



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes

Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman Thomas Friedel, Vice Chair James T. Spangenberg, Alderman David L. Maack,
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Michael Shields*

Monday, November 24, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call to Order and Roll Call

PRESENT: 4 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, David L. Maack, Michael Shields

EXCUSED: 1 - Robert Anderson

Approval of Minutes for the November 10, 2008 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [08-2907](#) Subject: Communication from Robert Mozol, 15th District Alderman, requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss requiring a mandatory yearly physical for all city employees who operate city-owned vehicles.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: To defer this item.

Fiscal Note: N/A
*Ald. Robert Mozol appeared before the Committee to discuss this issue. He would like to see the City become more pro-active in this area.
Deputy City Attorney Scott Letteney will put together data for the Committee to review regarding this issue before a final decision is made.*
Deferred

2. [08-2808](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Carol Soon Lee and Jin Chen for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: The claim of Carol Soon Lee and Jin Chen requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$7,565.70 for medical expenses incurred by their son after he was allegedly injured while participating in a Park & Recreation summer program on 07-15-08 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A
Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of this claim.
Recommended For Denial

3. [08-2861](#) Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a 2-year contract with Countryside Humane Society for animal control services.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-10-08: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: The item be

deferred.

Fiscal Note: Total cost for 2009 will be \$175,282 and 2010 cost will be \$180,540.46.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator appeared before the Committee.

Upon recommendation of the City Attorney, she requested that this item be deferred for further negotiations with Countryside Human Society for a 2-year contract.

Deferred

4. [08-2863](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for funding from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for QPCR. (Grant Control #2008-041)

Recommendation of Board of Health: That the item be Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Public Health Administrator to apply for \$29,117 in funding from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for QPCR. (Grant Control #2008-041)

Fiscal Note: 60% in-kind match required of the City.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator appeared before the Committee. She stated that Dr. Julie Kinzelman, Research Scientist for the City, is leading this project.

Recommended For Approval

5. [08-2871](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to apply for a grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management (City Grant Control # 2008-044) for Increasing Public Access to the Root River.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to apply for a \$9,890 grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management (Grant Control No. 2008-044) for Increasing public Access to the Root River.

Fiscal Note: A \$12,149 grant match is required and will be provided by U.W. Parkside. There will be no cost to the City.

David Brown, Finance Director appeared before the Committee on behalf of Donnie Snow. This is to allow more public access along the river for canoes and kayaks in Island Park.

Recommended For Approval

6. [08-2921](#)

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement grant (Grant Control # 2008-053).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$3,000. (Grant Control #2008-053)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$3,000. (Grant Control #2008-053)

Fiscal Note: A 25% (\$750) soft match is required on the part of the City.

This is an annual grant.

Recommended For Approval

7. [08-2922](#) Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Bicycle Safety Grant (Grant Control # 2008-054).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Bicycle Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,000. (Grant Control #2008-054)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Bicycle Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,000. (Grant Control #2008-054)

Fiscal Note: A 25% (\$1,000) soft match is required on the part of the City.

This is an annual grant.

Recommended For Approval

8. [08-2933](#) Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to apply to the WellPoint Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to enhance the Teen Parenting Program of the Health Department (Grant Control No. 2008-055).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Grant Facilitator to apply to the WellPoint Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to enhance the Teen parenting program of the Health Department. (Grant Control #2008-055)

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

Deborah Embry, Grant Facilitator appeared before the Committee requesting to apply for this grant to enhance the Teen Parenting Program of the Health Department.

Recommended For Approval

9. [08-2915](#) Subject: Request from the Director of City Development to apply for a Hazardous Waste Site Assessment Grant.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Director of City Development to apply for a U.S. E.P.A. hazardous Waste Site Assessment Grant in the amount of \$200,000. (Grant Control #2008-045)

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

Chris Schanz, from Racine County Economic Development Corp. appeared before the Committee on behalf of Brian O'Connell.

Recommended For Approval

10. [08-2916](#) Subject: Request from the Director of City Development for permission to apply for a Petroleum Site Assessment Grant.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Director of City Development to apply for a U.S.E.P.A. Petroleum Site Assessment Grant in the amount of \$200,000. (Grant Control #2008-046)

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

Chris Schanz, from Racine County Economic Development Corp. appeared before the Committee on behalf of Brian O'Connell.

Recommended For Approval

11. [08-2917](#) Subject: Request from the Director of City Development for permission to apply for a Brownsfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Director of City Development to apply for a U.S.E.P.A. Brownsfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant in the amount of up to \$1,000,000. (Grant Control #2008-047)

Fiscal Note: A 20% cost share is required in money or in-kind service on the part of the City.

Chris Schanz, from Racine County Economic Development Corp. appeared before the Committee on behalf of Brian O'Connell. The Walker site will be the focus for this grant.

Recommended For Approval

12. [08-2918](#) Subject: Request from the Director of City Development for permission to apply for a Blight Elimination & Brownfield Redevelopment Grant.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-24-08: Permission be granted for the Director of City Development to apply for a Wisconsin Department of Commerce Blight Elimination & Brownfield Redevelopment Grant in the amount of up to \$700,000. (Grant Control #2008-048)

Fiscal Note: A 50% cost share is required on the part of the City and has already been covered by Champion Environmental.

Chris Schanz, from Racine County Economic Development Corp. appeared before the Committee on behalf of Brian O'Connell.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

NONE

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2008.