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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg
Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II
Alderman Ronald Hart
Alderman Terry McCarthy
Alderman Dennis Wisner*

Monday, December 27, 2010

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - James T. Spangenberg, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Ronald D. Hart and Dennis Wisner
EXCUSED: 1 - Terry McCarthy

Approval of Minutes for the December 13, 2010 Meeting.

A Motion was made by Vice Chair Q. A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

1. [10-5913](#)

Subject: Communication from Kelly M. Semrau; Vice President, Global Public Affairs and Communication and Executive Vice President - The SC Johnson Fund, Inc.; requesting that the City of Racine be allowed to accept a grant from SC Johnson in an amount up to \$510,000 to be used toward underwriting the cost of renovation of the Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain on Sam Johnson Parkway in Downtown Racine.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 12-27-10: To accept a grant from SC Johnson in an amount up to \$510,000 to be used toward underwriting the cost of renovation of the Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain on Sam Johnson Parkway in Downtown Racine.

Fiscal Note: The grant would underwrite the cost of renovation. Payment on this grant would be on a mutually agreed-to schedule to reflect out-of-pocket costs the City generates in implementing the renovation plan.

Attachments: [SC Johnson Grant](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

2. [10-5805](#)

Subject: Communication from Ben LaForest on behalf of Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company offering to donate 1936 Edgewood

Avenue to the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-14-10: That the donation of 1936 Edgewood Avenue be accepted with the stipulation that the City of Racine covers the 2010 taxes.

Further recommend that this item be referred to the Finance Committee for funding to pay the taxes and other costs associated with the property transfer.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 12-27-10: Recommend that the City accept the donation of 1936 Edgewood Avenue from Kohl's Food Stores, aka Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, and that the 2010 property taxes be paid out of account 289.000.5510, Recycling Utilities.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in the Recycling Fund for the expenditure.

Attachments: [Gifting of Racine Property 1936 Edgewood 1936 Edgewood Avenue Tax Bill](#)

David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee and explained that there are no outstanding taxes or fees on the property. The site has been used by the Department of Public Works for several years and the current taxes would be paid out of the recycle fund.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [10-5903](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Donna Atkinson for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 12-27-10: The claim of Donna Atkinson , 1536 Kearney Avenue, 53405, requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$17,500 for injuries arising from her alleged trip and fall on the sidewalk at 3214 Washington Avenue on or about May 15, 2010 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [atkinson_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of the claim.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [10-5904](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Sean Strauss for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 12-27-10: The claim of Sean Strauss, 2604 Dwight Street, 53403, requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$2,437.29 for damages arising from a tree branch allegedly falling on his car while it was parked at 2610 Dwight Street on or about October 2, 2010 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [strauss_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of the claim.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [10-5910](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Zivorad Jovanovic for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 12-27-10: The claim of Zivorad Jovanovic, 5319 Wright Avenue, 53406, requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$672 for damages arising from a tree branch allegedly knocking out the power at 1309 Rapids Drive during a wind storm on or about September 7, 2010 be approved.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in account 101.990.5910, Judgments and Claims, for the settlement.

Attachments: [jovanovic_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of the claim. The Committee recommends payment of the claim based on the circumstances. Aldermen Shakoor and Hart voted for approval, Alderman Wisner voted for denial.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [10-5934](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Deputy City Attorney and the Human Resources Manager requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to submit for consideration a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and the Staff Officers' Association of the Racine Police Department, covering the years 2011-2012 and 2013-2014.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-17-10: The negotiated collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and the Racine Police Department Staff Officers' Association covering the years 2011-2012 and 2013-2014 be approved.

Fiscal Note: Additional year to year cost is as follows: 2011 - \$0, 2012 - \$32,302, 2013 - \$32,625, 2014 - \$65,902.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to explain the negotiated collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and the Racine Police Department Staff Officers' Association.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [10-5935](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Deputy City Attorney and the Human Resources Manager requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to submit for consideration a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and the Staff Officers' Association of the Racine Fire Department, covering the years 2011-2012 and 2013-2014.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-27-10: The negotiated collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and the Racine Fire Department Staff Officers' Association covering the years 2011-2012 and 2013-2014 be approved.

Fiscal Note: Additional year to year cost is unknown at this time. Fire Staff Officers receive the same pay increases as are received by City Non-Represented Employees. That amount has not yet been determined.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to explain the negotiated collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and the Staff Officers' Association of the Racine Fire Department.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is at 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2011 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee