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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II
Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy
Dennis Wiser
Ronald D. Hart
O. Keith Fair

Monday, July 25, 2011

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call to Order & Roll Call

PRESENT: 5 - Q.A. Shakoor, II, Terry McCarthy, Dennis Wiser, Ronald D. Hart and O. Keith Fair

Approval of Minutes for the July 11, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

1. [11-6663](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development requesting for permission to accept two (2) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grants to perform environmental site assessments at brownfields properties throughout the City (City Grant Control No. 2010-031).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 7-25-11: Permission be granted for the Director of City Development accept two (2) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grants to be utilized to perform environmental site assessments at brownfields properties throughout the City (City Grant Control No. 2010-031).

Fiscal Note: \$400,000 Site Assessment Grant (SAG) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). \$200,000 for hazardous substances and \$200,000 for petroleum. No match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [EPA Grants request](#)

Tina Chitwood, Racine County Economic Development Corporation, appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

2. [11-6655](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Jermaine Sheppard for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

7-25-11: The claim of Jermaine Sheppard, 2040 Thurston Ave., requesting the reimbursement of \$250,000 for damages arising out of an alleged auto accident involving a DPW vehicle and a third vehicle in the 300 block of Main St. on or about January 9, 2009 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N//A

Attachments: [sheppard_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. Based on the information available Scott request the item be denied and the item to go through the litigation process.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [11-6659](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Angie France for consideration. This item was referred back to the Finance & Personnel Committee per the July 19, 2011 Common Council proceedings (Res. 11-2658).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

7-11-11: That the claim of Angie France, 2911 LaSalle St., Racine 53402, claiming reimbursement in the amount in excess of \$100.00 for alleged excessive real estate taxes paid between 1987 through 2009 be denied and that excessive real estate taxes paid for the year 2010 be approved.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

7-25-11: The claim of Angie France, 2911 LaSalle St., Racine, requesting reimbursement of over \$100.00 for alleged excessive real estate taxes paid between 1987 through 2009 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [france](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, Ray Anderson, Assessor, and Robert Mozol, Alderman of the 15th District, appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. Because the state statute allows only correction and refund for 1 prior year proceeding the year claim of excessive real estate taxes paid, Scott recommends the claim be denied.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [11-6717](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Assessor reporting the finding of the Board of Review of 7-22-11 for the property

of 2911 LaSalle St., Angeline M. France, Parcel #05407000.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

7-25-11: Recommends that the 2010 assessment for 2911 LaSalle St., Angeline M. France, Parcel #05407000, be reduced and that the resulting real estate tax overpayment be charged against account 101.990.5930, Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes and a refund issued.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for this credit. A credit of \$452.96 will be charged against account 101.990-5930, Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes. Amounts applicable to other taxing jurisdictions will be charged back to those jurisdictions.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, Ray Anderson, Assessor, and Robert Mozol, Alderman of the 15th District, appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. The process for a property owner to submit a claim regarding excess real estate taxes paid is to submit it to the Board of Review. When the error is caused by a palpable error, this one being a clerical error in the description of the property on the computation of the tax, a homeowner is allowed by the state statute only correction and refund for 1 prior year proceeding the year claimed. The Board of Review met on 7-25-11 and recommends a refund of \$452.96 for the property of 2911 LaSalle St. for the 2010 real estate taxes.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, 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 5:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2011 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ald. Q.A. Shakoor II, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee**