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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chairman Q.A. Shakoor II
Vice Chair James Morgenroth
Alderman Mary Land
Alderman Henry Perez
Alderman Dennis Wiser

Monday, February 26, 2018

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Q.A. Shakoor II, James Morgenroth, Mary Land, Henry Perez and Dennis Wiser

Chairman Comments

Also Present: David Brown, Finance Director, Jose Gonzales-Cervera, Human Resources Clerk, Marisa Roubik, Assistant City Attorney.

Approval of Minutes for the February 12, 2018 Meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgenroth, seconded by Alderman Wiser, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

0166-18

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney requesting the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a license agreement and mutual hold harmless and indemnification agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine to permit City of Racine Fire Department personnel to conduct fire department training activities in Redevelopment Authority-owned buildings.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02.26.18: To authorize and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and enter into a license agreement and mutual hold harmless and indemnification agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine to permit City of Racine Fire Department personnel to conduct fire department training activities in Redevelopment Authority-owned buildings.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Letteney, City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgenroth, seconded by Alderman Wiser, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0116-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Administrator presenting a proposed "Voluntary Collections Agreement", between the City of Racine and Airbnb for reporting, collection, and remittance of Room Tax collections from hosts booking overnight accommodations within the City. (Res. 0037-18)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02.12.2018: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Voluntary Collection Agreement for City of Racine Room Tax, by and between Airbnb and the City of Racine, as attached herewith; thereafter allowing for the collection and remittance of Room Tax proceeds from Airbnb hosts to the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Common Council on 02.21.2018: Refer back to Finance & Personnel Committee for further discussion.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02.26.2018: Defer.

Fiscal Note: It is difficult to estimate the expected yearly collections that the City might receive from Airbnb hosted room taxes except to know that they will, by ordinance, equal 8% of all fees charged for lodging stays. There currently is not a significant number of hosts operating within the City, however, we expect that number to increase exponentially as the demand for lodging posed by the influx of 10,000 Foxconn construction workers prompts many City property owners to begin offering an expanding supply of rooms to meet the growing demand.

Attachments: [Airbnb updated Racine VCA 1.30.18 draft final](#)
[CITY OF RACINE ABM - Airbnb](#)

Jim Palenick, City Administrator, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

Chairman Q.A. Shakoor II broke the tie and moved that this file be Deferred.

AYES: 3 - Q.A. Shakoor II, James Morgenroth and Henry Perez

NOES: 2 - Mary Land and Dennis Wiser

[0081-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 12th district requesting a change to the Donations Policy adopted as Item 6 of the February 1, 2005 Finance and Personnel Committee Report by changing the dollar limit delineated in restriction number 3 from \$500 to \$2,500. (Res. 0045-18)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02.12.2018: The Donations Policy adopted as Item 6 of the February 1, 2005 Finance and Personnel Committee Report be amended to change the dollar limit delineated in restriction number 3 from \$500 to \$2,500.

Recommendation of the Common Council on 02.21.2018:

Refer back to Finance & Personnel Committee for further discussion.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02.26.2018: The Donations Policy adopted as Item 6 of the February 1, 2005 Finance and Personnel Committee Report be amended to change the dollar limit delineated in restriction number 3 from \$500 to \$2,500.

Fiscal Note: Efficiency gains will be realized by amendment of the policy.

Henry Perez, Alderman of the 12th District, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgenroth, seconded by Alderman Perez, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0199-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney requesting authorization to represent employees and officials in the case of *Estate of Shannon v. City of Racine, et al.*, U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 18-CV-194-NJ.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02.26.2018: The City Attorney's office be authorized to represent employees and officials in the case of *Estate of Shannon v. City of Racine, et al.*, U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 18-CV-194-NJ.

Fiscal Note: There will not be additional costs beyond the cost of defending the City of Racine.

Attachments: [Agenda Briefing Memorandum 0199-18](#)

Scott Letteney, City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgenroth, seconded by Alderman Wiser, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0200-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney requesting authorization to represent employees and officials in the case of *Harmon, et al v. City of Racine, et al.*, U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 18-CV-209-JPS.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02.26.2018: The City Attorney's office be authorized and directed to represent employees and officials in the case of *Harmon, et al v. City of Racine, et al.*, U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 18-CV-209-JPS.

Fiscal Note: There will not be additional costs beyond the cost of defending the City of Racine.

Attachments: [Agenda Briefing Memorandum 0200-18](#)

Scott Letteney, City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgenroth, seconded by Alderman Wisner, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0119-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Ceonia Paytes for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02.26.2018: The claim of Ceonia Paytes, 1306 Walton Ave, Racine, WI 53402 for vehicle damage allegedly arising after driving over a pothole adjacent to the driveway for 1826 Douglas Avenue on or about January 21, 2018 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [paytes_001](#)
[Agenda Briefing Memorandum - Paytes Claim](#)

Marisa Roubik, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgenroth, seconded by Alderman Wisner, that this claim be denied. The motion was APPROVED on a voice vote.

[0139-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Luis Cabrera for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02.26.18: The claim of Luis Cabrera, 965 Henry St, Lake Geneva, WI 53407, for vehicle damage allegedly from a falling branch from a City-tree at 1819 Blake Avenue on or about December 05, 2017 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [cabrera_001](#)
[Agenda Briefing Memorandum - Cabrera Claim](#)

Marisa Roubik, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgenroth, seconded by Alderman Wisner, that this claim be denied. The motion was APPROVED on a voice vote.

[0072-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Orville Gleason & Geraldine Gleason for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 02.26.18: The claim of Orville & Geraldine Gleason, 5727 Spring St, Racine, WI 53406, for claim reimbursement in the amount of \$100.00 for an inspection fee charged by Unified Neighborhood Inspections / Building Dept. for an inspection performed on or about March 29, 2017 at their property at 1617 Indiana Street be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [gleason deny](#)
[Agenda Briefing Memorandum - Gleason Claim](#)
[Photo Attachments for Item 0072-18 - Gleason Claim](#)

Marisa Roubik, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgenroth, seconded by Alderman Wisner, that this claim be denied. The motion was APPROVED on a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018 at City Hall, Room 307.

Respectfully submitted,

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