



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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## Finance and Personnel Committee

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Monday, January 22, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

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### Call to Order and Roll Call.

**PRESENT:** 5 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, Pete Karas, Sandy Weidner and Aron Wisneski

### Approval of minutes for the January 8, 2007 meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-0008](#) **Subject:** Communication from Police Chief Wahlen, requesting to enter into an agreement with Racine County Sheriff's Department for ongoing conditional use of the Racine County Robert L. Rohner Training Facility.

#### **Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**01-22-07:** Permission granted for the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with Racine County Sheriff's Department for the Racine Police Department's ongoing conditional use of the Racine County Robert L. Rohner Training Facility, 3900 7 Mile Road, Caledonia, Wisconsin.

#### **Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee of**

**01-22-07:** That permission be granted for the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with Racine County Sheriff's Department for the Racine Police Department's ongoing conditional use of the Racine County Robert L. Rohner Training Facility, 3900 7 Mile Road, Caledonia, Wisconsin.

**Fiscal Note:** There will be no rental fee or lease requirement for use of the facility.

*Steve Hurley, Deputy Chief of Police, appeared before the Committee. Steve requested that the Police Department enter into an agreement with Racine County Sheriff's Department to utilize the Robert L. Rohner Training Facility. The use will not require a lease or rental fee.*

**Recommended For Approval**

2. [06-2773](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District submitting a communication on behalf of Sharon Baldukas, president of the Cemetery Commission, requesting the City to have an appraisal and preserve the City-owned Civil War cannon located at Mound Cemetery.

#### **Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**11-13-06:** The Purchasing Agent be directed to investigate appraisal

service cost, to include Mr. Wayne E. Stark and any others, for the two Civil War cannons located at Mound Cemetery and West Racine and to report back to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**01-22-07:** The item be deferred.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*The item is deferred until the February 12, 2006 meeting so that Sharon Baldukas, President of the Cemetery Commission, can be present.*

**Deferred**

3. [06-2997](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 1st District requesting \$25,000 to be utilized for the implementation stage of labeling Joshua Glover Underground Railroad Project as historic markers.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**01-08-07:** The item be deferred.

**Recommendation of Landmarks Preservation Commission on**

**01-08-07:** Supports the provision of appropriate financial assistance by the City for the implementation stage of the Joshua Glover Underground Railroad Project.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**1-22-07:** The item be deferred and directs finance staff to determine where funds are available for the Joshua Glover Underground Railroad Project.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Keith Fair, Ruby West Jackson, Walter McDonald and George Gonis appeared before the Committee. Ruby West Jackson and Walter McDonald are the authors of the book "Finding Freedom the untold story of Joshua Glover runaway slave." They shared with the Committee who Joshua was and why he is important to the City of Racine. George Gonis discussed the location of markers and marketing of the Joshua Glover underground railroad project.*

**Deferred**

Alderman Sandy Weidner attended the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

4. [07-0027](#) **Subject:** Request of the Director of City Development for approval to apply for and accept a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency environmental remediation grant in the amount of \$200,000 (Grant Control No. 2007-002) for the Pointe Blue development.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**01-22-07:** Permission granted for the Director of City Development to apply for and accept a \$200,000 grant with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Grant Control No. 2007-002) for remediation of environmental contamination at the Pointe Blue site.

**Fiscal Note:** There is a 20% soft or in-kind matching required that will be provided by Pointe Blue's developer.

*Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee. Brian is requesting permission to apply for and accept funds for remediation of environmental contamination at Pointe Blue site.*

**Recommended For Approval**

5. [07-0020](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Transit Planner submitting the November 2006 operating and financial report for the Belle Urban System.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**1-22-07:** The 2006 operating and financial report of the Belle Urban System be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*The Committee recommends that the item be received and filed.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

6. [06-3042](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney's office submitting the claim of Mark Altergott for consideration:

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**01-22-07:** The claim of Mark Altergott for sanitary sewer wye connection failure adjacent to 1722 Park Avenue be settled in the amount of \$8,277.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available in account 101.160.5910, Judgment and Claims for the settlement.

*Rob Weber, City Attorney, appeared before the Committee. The full claim was denied because three different contractors were utilized to find the failure with the sanitary sewer wye connection. The City will pay partial payment of the claim that includes one contractor and repair work.*

**Recommended For Approval**

7. [06-3052](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Marvin Brown for consideration.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**01-22-07:** The claim of Marvin Brown, 1524 Owen Avenue, requesting reimbursement of \$1,300 arising from execution of a search warrant be denied.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Rob Weber, City Attorney, appeared before the Committee. Rob recommends denial of the claim because of a valid search warrant and lack of response to the Police Department identifying themselves at the residence.*

**Recommended For Denial**

8. [07-0006](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting to rephrase the Hold Harmless, Indemnification and insurance clauses that are utilized in contracts with the City of Racine.

**Staff recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 1-22-07:** The item be deferred.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Peter Karas recommends the item be deferred.*

**Deferred**

**Miscellaneous Business**

**None**

Closed Session

A motion was made by Alderman Tom Friedel and seconded by Alderman Sandy Weidner that the Committee be convened in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Roll call taken: Ayes: Aldermen Spangenberg, Friedel, Weidner, Karas and Wisneski.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The Chairman then announced that the Committee would convene in closed session for the reason stated in the motion.

Also present: David Brown, Terry Parker and Sylvia Coronado-Romero

9. [07-0018](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Human Resources Director requesting to present in closed session a summary of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and Racine Dispatchers Association Local 356 Wisconsin Professional Association Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division for 2006 - 2008.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**01-22-07:** The contract with Racine Dispatchers Association Local 356 Wisconsin Professional Association Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division for 2006 - 2008 be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** The costs to the City for the Racine Dispatchers Association Local 356 Wisconsin Professional Association Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division will be in 2006, \$19,825.73; 2007, \$51,087.78; and 2008, \$43,516.18. Increases do not include potential savings from premium contributions and plan design changes.

**Recommended For Approval**

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, February 12, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman James Spangenberg, Chairman  
Finance and Personnel Committee