



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Ronald D. Hart, Vice Chair Thomas M. Sollman,
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Raymond DeHahn,*

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

Aldermen Present: Alderman Sandy Weidner, 6th District

Others Present: Judge Mark Nielsen; Lt. Knapp, RPD; Fritz and Cheri Cape; Adam Smith; Michael McDermott; 3 students from Park High School Government class

Approval of Minutes for the December 12, 2006 Meeting.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the minutes were approved as printed.

1. [06-3011](#) **Subject:** Communication from the owner of Copacetic, 409 Main Street, and representative of the merchant committee, requesting to use city sidewalks for an ice sculpting festival on February 24, 2007 and to allow the sculptures to remain until they melt.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick Jones read the communication and indicated the organizers are not confident of the weather and cancelled the event. Rick requested the communication be received and filed.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [06-3013](#) **Subject:** Communication from Mark Nielsen, Municipal Judge, proposing to designate the courtroom the Michelson Municipal Courtroom.

Recommendation: The Racine Municipal Court be designated the Michelson Municipal Courtroom in honor of Judge Robert Michelson.

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

Mark Nielsen, Municipal Judge, appeared before the Committee and requested the courtroom be designated the Michelson Municipal Courtroom recognizing the past work of Robert Michelson. Nielsen noted Rob Weber donated a photo portrait and Nielsen was desirous of obtaining a brass plaque to go along with it to designate the courtroom. Alderman Hart suggested that when the plaque is ready, it be presented at a Common

Council meeting.

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

Recommended For Approval

3. [06-3016](#) **Subject:** Communication from the owner of Henry & Wanda's, 501 Sixth Street, requesting to install two (2) vent hoods over public right-of-way on Park Avenue and Seventh Street.

Recommendation: The property owner of 501 Sixth Street be granted permission to install two (2) vent hoods over public right-of-way on Park Avenue and Seventh Street, 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 administrative costs associated with filing this item with the Register of Deeds office.

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

Rick Jones read the request and noted the Building Inspector approved the installation subject to the usual stipulations. Michael McDermott indicated the vents would be approximately 10' above the ground and project 12" onto the public right-of-way.

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

Recommended For Approval

4. [06-2956](#) **Subject:** Communication from Mr. Frederick Cape requesting permission to install an awning/banner over City right-of-way 302-304 Sixth Street.

Recommendation: The property owner of 302-304 Sixth Street be granted permission to install a stationary, projecting awning and vertical banner, 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 administrative costs associated with filing this item with the Register of Deeds office.

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

Rick Jones read the request and noted it should be approved subject to the usual stipulations.

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

Recommended For Approval

5. [06-2989](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau, requesting permission to use two parking lots near Festival Park from Friday, August 17, 2007 thru Sunday, August 19, 2007, and to use city right-of-way for a motorcade or parade on Saturday, August 18, 2007, in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Harley Owners Group Rally. **Adam Smith invited to the meeting.**

Adam Smith appeared before the Committee and indicated the Harley Owner's Group has requested to use public right-of-way for their motorcade of harley riders. He noted approximately 5,500 riders would be participating. He noted the route from Case High School down to the Festival Park grounds. Rick noted the length of the route and stated it would take approximately 200 barricades to close off 54 city blocks. The fee for such an event would be \$2,900, which is \$250 for the 1st block and \$50 for each additional block. There was a discussion on the cost and whether it was cost prohibitive. Adam Smith noted the HOG's are paying for Police overtime to assist at the barricades and thought that was enough. Rick Jones noted DPW is no different and has costs and should be paid for accordingly. Adam Smith stated that due to the cost, the parade portion probably will not happen.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

6. [06-2693](#) **Subject:** Communication from Robert Phillips, 408 Luedtke Avenue, and the Alderman of the 6th District requesting that a light be attached to an existing WE Energies pole in the alley of the 400 block of Luedtke Avenue.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

John Rooney explained the street lighting layout in the alley and noted there were five lights in the alley, one at each end where it terminates at the street; and three in between. He noted the alley certainly meets the requirements for lighting as far as safe travel is concerned. He thought the request was for additional lighting for safety of private property. He would not make a request for additional lighting, the alderman of the district would have to do so. Sollman noted it appears with the addition of extra lights in the alley, it would be better lit than the surrounding City streets and commented it should be received and filed. Alderman Weidner agreed.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [06-2858](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District wishing to amend Sec. 94-145 of the Municipal Code relating to alternate street side parking and handicap parking.

