



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*

Monday, April 23, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

Call to Order and Roll Call.

PRESENT: 5 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, Sandy Weidner, Aron Wisneski and Michael Shields

Approval of the minutes for the April 9, 2007 meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-0460](#) **Subject:** Communication from Lorna Hennig, Executive Director of Racine Arts Council, requesting hotel tax money to pay for rent of the Racine Arts Council office located at 505 Sixth Street.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on
04-23-07:** Item to be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Item numbers 1 and 2 were deferred because David Blank, Executive Director for the Racine County Convention & Visitors Bureau, was unavailable to attend the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting. He will be available for the May 7, 2007 meeting.
Deferred

2. [07-0341](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Executive Director of the Racine Arts Council requesting funds from the Hotel Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,000 per month to be utilized for rent.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-9-07:
Item to be deferred.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on
04-23-07:** Item to be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A
Deferred

3. [07-0310](#) **Subject:** Communication from the General Manager of the Racine Wastewater Utility requesting to be appointed as the authorized representative to file applications for financial assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund.

Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Utility on 03-27-07 :

Refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee for approval.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-23-07: Permission granted to appoint the General Manager, Keith Haas of the Racine Wastewater Utility, as the authorized representative to file applications for financial assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Keith Haas, the General Manager of the Racine Wastewater Utility was unavailable for the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting. Alderman Friedel spoke with Keith Haas regarding the item and the Committee approved the recommendation.

Recommended For Approval

4. [07-0459](#)

Subject: Communication from Chief of Police requesting to apply for the 2007 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (Grant Control # 2007-020).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-23-07: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for the Federal Government, United States Department of Justice, 2007 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-020).

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing committee of

4-23-07: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for the Federal Government, United States Department of Justice, 2007 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-020).

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

Chief Wahlen of the Police Department was unavailable because he was attending the Public Safety & Licensing Committee meeting. The Committee approved applying for the grants in items 4 and 5 as there was no match required on the part of the City and the Committee will make final approval at the request of accepting the grants.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-0449](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to apply for the \$25,000 MetLife Community Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-019) to be utilized for neighborhood revitalization.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-23-07: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for the \$25,000 MetLife Community Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-019) to be utilized for neighborhood revitalization.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

4-23-07: That permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for the \$25,000 MetLife Community Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-019) to be utilized for neighborhood revitalization.

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

6. [07-0457](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District requesting clarification of the fees for the use of Horlick Field for Kiwanis Baseball team.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-23-07: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Donnie Snow, Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services and Tom Molbeck appeared before the Committee. They discussed the billing process for the use of Horlick Field by the Kiwanis Baseball team from 2001 - 2006. Donnie stated the billing charges for 2007 will be \$187 with an additional \$47 for lighting if required. The Council has approved this fee structure. He further stated an organization requesting lower fees must appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee. Alderman Aron Wisneski motioned a Point of Order to charge Kiwanis Baseball club the amount that was charged in 2004 plus 10% and Alderman Weidner seconded. The Chair ruled that the motion failed because the motion is not on the agenda and with noes on a roll call of votes.

Roll Call Taken: Ayes: Aldermen Wisneski and Weidner

Noes: Aldermen Friedel, Spangenberg, and Shields

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [07-0271](#)

Subject: Communication from the Finance Director wishing to discuss the issuance of an annual reimbursement resolution for current year capital projects.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

3-12-07: Item to be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-9-07:

Item to be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-23-07: Item to be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

David Brown, Director of the Finance Department appeared before the Committee. His request is to receive and file the item.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Miscellaneous Business

None

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007 at City Hall, Room 103.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alderman Thomas Friedel, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee**