 22, 23, 27, 28, and 31 allocation for administration costs be codified at 15% of annual revenues from each individual TID, until further action on policy is adopted
12. That TIDS 22, 23, 27, 28, and 31 allocation for infrastructure costs to be codified at 25% of annual revenues for each individual TID. Eligible costs to include street/alley maintenance.
14. To remove the Communications Director position from the office of the Mayor and add the Communications Director position to the Department of Customer Service
- 14a. To eliminate the Strategic Initiatives Manager from the Mayors Office and use those funds to pay for 1 Racine Police Department Officer
15. To eliminate the Sustainability Coordinator from the Water Utility and Wastewater Utility
16. To retain the .25 Attorney position
17. To eliminate the Recruiter position from Human Resources
22. To add 1 position for TID applications to City Development
23. To allocate \$30,000 from TID #28 for Colonial Park Security Measures
25. To move Neighborhood Watch under contracted services in the Police Department and add \$30,000 to the budget
26. To add 5 patrol positions to the police department that were previously ARPA funded
27. To allow the Police Department to train private and parochial schools who request training for privately hiring school crossing guards and provide school crossing guards to any middle and elementary school who requests a school crossing guard.
28. To add \$100,000 to continue the facade grant program from the IG fund for 2025
31. To purchase additional speed signs, 1 pair per District

Fiscal Note: A copy of the 2025 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds are on file in the Office of the Finance Director and on the City Website.

A motion was made by Alder Davis, seconded by Alder Land, to Approve Amendment #1, to add \$4,000 to the council budget to help clean District #2 and District #3 neighborhood next spring for tires and other items. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 10 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Weidner, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Kelly, Sebastian and Harmon

NOES: 2 - Kaprelian and Perez

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Kelly, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #2, to modify the City HSA contribution for all employees including library to be equal between non-resident and resident employees equal for the

2025 budget (non-resident rate), the motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Coe, Kaprelian, Weidner, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 7 - Turquoise-Davis, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Sebastian and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Weidner, to Approve Amendment #3, to modify the City HSA contribution for all employees including library to have the residency differential be 50% more than the non-resident rate for the 2025 budget. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Chair McCarthy, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 4 - Horton, Peete, Land and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #4, to eliminate resident/nonresident differential by increasing the nonresident employee pay by 4% to be paid from wage fund and eliminate the step and 1% cola as originally proposed. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Coe, Kaprelian, Weidner, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 7 - Turquoise-Davis, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Sebastian and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

Amendments #5 was withdrawn.

To eliminate resident/nonresident differential for library employees (4% increase for non-resident paid via eliminating positions listed)

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #6, to remove the \$200,000 allocation from city budget to library fund. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 7 - Coe, Maack, Kaprelian, Weidner, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 6 - Turquoise-Davis, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #7, to reinstate the 20-year club to its 2018 budgeted amount, to active and retired 20 years of service for a banquet.

AYES: 10 - Coe, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 1 - Turquoise-Davis

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Harmon

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #8, to reduce the rent for Toys for Tots to \$6,000 from \$12, 378. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Coe, Weidner, Horton, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 7 - Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Sebastian and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Sebastian, to Approve Amendment #9, to reduce the outside legal fees for city attorney's office to \$150,000. The motion FAILED by

AYES: 3 - Weidner, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 7 - Coe, Kaprelian, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land and Harmon

EXCUSED: 3 - Jones, Turquoise-Davis and Esqueda

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly, to Approve Amendment #10, to allocate appropriate funding for an internal audit of departmental and employee P-cards. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Sebastian and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, seconded by Alder Coe, to Amend Amendment #11 to include the verbiage, until further action on a policy is adopted. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 7 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 4 - Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land and Sebastian

ABSENT: 1 - Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly, to Approve the Amendment to Amendment #11, that TIDS 22, 23 ,27 ,28 ,31 allocation for administration costs to be codified at 15% of annual revenues from each individual TID or until further action on a policy is adopted. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 7 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Horton, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 4 - Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land and Sebastian

ABSENT: 1 - Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder WEidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #12, that TIDS 22, 23, 27, 28, 31 allocation for infrastructure costs to be codified at 25% of annual revenues from each individual TID. Eligible costs to include street/alley maintenance. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Chair McCarthy, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 4 - Horton, Peete, Land and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Weinder, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #18a, to eliminate Purchasing Compliance Specialist (Vacant) from Finance Dept. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Coe, Kaprelian, Weidner, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 7 - Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly, to Approve Amendment #13, to Eliminate the following positions from the office of the mayor: Customer Service Rep (50%) (Filled PT). The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Coe, Kaprelian, Weidner, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 6 - Turquoise-Davis, Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #14, to remove the Communications Director Position (Vacant) from the Mayors office and move the position to the Department of Customer Service. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Coe, Kaprelian, Weidner, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 5 - Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land and Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

ABSTENTIONS: 2 - Turquoise-Davis and Sebastian

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Coe, to reconsider the vote for Amendment #14. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Chair McCarthy, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 3 - Horton, Peete and Land

ABSENT: 1 - Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to Approve Amendment #14, to remove the Communications Director Position (Vacant) from the Mayors office and move the position to the Department of Customer Service. The motion **FAILED** by the following vote:

AYES: 7 - Coe, Turquoise-Davis, Kaprelian, Weidner, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 4 - Horton, Chair McCarthy, Peete and Land

ABSENT: 1 - Harmon

EXCUSED: 2 - Jones and Esqueda

[0781-24](#)

Subject: Request for Approval of the Proposed 2025 Waterworks Operations & Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 09/17/2024:

To Adopt the Proposed 2025 Operations & Maintenance Budget as Presented with a Referral to the Committee of the Whole

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 09/17/2024:

To Adopt the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as presented with a Referral to the Committee of the Whole

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 11-14-2024:

To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

[0792-24](#)

Subject: Submission of the Proposed 2025 Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Budget and the Proposed 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Staff Recommendation: To Adopt the Operations & Maintenance Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan as presented with a Referral to the Committee of the Whole

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 11-14-2024:

To approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

[0793-24](#)

Subject: Approval of the 2025 Sewer Service Rates

Staff Recommendation: To Approve with Referral to the Committee of the Whole

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 11-14-2024:
To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

Adjournment

The meeting was called to a stop by Alder Maack to reconvene on Thursday November 14, 2024 at 6:00PM.