Alderman Weidner requested the item be deferred as the person requesting the change was not in attendance. She also asked they be invited to the next meeting.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

8. [06-2907](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District, on behalf of Merlyn and Joanne Tamblingson, 2207 Rupert Boulevard, and Sue Griego, 2208 Rupert Boulevard, to install traffic signal controls at the intersection of Chicago and Spring Streets.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick Jones noted this item is before the Traffic Commission on Monday and asked it be received and filed.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

9. [06-3001](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 15-05 (K5-022), 2005 NR216 Stormwater Permit Compliance Services, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: The professional services provided by Earth Tech, Inc. under Contract 15-05 (K5-022), 2005 NR216 Stormwater Permit Compliance Services, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$116,145.53, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: This contract was approved by Resolution 6425, dated March 15, 2005.

Rick Jones noted the consultant has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$116,145.53.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

10. [06-3025](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 16-06 (K6-017), City Resurfacing, Payne & Dolan, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: The work done by Payne & Dolan, Inc., under Contract 16-06 (K6-017), City Resurfacing, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$464,416.16, from funds

heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: This contract was approved by Resolution 06-7024, dated May 16, 2006.

John Rooney explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$464,416.16.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

11. [06-2955](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 36-06 (K6-038), Window Replacement at Fire Station No. 8.

Tom Eeg requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

12. [06-2975](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a proposal for 2007 Pavement Inspections and Planning.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Earth Tech, Inc. for 2007 Pavement Inspections and Planning at a price not-to-exceed \$74,700.00.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of these professional services are available in Account 101.130.5610, 2007 Professional Services.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John Rooney noted this proposal is for the consultant to rate the pavement condition so Engineering staff can determine which streets need to be included in the CIP and which need to go for public hearing for improvement.

On a motion by Sollman, 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

13. [06-3026](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a proposal from Earth Tech, Inc., for the 2007 Sewer Rehab Design.

John Rooney requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

14. [06-3027](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering on behalf of David Decker of Decker Properties wishing to enter into an agreement to pay for additional paving on Biscayne Avenue.

Recommendation: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the property owner of 5143 Biscayne Avenue for the City to pave the shoulder fronting his property with the cost of this additional work being paid for 100% by the property owner.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine for performing this additional work.

John Rooney distributed a drawing of the paving plan on Biscayne Avenue and noted this was an assessable street being constructed in 2007. The owner of one property is desirous of having the shoulder paved on his section in order to provide better parking for his tenants. John stated the cost of the extra shoulder will be borne 100% by Mr. Decker. He asked the City to enter into an agreement with Mr. Decker to pay all extra cost associated with paving the shoulder, in addition to his assessment.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved entering into an agreement with Mr. Decker.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

15. [07-0012](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting an amendment to the Recycling Services Agreement with Green Valley Disposal.

Recommendation: That Amendment No. 2, as submitted by Green Valley Disposal with the following changes, be approved.

- A. The contract period be extended to December 31, 2009, and
- B. The payment received from Green Valley Disposal for recyclables be increased to \$5.00 per ton.

Fiscal Note: This amendment will result in an increase of of approximately \$18,000.00 in revenue to the City.

Rick Jones noted an amendment should be approved through 12/31/09 for the City to capture more dollars for the recycling program. The amendment would generate more revenue for the City and requested the amendment be approved.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the amendment.

Recommended For Approval

16. [07-0011](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a professional services agreement from HNTB for Ground Penetrating Radar for locating the underground vaults along 6th Street.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with HNTB Corporation for professional engineering services for Ground Penetrating Radar at a price not-to-exceed \$9,870.00.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of these professional services are available in Account 101.130.5610, Professional Services.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John Rooney noted the DOT encouraged subsurface exploration for vaults on the STH 20 project, but would not pay for the methods used by GPR. John stated this is a valuable tool in determining where vaults and voids are under the sidewalks, and was used with great success on the Main Street. The agreement is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$9,870 and funding is available.

On a motion by Sollman, 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

17. [07-0015](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 46-06 (K6-049), City Hall Data Center Improvements, Ricchio, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: Change Order No. 1 on Contract 46-06 (K6-049), City Hall Data Center Improvements, Ricchio, Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$30,600.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 987.100.5030, City Hall - IS Computer Room HVAC.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg noted this change order is to perform some alternate bid items on the contract awarded last month. He noted the alternates came in high and the City negotiated to lower the cost of the bid items. The change order is to relocate one of the roof top units for the City Hall Data Center and provide air cleaners.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

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