



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Ronald D. Hart, Vice Chair Thomas M. Sollman
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Raymond DeHahn
Alderman Keith Fair*

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 103

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Aldermen Present: Ald. Sandy Weidner, 6th District; Ald. Peter Karas, 9th District

Staff Present: Mayor Becker; Brian O'Connell

Others Present: Gerould "Jerry" Wilhelm, CDF; Jim Spodick, HSSA; Rachel Westergren; Wibur's BBQ; Phyliss Barton; Large Group of People from HSSA

Approval of Minutes for the January 9, 2007 Meeting.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Anderson, the minutes were approved as printed.

1. [07-0022](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Historic Sixth Street Association requesting to present findings of a report that identifies enhancements to the 6th Street highway reconstruction project.

Recommendation: The report as submitted by the Historic Sixth Street Association for the reconstruction of Sixth Street be accepted.

Further recommend that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer be authorized and directed to include in the reconstruction of Sixth Street as many of the recommendations contained in the report which meet the following criteria:

- A. That there is adequate funding.
- B. The recommendation must not violate any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation.
- C. The recommendation must be supported by the plurality of property owners, business operators and residents on the Sixth Street Corridor.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submit proposals for additional professional engineering services for those items which require further study including the development of cost estimates.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer be authorized and directed to hold public hearings for those items which

are required by City assessment policy.

Further recommends that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time.

Rick Jones read a letter from the Historic Sixth Street Association detailing their proposed enhancements for Sixth Street. Jim Spodick presented a power point presentation and discussed their vision and principals for the project. Jerry Wilhelm spoke of the sustainable design for economic development of Sixth Street and cited the example of Holland, Michigan. Jim Spodick asked the Committee for a resolution of support for HSSA plan, funding and a delay in design until some of the enhancements could be further refined. Rick Jones commented and disagreed with the design delay to accommodate HSSA request. He noted he went through HSSA report and indicated 2/3 of their requests were feasible. There are citizen advisory committee meetings set up for this project and these issues in the report would be discussed at that time. Rick asked the Committee to accept the report and authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to allow those items in the report to be incorporated into the design if funding is met, doesn't violate any State, Federal or Local regulations, and if there is engineering feasibility that allows these items to be incorporated into the design. He also stated he would need authority to hold public hearings for assessment for the items that require funding from the property owners. Alderman Fair indicated he wanted all things in the HSSA report to be included in the design. Alderman Anderson commented and was concerned about what can't be done in the report. Rick noted if it met the requirements of his recommendation and there was a plurality of support of the property owners, he would certainly endorse it to the best of his ability. Mayor Becker commented that those items in the HSSA report would be included if they will work and can be funded.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee accepted the report by HSSA and to authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to include those items that have funding, a plurality of property owner support, don't violate and State, Federal or Local laws, and to authorize him to hold any public hearings necessary for assessment.

Recommended For Acceptance

2. [06-2165](#) **Subject:** Vacation of north-south and east-west alleys in the block bounded by Washington Avenue, West Blvd., 13th Street and Grove Avenue.

LONG TERM DEFERRAL

Brian O'Connell requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

3. [07-0013](#) **Subject:** Communication from Neighborhood Housing Services of Southeast Wisconsin requesting permission to place a banner on street light poles in the 1100 block of Villa Street.

Recommendation: In accordance to City policy, that the request to place

four (4) banners on street light poles in the 1100 block of Villa Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: The placement of these banners will result in \$120.00 of revenue to the City of Racine.

Rachel Westergren appeared before the Committee and stated the banners are to commemorate the 150 year anniversary of the organization that is supporting some of the architectural work done in the area.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the request subject to the usual stipulations.

Recommended For Approval

4. [07-0021](#)

Subject: Communication from Dig-It All Sign Company, LLC submitting a request to install two (2) signs over public right-of-way at Wilbur's BBQ & Catering, 515 Sixth Street.

Recommendation: The property owner of 515 Sixth Street be granted permission to install two stationary, projecting signs, one on 6th Street and one on 7th Street, as requested, with the stipulation that a hold harmless agreement be executed, in accordance with State Statute 66.0425, Privileges in Streets.

Further recommends that the 7th Street sign also be approved by the Downtown Design Committee.

