



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, November 26, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call to Order and Roll Call

PRESENT: Thomas Friedel, James Spangenberg, Sandy Weidner and Aron Wisneski

ABSENT: Michael Shields

Approval of Minutes for the 11-12-07 meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-1389](#) Subject: Communication from the Mayor requesting to discuss the acceptance of a parcel of land from ARB Enterprises. Parcel addresses include: 1116, 1128, 1130, 1152 Washington Avenue, and 1309 11th Street.

Recommendation of Redevelopment Authority on 11-7-07: That the acquisition be approved. Further that funds be provided in the amount of not less than \$50,000.000 for demolition of structures on the property and one-years costs of holding the property. Further that Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Funds be used for this purpose. To adopt Redevelopment Authority Res. 07-26. Further recommends that the item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: The Redevelopment Chairman and Executive Director be authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary for the acquisition of property at 1116, 1128, 1130, 1152 Washington Ave. and 1309 11th Street. Further recommends that up to \$55,000 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Funds be advanced for the demolition of structures on the property and the one-year's holding cost.

Fiscal Note: The real estate would be donated to the Redevelopment Authority. Funds will be advanced from the accounts identified for the demolition and holding costs. The funds are available in the City's 2008 Capital Budget for this \$55,000 contract.

Brian F. O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee to discuss execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of property at 1116, 1128, 1130, 1152 Washington Avenue and 1309 11th Street.

Recommended For Approval

2. [07-1369](#) Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Robert A. Gleason of R & R Innovative Investments requesting to sell his property at 1418 Washington Avenue to the City of Racine Redevelopment Authority at the price of \$109,000.

Recommendation of Redevelopment Authority on 11-7-07: That the offer be accepted. Further that the funds previously provided for the acquisition of 1511 Washington Avenue be used instead for the acquisition of 1418 Washington Avenue and that funds allocated under the 2008 CDBG program for Uptown Property Acquisition be used at such time that 1511 Washington Avenue may become available. To adopt Redevelopment Authority Res. 07-23. Further recommends that the item be referred to the Finance and Personnel

Committee.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in the accounts identified for this purpose.

Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: The Redevelopment Chairman and Executive Director be authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to purchase the property at 1418 Washington Ave. Further recommends that funds previously provided for the acquisition of 1511 Washington Ave. be utilized instead for the acquisition of 1418 Washington Ave. and the 2008 CDBG Program for Uptown Property acquisition be utilized for 1511 Washington Ave.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for the purchase of the two properties.

Brian F. O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee to discuss execution of all documents necessary to purchase the property at 1418 Washington Avenue.

Recommended For Approval

3. [07-1366](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Devin Sutherland, Executive Director of Downtown Racine Corporation requesting a facade grant increase of \$15,000 during the 2008 - 2009 for businesses on 6th Street and Wisconsin between 6th Street and 7th Street.

Recommendation of Redevelopment Authority on 11-7-07: That the maximum facade grant be increased to \$10,000.00 for facade improvements undertaken during 2008 and 2009. To adopt Redevelopment Authority Res. 07-21. Further recommends the item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: The facade grant maximum be increased from \$7,500 to \$10,000 for facade improvements undertaken during the 2008 and 2009 year.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in the City's 2008 Capital Budget for the program.

Brian F. O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee to discuss increasing the facade improvements amount from \$7,500 to \$10,000 for businesses on 6th Street and Wisconsin between 6th and 7th street for the 2008 and 2009 year.

Recommended For Approval

4. [07-1381](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Gordon Kacala, Executive Director with the Racine County Economic Development Corporation, transmitting an agreement between the City of Racine and Racine County Economic Development Corporation for providing technical assistance on the Brownfield Redevelopment Program.

Recommendation of Redevelopment Authority on 11-7-07: That the contract be approved, including the use of Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing funds for the contract. To adopt Redevelopment Authority Res. 07-20. Further recommends that the item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Brian F. O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee to discuss the agreement between the City of Racine and Racine County Economic Development Corporation.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-1428](#) Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding from the Department of Health and Family Services for Consolidated Contract #15835. (Grant Control #2007-046)
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Department of Health and Family Services for Consolidated Contract No. 15835 (Grant Control No. 2007-046) in an amount up to \$248,839.
- Fiscal Note: There is a \$60,584 match required from Maternal Child Healthcare. The consolidated contract covers Immunization, Childhood Lead, Maternal Child Healthcare, Wisconsin Well Woman Program, Preventive Health Services, and Radon.
- Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to accept funding from the Department of Health and Family Services for Consolidated Contract #15835.*
- Recommended For Approval**
6. [07-1429](#) Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding from the Department of Health and Family Services for Tobacco Prevention and Control (#15984). (Grant Control #2007-047)
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$57,998 agreement with the Department of Health and Family Services for Tobacco Prevention and Control (#15984) (Grant Control No. 2007-047).
- Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.
- Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to accept funding from the Department of Health and Family Services for Tobacco Prevention and Control (#15984).*
- Recommended For Approval**
7. [07-1330](#) Subject: Communication from the District Manager of Water & Wastewater Utilities requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss entering into a Household Hazardous Waste Agreement with the Village of Elmwood Park.
- Recommendation: Refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee for approval
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a Household Hazardous Waste agreement with the Village of Elmwood Park.
- Fiscal Note: The Wastewater Utility will recognize \$1,248 in annual revenue.
- Keith Haas, District Manager of Water & Wastewater, appeared before the Committee to discuss entering into a Household Hazardous Waste Agreement with the Village of Elmwood Park.*
- Recommended For Approval**
8. [07-1402](#) Subject: Communication from Chief of Police Wahlen requesting to apply for the 2008 State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Community Re-Entry Program (CRP) grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Gun Violence Initiative funding (Grant Control # 2007-054).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for a \$50,000 2008 State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Community Re-Entry Program (CRP) grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Gun Violence Initiative funding (Grant Control No. 2007-054).

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

Police Chief Kurt Wahlen, appeared before the Committee requesting to apply for the 2008 State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Community Re-Entry Program (CRP) grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Gun Violence Initiative funding.

Recommended For Approval

9. [07-1403](#)

Subject: Communication from Chief of Police Wahlen requesting to apply for the 2008 State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Community Re-Entry Program (CRP) grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative funding (Grant Control # 2007-053).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: Permission granted for the Chief of Police apply for a \$50,000 2008 State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Community Re-Entry Program (CRP) grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative funding (Grant Control No. 2007-053).

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

Police Chief Kurt Wahlen, appeared before the Committee requesting to apply for the 2008 State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Community Re-Entry Program (CRP) grant for Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative funding.

Recommended For Approval

10. [07-1052](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss drafting a policy for a reimbursement policy for presidential campaign visits.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: The item be deferred until the second meeting in January.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Pete Karas appeared before the Committee to discuss drafting a reimbursement policy for presidential campaign visits.

Deferred

11. [07-1313](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Human Resource Director wishing to discuss obtaining \$125,000 additional funding to be utilized for 2007 Worker's Compensation.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-26-07: Transfer \$125,000 from Contingent Account 101.990.5970 to the Worker's Compensation Account 101.850.5920.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for the transfer.

Terry Parker, Assistant Human Resource Director, appeared before the Committee to discuss obtaining \$125,000 additional funding to be utilized for the 2007 Workmen's Compensation account.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007 at City Hall, Room 301.