



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chair Natalia Taft
Alder Trevor Jung
Alder Jason Meekma
Alder Marcus West
Alder John Tate II*

Monday, July 13, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtually

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Meekma, Tate II, West, Alder Natalia Taft and Alder Trevor Jung

Approval of Minutes for the May 27, 2020 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Jung, seconded by Alder West, to Approve the Minutes.

Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy with respect to litigation in which the City of Racine is or is likely to become involved, and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(e), to address matters that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, require a closed session.

A motion was made by Alder Jung, seconded by Alder West, to convene in closed session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Meekma, Tate II, West, Alder Natalia Taft and Alder Trevor Jung

Open Session

A motion was made by Alder Jung, seconded by Alder West, to convene in open session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Meekma, Tate II, West, Alder Natalia Taft and Alder Trevor Jung

[0448-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney meet with the Finance and Personnel Committee pursuant to Wisconsin Statute sections 19.85(1)(e) and 19.85(1)(g) concerning a litigation in which the City is likely to be involved, to address litigation strategy and bargaining and negotiation strategy, and which, if publicly noticed, would compromise such negotiation and bargaining strategy.

**Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on
07-13-2020: Receive and File**

Fiscal Note: N/A

**A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Jung, that this
Communication be Received and Filed.**

[0447-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claims of 352 retired City employees, regarding changes to the City's retiree health insurance plan effective January 1, 2020, for consideration for disallowance.

**Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on
07-13-2020: That the claims of 352 retired City employees be
disallowed.**

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [List of Claimants' Names](#)

**A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Claim
be Recommended For Disallowance.**

[0450-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Human Resource Director, to enter into a contract with the RITE Academy LLC for Bias training within the Racine Police Department.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on
7-13-20: To approve the communication, and that the Mayor and City
Clerk be directed to enter into a contract with the RITE Academy LLC for
Bias training within the Racine Police Department.**

Fiscal Note: Contract not to exceed \$56,000.00 funds available in the 2020 Racine Police Department budget.

Attachments: [#0450-20 Resolution](#)

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder West, that this
Communication be Recommended For Approval.**

[0454-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason to enter into an research agreement by & between the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the City of Racine.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on
07-13-2020: That the City Clerk and Mayor be authorized to enter into an
agreement between the University of Wisconsin - Madison and the City of**

Racine.

Fiscal Note: \$250,000 as budgeted in account #70113 57355 Smart Cities.

Attachments: [Racine Smart Transit & Autonomy Research Project Brief--July 2020](#)
[UW-Madison Smart Transit Research Agreement](#)
[#0454-20 Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Jung, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval.

[0453-20](#)

Subject: Communication co-sponsored by Alder Taft, Alder Jung, and Alder Levie providing for an advisory referendum on the November 3, 2020, election ballot to measure public opinion on whether the Wisconsin Legislature should create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of Legislative and Congressional district plans and maps.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-13-2020: To approve providing for an advisory referendum on the November 3, 2020, election ballot to measure public opinion on whether the Wisconsin Legislature should create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of Legislative and Congressional district plans and maps.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Fair Maps Referendum 07.09.2020](#)
[#0453-20 Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Meekma, that this Communication be Amended to include the words "create/adopt" in the referendum questions. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Meekma, Tate II, West, Alder Natalia Taft and Alder Trevor Jung

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Jung, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval as Amended.

[0426-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jung, and a request by Matthew G. Sadowski, Interim Executive Director of the Community Development Authority (CDA), seeking authorization to prepare and submit an application for an Economic Development Administration CARES Act Application for Construction Assistance grant of up to \$1,000,000 for public infrastructure connectivity improvements for the CDA-owned property at 233 Lake Avenue.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-13-2020: That funds and assistance available from the EDA CARES Act be requested and that the rules of the program be complied with.

Further, that the Interim Executive Director and/or Chairman of the Community Development Authority, or their designee, be authorized to act on behalf of the CDA to submit an application for the CARES Act to assist with the construction of public infrastructure connectivity improvements for 233 Lake Avenue.

Fiscal Note: The amount of the grant being requested is \$1,000,000. If the grant is received, a soft match of existing funds already committed to the redevelopment of the site is expected. No new dollar match is anticipated.