Further recommends that the property owner be charged a \$50.00 fee to cover administrative costs associated with filing this item with the Register of Deeds office.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine.

Rick Jones read the communication and noted that one sign is to be projecting over 6th Street and one over 7th Street. Brian O'Connell stated the one over 6th Street has been approved Downtown Design Review and he indicated the 7th Street sign has not, but anticipated approval. Rick read a memo from the Chief Building Inspector indicating he had not objections to the signs and they met all applicable codes.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the request subject to the usual stipulations.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-0025](#)

Subject: Communication from Kevin and Meghan Mielcarek, 1348 Deane Boulevard, requesting that the alley lights be replaced with higher wattage bulbs.

John Rooney requested this item be deferred for study.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

6. [06-2858](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District wishing to amend Sec. 94-145 of the Municipal Code relating to alternate street side parking and handicap parking.

Alderman Weidner and Phyllis Barton expressed the desire of Ms. Barton to park on both sides of the street with her handicap parking signs. It was explained to the Committee, disabled parking signs are only placed in front of the property that makes the request and not across the street, due to the inconvenience of other neighbors on the block. Rooney noted that people with disabled signs still have to abide by alternate side parking and other regulations that exist. Alderman Sollman suggested getting permission from someone across the street to place a handicap sign in front of their property and requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

7. [07-0029](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer recommending that the City adopt Chapter 11 of the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Facility Design Manual.

Recommendation: That for all arterial and collector streets, that the City of Racine adopt Chapter 11, Section 20, Subject 1, Clear Zone, and that an ordinance be introduced.

Fiscal Note: This proposed ordinance will require all utility infrastructure to be set a minimum of 2 feet from the curb face on all arterial and collector streets for the protection of pedestrians and vehicle safety.

Rick Jones explained the clear zone requirements from the Facilities Design Manual and expressed the desire to have that adopted for the City of Racine. He noted this would prevent fixed objects in the right-of-way from being placed closer than 2' to the face of curb. This is used on state trunk highways and connecting highways by WDOT.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Sollman, the Committee moved to adopt Chapter 11.

Recommended For Approval

8. [07-0066](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 6-07 (K7-006), New West Side Grandstand Bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field (R1).

Recommendation: Contract 6-07 (K7-006), New West Side Grandstand Bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field (R1), be awarded to Southern Bleacher Co., Inc., Graham, TX, at their bid price of \$297,945.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funds to defray to cost of this public works project be appropriated from Account 987.710.5070, New West Side Grandstand Bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field (R1).

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick Jones read the communication and noted Southern Bleacher Company was the low bidder with a bid price of \$297,945. He noted the project was estimated at \$450,000 and funding is available.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder at their bid price of \$297,945.

Recommended For Award of Bid

9. [07-0016](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the City Engineer submitting a cost estimate for installing bricks at the intersection of 17th Street and College Avenue.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick Jones indicated this item has been on the Deferred Agenda for several years now, and requested the item be received and filed.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

10. [06-2955](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 36-06 (K6-038), Window Replacement at Fire Station No. 8.

Tom Eeg indicated the work was not complete and requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the communication.

Deferred

11. [07-0061](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 3 on Contract 2-06 (K6-002), Racine Street Sanitary Sewer Lining, Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: That Change Order No. 3 on Contract 2-06 (K6-002), Racine Street Sanitary Sewer Lining, Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$2,850.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray to cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 986.907.5310, Sanitary Sewer, Various Locations.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John Rooney explained the change order is for reconnection of additional sanitary sewer laterals. He noted the change order is in the amount of \$2,850 and funding is available.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

12. [07-0062](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 2-06 (K6-002), Racine Street Sanitary Sewer Lining, Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: The work of Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc., under Contract 2-06 (K6-002), Racine Street Sanitary Sewer Lining, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$247,942.50, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 6917 of March 7, 2006.

John Rooney explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the contract and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$247,942.50.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

13. [07-0063](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 6-06 (K6-006), Professional Services - 2006 Information Technology, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: The professional services provided by Earth Tech, Inc., under Contract 6-06 (K6-006), Professional Services - 2006 Information Technology, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$14,992.57, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 6854 of January 17, 2006.

John Rooney noted the consultant has satisfactorily completed the contract and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$14,992.57.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

14. [07-0073](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 25-06 (K6-026), City Parking Lots, Cicchini Asphalt Paving, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: The work of Cicchini Asphalt Paving, Inc., under Contract 25-06 (K6-026), City Parking Lots, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$336,927.89, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 06-7156 of August 2, 2006.

John Rooney stated the contractor has satisfactorily completed the contract in the amount of \$336,927.89.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

15. [07-0080](#) **Subject:** Direct Referrral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 18-06 (K6-019), Construction Inspection Services for Racine Street Sewer Lining, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: The professional services provided by Earth Tech, Inc., under Contract 18-06 (K6-019), Construction Inspection Services for Racine Street Sewer Lining, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$17,052.02, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 6908 of February 22, 2006.

John Rooney explained the consultant has satisfactorily completed the contract in the amount of \$17,052.02.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

16. [07-0092](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 60-05 (K5-069), Professional Services - Streambank Restoration in Island Park, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: The professional services provided by Earth Tech, Inc., under Contract 60-05 (K5-069), Professional Services - Streambank

Restoration in Island Park, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$23,000.00, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 6716 of October 18, 2005.

John Rooney explained the consultant has satisfactorily completed the contract in the amount of \$23,000.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Sollman, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

17. [07-0084](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request final payment on Contract 63-05 (K5-072), Professional Services - Safety Building Wall Repairs, Fischer-Fischer-Theis, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: The professional services provided by Fischer-Fischer-Theis, Inc., under Contract 63-05 (K5-072), Professional Services - Safety Building Wall Repairs, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$3,000.00, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 6738 of November 1, 2005.

Tom Eeg explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the contract in the amount of \$3,000.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

18. [07-0091](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 44-06 (K6-047), Upgrade Temperature and HVAC Controls at Community Centers, Johnson Controls, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: That Change Order No. 1 on Contract 44-06 (K6-047), Upgrade Temperature and HVAC Controls at Community Centers, Johnson Controls, Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$3,193.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray to cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 987.640.5010, Tyler/Domer BAS.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg explained the change order is in the amount of \$3,193 and is to install a new

gym air handling control unit at Tyler-Domer Center.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

19. [07-0017](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting to enter into a funding agreement with the Village of Caledonia for the paving of Erie Street.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Village of Caledonia for the paving of Erie Street from 147' North of Shelbourne Court to the City/Village limits with the stipulation that the Village of Caledonia be invoiced for their share of this project in January 2008.

Fiscal Notes: The share of costs for this project will be based on the actual lineal feet within each municipality for engineering, construction and construction administration services. There are funds available for this project in the 2007 Capital Improvement Program.

John Rooney explained Erie Street is being reconstructed in 2007 from about 147' north of Shelbourne Court north to the city limits by Thunderbird Drive. He noted during design plans, the east side of the road had frontage in the Village of Caledonia. He sent a communication to the Village requesting them to participate in a cost share of the work. The amount of the construction is about \$63,000, plus 6% engineering costs. The Village Engineer has taken it before their Finance and Public Works Committees and have approved paying for their share of the cost of the project, but requested the payment be deferred until January 1, 2008. Their budget for 2007 has already been approved and did not include the funds to pay for this. Rick noted the small amount of interest the City would have to pay to take this to January 1st and indicated the costs were minor. Rooney noted funding is available and requested approval to enter into an agreement with the Village for cost sharing on this project.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved entering into an agreement with the Village of Caledonia for cost sharing of Erie Street construction.

Recommended For Approval

20. [06-3026](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a proposal from Earth Tech, Inc. for 2007 Sewer Lining Design Services.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Earth Tech, Inc., for 2007 Sewer Lining Design Services at a cost not to exceed \$32,900.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$13,700.00 - 104.986.5420, Storm Sewer, Miscellaneous Locations
\$19,200.00 - 986.907.5310, Sanitary Sewer, Various Locations
\$32,900.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John Rooney explained the proposal is for design and bid document preparation for sewer lining on various sanitary and storm sewer lines. Rick explained the process of which sewer lining is done. The proposal is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$32,900 and funding is available.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the proposal and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Acceptance as a Professional Services Agreement

21. [07-0041](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 5 on Contract 24-06 (K6-025), Concrete Street Reconstruction and Paving, Milwaukee General Construction Company, contractor.

Recommendation: That Change Order No. 5 on Contract 24-06 (K6-025), Concrete Street Reconstruction and Paving, Milwaukee General Construction Company, contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$166,237.32.

Further recommends that funding to defray to cost of this change order be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$ 87,423.32 - 986.908.5020, Concrete Pavement Repl., Misc. Locations
\$ 70,537.00 - 104.986.5420, Storm Sewers, Misc. Locations
\$ 8,277.00 - Water Department
\$166,237.32 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John Rooney explained the change order reflects additional storm sewer and pavement replacement cost for a failed sewer on 15th Street. Additional cost is for high-early-strength pavement and winter sealing of the project on North Street. The change order is in the amount of \$166,237.32 and funding is available.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

22. [07-0117](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public

Works/City Engineer submitting a proposal from Aerometric, Inc. for updating the City's digital color orthophotographs.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Aerometric, Inc., Sheboygan, WI, for the provision of digital color orthophotographs at a cost not to exceed \$61,045.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$20,000.00 - 104.000.5330, Storm Water
\$20,000.00 - 987.907.5310, Sanitary Sewer
\$15,000.00 - 101.130.5830, GIS Layers
\$ 6,045.00 - 101.130.5610, City Engineer Professional Services
\$61,045.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick Jones submitted a proposal for digital color ortho photos. The first time the City was flown was 1999 and the second time in 2003. This would be an update of those aerial photos in 2007. The work is necessary to keep the GIS up to date. The proposal is in the lump sum amount of \$61,045 and funding is available.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the proposal and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Acceptance as a Professional Services Agreement

23. [07-0121](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting the 2007 Be Smart Municipal Partner Membership agreement.

Recommendation: The City of Racine enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Be Smart Coalition for the provision of regional and local recycling education and conservation programs in the amount of \$11,270.00.

Fiscal Note: By being part of this cooperative partnership the City of Racine will qualify for a Recycling Efficiency Grant from the State of Wisconsin which will result in revenues totaling \$50,000.00 which are included in the 2007 budget.

Tom Eeg submitted an agreement from Be SMART. He noted it is beneficial to the recycling program. He indicated the cost of the program is \$11,270, yet it allows the City to net about \$60,000 efficiency grant money from the recycling program. Funding is available.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the agreement

and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into it.

Recommended For Approval

24. [07-0118](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting proposed special assessment rates for 2007 (2008 construction) for portland cement concrete paving and curb and gutter

Recommendation: The proposed special assessment rates for 2007 (2008 construction) for portland cement concrete paving and curb and gutter be as follows:

Portland Cement Concrete Paving

Residential Paving (7 inch) - 26' Flange to Flange	\$45.00/Front Foot
Residential Paving (7 inch) - 32' Flange to Flange	\$55.00/Front Foot
Commercial Paving (8 inch) - 32' Flange to Flange	\$60.00/Front Foot
Industrial Paving (9 inch) - 32' Flange to Flange	\$65.00/Front Foot
Industrial Paving (9 inch) - 44' Flange to Flange	\$95.00/Front Foot
Industrial Paving (10 inch) - 44' Flange to Flange	\$110.00/Front Foot

Portland Cement Concrete Curb and Gutter (30 inch)

7" Pavement	\$18.00/Front Foot
8" Pavement	\$19.00/Front Foot
9" Pavement	\$20.00/Front Foot
10" Pavement	\$21.00/Front Foot

Sewer and Water Services

\$7,500.00/Each

Further recommend that these special assessment rates become effective upon passage of the Common Council for all preliminary resolutions.

These rates apply to all streets, regardless of width, unless the actual construction cost is less, then the front foot cost shall be reduced accordingly.

Fiscal Note: These rates are established so that the abutting property owner pays for 100% of the cost of such street improvements.

John Rooney submitted the assessment rates for 2007 public hearings for construction in 2008. He explained the rates for different pavement widths and thicknesses, along with curb and gutter and sewer and water services. He commented the rates were increased to cover the increasing costs in construction for materials and fuel prices. The assessment rates are in line with the City of Milwaukee and need to be high enough to

cover the cost of the project, otherwise the City's pays the overage if the assessment doesn't cover the work.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the assessment rates.

Recommended For Approval

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