



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding, Vice Chair Ronald D. Hart, Alderman Sandy Weidner,
Alderman Jeff Coe, Alderman Raymond DeHahn*

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Ald. Greg Holding, 11th District, Chairman; Ald. Ron Hart, 14th District; Ald. Sandy Weidner, 6th District; Ald. Ray DeHahn, 7th District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Work/City Engineer; Tom Eeg, Asst. Commissioner/Operations; John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner/Engineering

Others: Ald. Robert Anderson, 2nd District

Others: Jeff DeMatthew; Jeff Oakes

Approval of Minutes for the June 24, 2008 Meeting.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the minutes as printed.

1. [08-2334](#)

Subject: Communication from the Pentecost Lutheran Church requesting permission to close Jerome Boulevard, between Coolidge Avenue and Case Avenue, on Saturday, August 16, 2008, from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m., for their 7th Annual Neighborhood Block Party.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That the Pentecost Lutheran Church be granted permission to close Jerome Boulevard, between Coolidge Avenue and Case Avenue, for an event on Saturday, August 16, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., in accordance with their request.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event.
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor.
- D. The sponsor shall notify all abutting property owners seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.
- E. The sponsor shall pay a \$250.00 special event fee.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest

of public safety, to implement this event.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Rick explained the request and noted this has been approved in the past.

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

Recommended For Approval

2. [08-2368](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Ophelia Project of Southeastern Wisconsin requesting to use public right-of-way for a run/walk on August 16, 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That the Ophelia Project of Southeastern Wisconsin be granted permission to use City right-of-way on Michigan Boulevard between Augusta Street and Melvin Avenue, on Saturday, August 16, 2008, for their 5K Run/Walk.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event.
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor.
- D. The sponsor shall notify all abutting property owners seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-9-08: that the request be approved.

Fiscal note: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis to assist in implementing this event

Jeffrey DeMatthew appeared and explained the event. Rick noted the stipulations.

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

Recommended For Approval

3. [08-1978](#)

Subject: Communication from Jeffrey L. Oakes requesting to vacate the north-south alley behind 3457 Douglas Avenue in exchange for the demolition of the dwelling at 3449 Douglas Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That since public interest requires it, the following parcel of land, more particularly described as follows, be and hereby is vacated and discontinued:

The north-south alley which abuts 1551 North Street and which lies north of the east-west alley, all of which is bounded by Douglas Avenue, North Street, 10th Avenue and Short Street.

Further recommends that a preliminary resolution be introduced to the Common Council and referred to the City Plan Commission.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Jeffrey Oakes appeared and indicated his desire to have a portion of the t-alley vacated so the property could be sold for development. Rick described the vacation process.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the vacation and referred the item to the City Planning Commission for a public hearing.

Recommended For Approval

4. [08-2374](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 14th District on behalf of the residents in the 2400 Block of Illinois Street requesting a street light be installed in the middle of the block.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: Defer

Ald. Hart requested this item be studied.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee deferred the item for study.

Deferred

5. [08-2400](#)

Subject: Res. 08-0913, dated July 1, 2008, regarding street improvements at:

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING

Fifteenth Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Main Street
Alden Court from Lathrop Avenue to the cul-de-sac
Kentucky Street from Taylor Avenue to the cul-de-sac
Kings Circle from Oakwood Drive to cul-de-sac
Emstan Hills Road from Victorian Drive to Southwood Drive
Emstan Hills Road from Southwood Drive to Duchess Drive
Seventeenth Street from Virginia Street to Illinois Street

SEWER AND WATER LATERALS

Fifteenth Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Main Street

SANITARY SEWER

Fifteenth Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Main Street

CURB AND GUTTER

Alden Court from Lathrop Avenue to the cul-de-sac
Kings Circle from Oakwood Drive to the cul-de-sac
Emstan Hills Road from Victorian Drive to Southwood Drive
Emstan Hills Road from Southwood Drive to Duchess Drive

Ald. Anderson requested an estimate for a water service extension to the property on 15th Street be obtained in lieu of having to extend new water main infrastructure to that property. Rick noted he would contact the General Manager for that estimate. Rick further noted the request for the option of Bituminous paving on Kings Circle could result in another public hearing. He asked the entire resolution be deferred until the next meeting.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

6. [08-2380](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 40-08 (K8-048), 2008 Sidewalk Replacement, Phase II (R1).

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That Contract 40-08 (K8-048), 2008 Sidewalk Replacement, Phase II (R1), be awarded to A. W. Oakes & Son, Inc., Racine, WI, at their bid price of \$448,000.00, they being the second lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$444,127.50 - Account 906.000.5520, Sidewalk Replacement
\$ 3,312.50 - Account 988.908.5220, Replacement Curb and Gutter
\$ 560.00 - Account 988.600.5530, Crosswalk Ramps
\$448,000.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick explained John's Concrete, who was the low bidder on the contract has failed to pay prevailing wage rates on previous City of Racine and Water Utility contracts. He noted the prevailing wage rates have to be paid in order to level the playing field between union and non-union contractors, and, therefore, his recommendation is to accept the second lowest bid of A.W. Oakes & Sons.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the bid of A.W. Oakes. On a roll call vote, members voting Aye, Holding, Hart and DeHahn, members abstaining, Weidner.

Recommended For Award of Bid

7. [08-2381](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 42-08 (K8-050), Roof Replacement at Library, Solid Waste and Incinerator Buildings (R1).