Attachments: [EDA Grant Synopsis](#)
[EDA Grant Info Sheet](#)
[233 Lake Avenue](#)
[CDA Resolution 20-04 CARES Act](#)
[#0426-20 Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Meekma, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval.

[0427-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jung, and a request by Matthew G. Sadowski, Interim Executive Director of the Community Development Authority (CDA), seeking authorization to contract with the engineering firm of AECOM for technical support to develop an Economic Development Administration CARES Application for Construction Assistance grant for connectivity improvements for the CDA-owned property at 233 Lake Avenue.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-13-2020: That a contract between the CDA and AECOM for technical support in preparing the application for the EDA CARES Act grant be approved.

Further, that the Interim Executive Director and/or Chairman of the Community Development Authority, or their designee, be authorized to act on behalf of the CDA to execute a contract with AECOM, sign documents, and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete contracted activities.

Fiscal Note: The amount of the contract with AECOM will be in an amount not to exceed \$24,900. There are sufficient funds in Tax Incremental District No. 14 for this request.

Attachments: [EDA Grant AECOM Contract](#)
[233 Lake Avenue](#)
[CDA Resolution 20-05 AECOM Contract](#)
[#0427-20 Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval.

[0394-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the City of Racine Forestry Department, requesting permission as a sub-recipient/partner with 1000 Friends of Wisconsin to apply for and accept, if awarded, the 2020 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative- Forestry Insect & Disease Mitigation. (Grant Control #00308)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-13-2020: That permission to apply for and accept, if awarded, the 2020 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative- Forestry Insect & Disease Mitigation be granted.

Fiscal Note: This grant will award \$60,000 to our community to purchase 600 trees and supplies/materials. A 25% match is required and will be met through funds spent on EAB management, tree planting, and in-kind labor/equipment.

Attachments: [2020 GLRI ForestInsectDiseaseMitigation_00308](#)
[#0394-20 Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval.

[0400-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to accept a \$3,183,723 grant from the Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission Vehicle Program - 5339(c) (Grant Control 00291)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-13-2020: Approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept the grant from the Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission Vehicle Program - 5339(c) and agree to use funds awarded under the Wisconsin Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program (VW Mitigation Program) in 2019 as the local match.

Fiscal Note: These funds will be used in conjunction with the Wisconsin Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program (VW Mitigation Program) funds that were awarded to the City in 2019 to purchase 9 Electric Buses from Proterra and associated charging equipment. The Wisconsin Transit Capital Assistance Grant will be used as the "match" for these

funds. The Common Council approved the application for these funds under resolution #0124-20.

Attachments: [FY20 Low-No Awards](#)
[#0400-20 Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder West, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval.

[0401-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to accept a \$990,171 grant from the Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Capital Grant Program (Grant Control #00330)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-13-2020: Approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept the \$990,171 grant from the Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Capital Grant Program and agree to use funds awarded to procure 2 replacement diesel buses and replace the existing dispatch system.

Fiscal Note: The grant requires a local match of 20%. The match has been incorporated in the 2020 City Capital Budget. Funds will be spent out of account #60282011 57310 82004 with the City match being transferred from 45010 59600.

Attachments: [Grant Breakdown by Project](#)
[FFY 2018-2019 5339 Statewide-Small Urban Letter for Urban System](#)
[#0401-20 Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval.

[0402-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to accept a \$1,259,098 grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration under the Routes to Recovery program for COVID-19 (Grant Control #00323)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-13-2020: Approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept the \$1,259,098 grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for the Routes to Recovery Program for COVID-19

Fiscal Note: There is no local match. Eligible expenditures are being segregated in the City's ERP system under project #10007-COVID-19 and will be submitted to the State for reimbursement when authorized.

Attachments: [RRG-ProgramGuidance](#)
[RRG-Operations](#)
[Routes to Recovery Funding](#)
[#0402-20 Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval.

[0399-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft from the Assistant Finance Director requesting authorization to carry forward various budget items from 2019 to 2020.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-13-2020: That the resolution authorizing 2019 to 2020 budget carryovers be approved.

Fiscal Note: These are budget carryovers for commitments that were existing, encumbered and funded in prior years as well as projects that have spending periods over one year in length. There is existing funding in place for this action.

Attachments: [Carry forwards](#)
[#0399-20 Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of this committee is at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020 at City Hall, Room 303.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ald. Taft, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee*