



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Committee of the Whole

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Thursday, October 30, 2025

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

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#### 2026 Budget Public Hearing and Ordinance Discussion

##### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 12 - Frazier, Townsend, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Peete, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Turquoise-Davis, Allen and Land

##### Public Hearing on the 2026 Proposed Budget

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee of the Whole for the Public Hearing:

James Poplawski  
Chad Falds  
Starsius Barnes  
Diane Lange  
Susan Hipp  
Pete Knotek  
Jessica Macphail  
Jaime Alverardo  
Diana Balencia  
Alejandra Raminez  
Carl Hubbard  
Joe Cushing  
Fernanda Jimenez  
Colin Mckenne  
Michael Frontier  
Jaran Lou  
Bob Aiello

[1077-25](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the proposed 2026 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Positions, Ordinances, and Fee Schedules as attached are anticipated to be included in adoption of this item.

**Recommendation from Committee of the Whole on 11/5/25:** That the proposed 2026 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Positions, Ordinances, and Fee Schedules as attached, are

approved as amended.

**Fiscal Note:** A copy of the 2026 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds will be available in the Office of the Finance Director and on the City Website.

**Attachments:** [#1077-25 = Ord. 0013-25 - Age Restriction on Intoxicating Hemp-derived Products - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0014-25 - Towing License Suspensions - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0015-25 - Towing Rates - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0016-25 - Open Burning - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0017-25 - Hotel and Motel Occupancy Limits - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0018-25 - Certificate of Occupancy for Adult Family Homes - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0019-25 - Review of Adult Family Homes and Community Living Arrangements - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0020-25 - Littering, Illegal Dumping, and Incentivized Reporting - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0021-25 - No Mow May - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0022-25 - Property Maintenance Code - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0023-25 - Racine Works, Applicability of Apprenticeship Requirements to Subcontractors - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0024-25 - City Identification Card Program - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0025-25 - Parades, Processions and Open Air Meetings Permits - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0026-25 - Civic Centre Commission Dissolution and Reassignment - Proposed](#)  
[#1077-25 = Ord. 0027-25 - Department of Community Safety - Proposed](#)  
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[#1077-25 Resolution - Amended](#)  
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[Ord. 0027-25 - Department of Community Safety - Final](#)

[Ord. 0013-25 - Age Restriction on Intoxicating Hemp-derived Products - Final](#)

**A motion was made by Alder Weidner seconded by Alder Harmon that Ord. 0013-25 be referred to Public Safety and Licensing committee. That motion FAILED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 6 - Townsend, Maack, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez and Kelly

**NOES:** 6 - Frazier, Jorgensen, Horton, Peete, Harmon and Pabon

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Turquoise-Davis, Allen and Land

**A motion was made by Alder Weidner seconded by Alder Perez that Ord. 0015-25 be referred to Public Safety and Licensing committee. That motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 6 - Maack, Weidner, Esqueda, Peete, Perez and Kelly

**NOES:** 4 - Frazier, Jorgensen, Harmon and Pabon

**EXCUSED:** 4 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Allen and Land

**A motion was made by Alder Weidner seconded by Alder Esqueda that Ord. 0016-25 be referred to Public Safety and Licensing committee. That motion FAILED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 6 - Townsend, Maack, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez and Kelly

**NOES:** 6 - Frazier, Jorgensen, Horton, Peete, Harmon and Pabon

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Turquoise-Davis, Allen and Land

**A motion was made by Alder Weidner seconded by Alder Perez that Ord. 0017-25 be referred to Public Safety and Licensing committee. That motion FAILED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 6 - Townsend, Maack, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez and Kelly

**NOES:** 6 - Frazier, Jorgensen, Horton, Peete, Harmon and Pabon

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Turquoise-Davis, Allen and Land

**A motion was made by Alder Weidner seconded by Alder Perez that Ord. 0026-25 be referred to Public Safety and Licensing committee. That motion FAILED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 4 - Townsend, Maack, Weidner and Perez

**NOES:** 5 - Frazier, Jorgensen, Peete, Harmon and Pabon

**EXCUSED:** 5 - Turquoise-Davis, Esqueda, Allen, Land and Kelly

[0935-25](#)

**Subject:** Consideration of the Proposed 2026 City of Racine Wastewater Utility Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Plan.

**Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 11/5/25:** To approve the 2026 City of Racine Wastewater Utility Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Plan.

**Attachments:** [2026 WW CIP Budget](#)  
[2026 WW O&M Budget](#)  
[2026 WW Revenue Budget](#)  
[#0935-25 Resolution](#)

Deferred

[0936-25](#)

**Subject:** Consideration of the 2026 Sewer Service Rates.

**Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 11/5/25:** To approve the 2026 Sewer Service Rates.

**Fiscal Note:** Class I Rates for City Residents to increase by 3.1%; and 5.9% for Caledonia and Mount Pleasant.

**Attachments:** [2026 Class I and Class II Sewer Rates](#)  
[#0936-25 Resolution](#)

Deferred

[0942-25](#)

**Subject:** Consideration of the Proposed 2026 City of Racine Water Utility Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Plan.

**Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 11/5/25:** To approve the 2026 City of Racine Water Utility Operations and

Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Plan.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [2026 Proposed Water Revenue](#)  
[Proposed Water CIP Budget 2026 through 2035](#)  
[2026 Proposed Water OM Budget\\_Final](#)  
[#0942-25 Resolution](#)

**Deferred**

## **Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:30am**