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That Contract 42-08 (K8-050), Roof Replacement at Library, Solid Waste and Incinerator Buildings (R1), be awarded to Walsdorf Roofing Co., Inc., Kiel, WI, at their bid price of \$191,800.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$ 65,000.00 - Account 255.000.5760, Library Replace Roof
\$ 27,900.00 - Account 988.340.5010, Electrical Storage Roof
\$ 98,900.00 - Account 988.410.5010, SW Roof Replacement
\$191,800.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick explained that Walsdorf Roofing Company was the low bidder with a bid price of \$191,800 and recommended we enter into a contract with them.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved entering into a contract with the low bidder.

Recommended For Award of Bid

8. [08-2382](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 44-08 (K8-048), 2008 Sanitary Sewer Relays (R1).

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That Contract 44-08 (K8-048), 2008 Sanitary Sewer Relays (R1), be awarded to A. W. Oakes & Son, Inc., Racine, WI, at their bid price of \$496,958.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from the Racine Wastewater Utility.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick explained that A.W. Oakes & Son was the low bidder with a bid price of \$496,958 and recommended we enter into a contract, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved entering into a contract with A. W. Oakes.

Recommended For Award of Bid

9. [08-2383](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 45-08 (K8-053), Memorial Hall Exterior Renovation.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That Contract 45-08 (K8-053), Memorial Hall Exterior Renovation, be awarded to Building Restoration & Preservation Corporation, Racine, WI, at their base bid price of \$41,400.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from Account 108.988.5510, Memorial Hall Tuckpointing.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick explained that Building Restoration & Preservation was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid price of \$41,400 with Alternate 1 of \$9,500.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved entering into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder.

Recommended For Award of Bid

10. [08-2384](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 46-08 (K8-054), 2008 Victorian Drive Stormwater Drainage.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That Contract 46-08 (K8-054), 2008 Victorian Drive Stormwater Drainage, be awarded to G.B. Johnson Co., Inc., Burlington, WI, at their bid price of \$169,059.20, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from Account 104.988.5420, Storm Sewers, Miscellaneous Locations.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick explained G.B. Johnson Company was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid price of \$169,059.20.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved entering into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder.

Recommended For Award of Bid

11. [08-2194](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 32-06 (K6-033), Professional Services - Railing Replacement at Memorial Hall and Safety Building, Arnold & O'Sheridan, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That the professional services provided by Arnold & O'Sheridan, Inc. under Contract 32-06 (K6-033), Professional Services - Railing Replacement at Memorial Hall and Safety Building, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$9,400.00, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: This contract was approved by Resolution 06-7359, dated December 19, 2006.

Tom explained the consultant has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$9,400.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

12. [08-2095](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 37-07 (K7-043), Railing Replacement at Safety Building and Memorial Hall, Bane-Nelson, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That the work of Bane-Nelson, Inc. under Contract 37-07 (K7-043), Railing Replacement at Safety Building and Memorial Hall, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$92,000.00, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: This contract was approved by Resolution 07-0265, dated June 19, 2007.

Tom noted the contractor has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$92,000.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

13. [08-2335](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 21-08 (K8-023), Professional Services-Boiler Replacement at Various Facilities, Arnold & O'Sheridan, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: Defer

Tom requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

14. [08-2375](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting sanitary sewer easements for Graceland Boulevard and Kentucky Street.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That the City Attorney take the necessary steps to enter into easement agreements for a 15' wide sewer easement on Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 8, Manree Park No. 2, a recorded plat in the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

John submitted sanitary sewer easements for properties along Graceland Boulevard and Kentucky Street. He noted a sanitary sewer exists on private property that there are no easements for, and submitted easements to be approved. He recommended the City Attorney enter into easement agreements with the property owners for the sanitary sewer.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee authorized the City Attorney to enter into easement agreements.

Recommended For Approval

15. [08-2394](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Amendment No. 2, Contract 01-08 (K8-001), 2008 Sewer Asset Management Services.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That Amendment No. 2 on Contract 01-08 (K8-001), 2008 Sewer Asset Management Services, Earth Tech, consultant, as submitted, be approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$4,200.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from Account 990.630.5610,

DPW Flood Professional Services.

Fiscal Note: These funds may be reimbursable expenses due to the recent flooding.

John explained the amendment is for additional sewer asset management services for those sewers subject to the flooding in June of 2008. These costs will be potentially FEMA reimbursable. The amendment is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$4,200.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the amendment.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

[08-2416](#)

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer requesting to submit a grant application for Phase II of the City Hall Annex Photovoltaic Generating System.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-8-08: That the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer be authorized and directed to submit grant applications to WE Energies and Focus on Energy for Phase II of the Photovoltaic Power Generating System located at the City Hall Annex.

Further recommend that the City of Racine's Grant Administrator seek additional grant funding so that the return on the investment is 12 years or less on this project.

Fiscal Note: The project is estimated at \$350,000.00. Grants from WE Energies and Focus on Energy will total \$130,000.00, leaving a potential local cost of \$220,000.00. Savings from the generation of electrical power is estimated at \$10,600.00 per year which will result in a 22 year payback period which is essentially the current estimated life of the solar panels. If the Grant Administrator is unsuccessful in securing additional grant funding to achieve a 12 year or less payback period, the project will not move forward.

Rick explained the grant is for Phase II of the Photovoltaic System. Rick requested he be authorized and directed to submit a grant application to We Energies and Focus on Energy for Phase II. He further noted the Grant Administrator will seek additional grant funding so the return on the investment is 12 years or less on the project. He noted if the Administrator is unsuccessful in securing additional funding, to achieve the payback, the project will not move forward.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

Adjournment

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