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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg
Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II
Alderman Robert Anderson
Alderman Michael Shields*

Monday, August 24, 2009

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call to Order and Roll Call

PRESENT: 4 - Alderman Spangenberg, Robert Anderson, Michael Shields and Q.A. Shakoor, II

Approval of Minutes for the August 10, 2009 meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [09-3861](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Alderman Wisneski of the 12th District submitting a petition from the neighbors of the 700, 800 and 900 blocks of Lathrop Avenue regarding the lighting.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-14-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That the replacement of the six city-owned street lights with decorative lighting units be approved.

Further recommends that the item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for funding.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 08-24-09: The item to be referred to the Committee of the Whole with action within two weeks.

Fiscal Note: The current estimate of additional costs for modifying the outstanding contract for decorative poles and lights is \$16,250. The city will also lose an estimated \$200 per year savings in utility costs by not utilizing the LED fixtures already purchased.

Attachments: [0486_001](#)
[0487_001](#)

Alderman Aron Wisneski, 12th District, Tom Friedel, City Administrator and Amy Shiro, 913 Lathrop Ave., appeared before the Committee to discuss the petition from the neighbors of the 700, 800 and 900 blocks of Lathrop Avenue requesting a delay in the installation of new poles in the Manree Park along Lathrop Ave. until the black 'classic' poles can be installed with high efficient lighting. The Public Works and Services Committee approved the six city-owned street lights to be replaced with

decorative lighting units and request funding. Because of concern of time to complete the project in 2009 and questions needed to be answered the item was referred to the Committee of the Whole with action within two weeks. So as to be prepared the City Administrator requested a listing of specific questions needed to be answered for the Committee of the Whole.

Recommended For Further Consideration

2. [09-4005](#)

Subject: Communication from Kuko Padilla requesting to waive the fee for the use of Pershing Skate Park for the annual "Bike Jam".

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

08-24-09: Permission be granted for the fees to be waived for Kuko Padilla to utilize the Pershing Skate Park for the annual "Bike Jam" on August 29, 2009 with a Hold Harmless Agreement .

Fiscal Note: The fee would be \$318. Mr. Padilla has maintained the Pershing Skate Park for the last 12 years at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [Skate Park - Padilla](#)

Kuko Padilla, coordinator of the annual "Bike Jam", and Donnie Snow, Director of Park & Recreation and Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee requesting to waive the fee for the use of Pershing Skates Park on August 29, 2009 for the annual "Bike Jam". Mr. Padilla has maintained the Skates Park for the last 12 years at no cost to the City. The Committee recommends, should it be requested, that he document time and money spent on maintenance so as to show the reasoning of waiving his fee.

Recommended For Approval

3. [09-3966](#)

Subject: Communication from the Interim Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funds and that the Mayor and City Clerk enter into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. (Grant Control #2009-041)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

08-24-09: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an \$83,317 agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Center for Disease and Control Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant (Grant Control No. 2009-041) to be utilized for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program during the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Fiscal Note: There is a 50% soft match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [2009 CDC Lead.pdf](#)

Marcia Fernholz, Interim Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to accept \$83,317 from the Wisconsin Department of Health

Services for the Center for Disease and Control Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant. The grant is utilized specifically for lead poisoned children, inspecting homes, and preventative measures.

Recommended For Approval

4. [09-3967](#)

Subject: Communication from the Interim Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funds and for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection for prescription drug collection. (Grant Control #2009-042)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

08-24-09: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$9,000 agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture for the Trade and Consumer Protection Prescription Drug Grant (Grant Control No. 2009-042) to be utilized for prescription drug collection partnering with Racine County Health Departments during the period of April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Fiscal Note: There is an in-kind soft match of \$3,000 required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [2009 Prescription Drug.pdf](#)

Marcia Fernholz, Interim Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to accept \$9,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture for the Trade and Consumer Protection Prescription Drug Grant. The funds will cover the City's cost of the prescription drug collection at the Healthful Hazard Waste site.

Recommended For Approval

5. [09-3968](#)

Subject: Communication from the Interim Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funds and for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Racine Healthy Births Healthy Families Program. (Grant Control #2009-043)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

08-24-09: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$545,000 agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Racine Healthy Births Healthy Families Program (Grant Control #2009-043) to be utilized for the Infant Mortality Prevention Program during the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

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

Attachments: [2009 RHBHF.pdf](#)

Marcia Fernholz, Interim Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee

requesting permission to accept \$545,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Racine Healthy Births Healthy Families Program Grant. Funding will be utilized for the continuation of the Infant Mortality Prevention Program.

Recommended For Approval

6. [09-3995](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to accept a donation from the Lions Club of Racine Civic Fund to purchase two Burke park benches for the Lockwood Park playground.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

08-24-09: Permission be granted for the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to accept a \$500 donation from the Lions Club of Racine to be utilized for the purchase of two Burke park benches for Lockwood Park and a letter of thanks be sent.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Lockwood benches](#)

Donnie Snow, Director of Parks & Recreation and Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to accept \$500 donation from the Lions Club of Racine to be utilized for the purchase of two Burke Park benches for Lockwood Park.

Recommended For Approval

7. [09-4011](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to accept a donation from New Concepts Self Development Center Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.00 for King Community Center programming.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

08-24-09: Permission be granted for the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services accept a \$1,500 donation from New Concepts Self Development Center Inc. to be utilized for the King Community Center programming and a letter of thanks be sent.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [King donation New Concept Self](#)

Donnie Snow, Director of Parks & Recreation and Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to accept \$1,500 donation from New Concepts Self Development Center Inc. to be utilized for the King Community Center programming.

Recommended For Approval

8. [09-4015](#)

Subject: A communication from the Director of City Development requesting an advance of city funds to Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant programs to allow the City reimbursement to the grantee in anticipation of receipt of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

08-24-09: Permission be granted for the City to advance funds to the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant programs in the amount up to \$1,000,000 and the Committee be informed when the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development releases the awarded money to the City.

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

Attachments: [City funds advance \(HUD\) request](#)

Joe Heck, Assistant Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee requesting an advance of City funds to the Community Development Block and Emergency Shelter Grants. The City has been awarded the funds, but are being held up in Washington because the stimulus money is supposedly being distributed first.
Recommended For Approval

9. [09-4008](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Progressive Insurance regarding the insured John Debonis for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

08-24-09: Progressive Insurance's claim requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$1,999.68 for damages to their insurer's auto, John Debonis, which allegedly ran over a manhole with a dislodged cover on Lathrop Ave. during a rain storm on June 19, 2009 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Progressive 001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting to deny the claim of Progressive Insurance for their insurer's auto, John Debonis, requesting reimbursement of \$1,999.68 for damages to his vehicle caused by a dislodged street cover. The City was unaware of the dislodged cover on Lathrop Ave. on June 19, 2009.

Recommended For Denial

10. [09-4010](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Mary Myers for consideration.

Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on

08-24-09: The claim of Mary Myers, 2838 Illinois St., requesting reimbursement of \$20,000 for cleanup and damaged items in her basement allegedly arising from a sewer backup on June 19, 2009 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Myers_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting to deny the claim of Mary Myers, 2838 Illinois St. requesting reimbursement of \$20,00 for cleanup and damaged items in her basement from sewer backup on June 19, 2009. The City was unaware of the sewer problems.

Recommended For Denial

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2009 at City Hall, Room 209.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ald. James Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee**