



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Robert Anderson,
Alderman Michael Shields*

Monday, April 13, 2009

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call to Order and Roll Call

*PRESENT: James T. Spangenberg, David L. Maack, Robert Anderson and
Michael Shields*

Approval of Minutes for the March 23, 2009 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [09-3383](#) Subject: Communication from the Girls Inc. Specialist, YWCA of Racine requesting a reduction or waiver of the fees for the use of the Cesar Chavez Community Center on May 2, 2009 for a festival called "Action for Animals".

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: That the fees for the use of the Cesar Chavez Community Center on May 2, 2009 for a festival called "Action for Animals" be waived.

Fiscal Note: N/A
Marie Block, Girls Inc. Specialist with the YWCA of Racine appeared before the Committee stating that this is part of a leadership program at Jerstad and Gilmore Middle Schools. This is a great opportunity for young girls to participate in a community service project.
Recommended For Approval
2. [09-3390](#) Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting to transfer \$8,500 from Salaries 101.130.5010 to Professional Services 101.130.5610 for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the WisDOT Economic Recovery (ER) Stage 2 Solicitation.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: \$8,500 be transferred from Salaries, 101.130.5010 to Professional Services, 101.130.5610 for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through WisDOT Economic Recovery (ER) Stage 2 Solicitation.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for the transfer.
Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works appeared before the Committee to request this transfer of funds for outside services.
Recommended For Approval
3. [09-3404](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Susan Schwaab and Russell Polansky for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: The claim of Susan K. Schwaab & Russell Polansky for repair and replacement expenses for damage to personal property at 3019 Chatham Street arising from a backup in their basement in the amount of \$20,000.00 be settled.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in Account 101.160.5910 Judgments and Claims for the settlement.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the claim.

Recommended For Approval

4. [09-3401](#)

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting to apply for and accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) (Grant Control # 2009-015.)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to apply for and accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant Control #2009-015) in the amount of \$676,656.00 (Years 1-3).

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 04-13-09: That the Police Chief be granted permission to apply for and accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant Control #2009-015) in the amount of \$676,656.00 (Years 1-3).

Fiscal Note: City's cost (4th Year) - \$252,306.00 - To be levied and collected over the four year program.

Mayor Thomas Friedel and Police Chief Wahlen appeared before the Committee. Funding from this grant will provide for the hiring of 3 new police officers to be utilized in problem areas in the city.

Recommended For Approval

5. [09-3402](#)

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting to apply for and accept the 2009 Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (Grant Control # 2009-016).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to apply for and accept the 2009 Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$408,829.00.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 04-13-09: That the Police Chief be granted permission to apply for and accept the 2009 Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$408,829.00.

Fiscal Note: No match is required on the part of the City.

Police Chief Wahlen appeared before the Committee stating that this grant is to be divided between the City and the County and is therefore requesting to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the County.
Ald Maack requested that the Chief report back when the grant is awarded as to the allocation of the grant.

Recommended For Approval

6. [09-3399](#)

Subject: Communication from Mayor Thomas Friedel requesting to meet with the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss a change in CAR 25 staffing from three part time employees to one full time employee and one part time employee.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: That the

staffing at Car 25 be changed from three part time employees to one full time employee and one part time employee.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available within the Car 25 budget.

Mayor Tom Friedel appeared before the Committee to support this staff change at Car 25.

Chase Hendricks, Cable Commission Chairman also appeared to state his support.
Recommended For Approval

7. [09-3384](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to apply and accept the USDA Farmer's Market Promotion RFP (Grant Control No. 2009-010) in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: Permission be granted for the Grant Facilitator to apply for and accept the USDA Farmer's Market Promotion RFP t (Grant Control No. 2009-010) in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to apply and accept this grant. This grant will be used for the enhancement of the farmer's market in West Racine.

Recommended For Approval

8. [09-3385](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to apply and accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Brownfields Job Training Grant through the Environmental Protection Agency (Grant Control No. 2009-011) in the amount of \$500,000 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: Permission be granted for the Grant Facilitator to apply and accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Brownsfields Job Training Grant through the Environmental Protection Agency (Grant Control No. 2009-011) in the amount of \$500,000 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Fiscal Note: A soft match is recommended on the part of the City.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to apply and accept this grant.

The Committee requested that a notification of award and allocation of funds be brought back to the Committee.

Recommended For Approval

9. [09-3405](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting permission for the City to hire 20 youth for the Racine Summer Youth Jobs Program entitled: Remodeling Assistance Partnership Program. CDBG funds are allocated for this program.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: Permission be granted for the City to hire 20 youth for the Racine Summer Youth Jobs Program entitled: Remodeling Assistance Partnership Program.

Fiscal Note: \$65,230 of CDBG funds are allocated for this program.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke on behalf of the Grant Facilitator stating that this is an apprenticeship program for youth.

Recommended For Approval

10. [09-3386](#)

Subject: Request of the Director of City Development to apply for and accept a Homelessness Prevention Fund grant (Grant Control # 2009-012).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: Permission be granted for the Director of City Development to apply for and accept a Homelessness Prevention Fund Grant (Grant Control #2009-012) in the amount of \$817,554; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute grant agreements and other pertinent documents to secure the funding.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

Joe Heck, Assistant Director of City Development appeared before the Committee. The funds are part of stimulus money coming to the City for the prevention of homelessness in Racine.

The Committee requested that a notification of award and allocation of funds be brought back to the Committee.

Recommended For Approval

11. [09-3388](#)

Subject: Request of the Director of City Development to accept a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant (Grant Control # 2009-013).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: Permission be granted for the Director of City Development to accept a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant (Grant Control #2009-013) in the amount of \$1,935,268 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other documents necessary to secure the funding.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

Joe Heck, Assistant Director of City Development appeared before the Committee. The City Development department will be managing this program which deals with the foreclosure process in Racine.

Recommended For Approval

A motion was made by Alderman Maack and seconded by Alderman Anderson that the Committee be convened into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and Local 430, AFL-CIO, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Roll call taken: Ayes: Aldermen Spangenberg, Maack, Anderson and Shields.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The Chairman then announced that the Committee would convene in closed session for the reason stated in the motion and pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c).

Also present: Mayor Friedel and Scott Letteney

12. [09-3428](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Deputy City Attorney requesting to meet in Closed Session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c), to discuss the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and Local 430, AFL-CIO, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, for January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-13-09: Approve the collective bargaining agreement.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in the Department of Public Works-electricians and the Water/Wastewater-electricians budgets.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjournment

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, April 27, 2009.