



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine

James T. Spangenberg
David Lange
Jim Chambers
Josh Garner
Doug Nicholson
Alderman Greg Holding
Robert Anderson

Monday, February 3, 2014

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 106

Call To Order

Chairman Spangenberg called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

PRESENT: 4 - James T. Spangenberg, Jim Chambers, Josh Garner and Doug Nicholson

EXCUSED: 3 - David Lange, Robert Anderson and Gregory Holding

Others present:

Matt Sadowski, Assistant Director of City Development
Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development
Tom Friedel, City Administrator
Michelle Cook, Secretary of City Development
Gordy Kacala, Racine County Economic Development Corp.
Karen Frost, Racine County Economic Development Corp.
Kristin Niemiec, Racine County Economic Development Corp.
Brian Albrecht, Gateway Technical College

Approval of Minutes for the January 16, 2014 Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nicholson, seconded by Commissioner Garner, to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

14-9766

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of the 2014 Brownfields Services Contract for the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC). (Res. No. 14-0064)

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 2-4-14: That the Authority supports the use of \$66,650.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the renewal of the RCEDC brownfields initiative contract for 2014.

Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to

enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the city's 2014 capital budget under account 919.000.5611.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-10-14: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the city's 2014 capital budget under account 919.000.5611.

Attachments: [2013 City of Racine Brownfield Grants Cheat Sheet](#)
[2014 CITY OF RACINE BROWNFIELDS CONTRACT \(FINAL\)](#)
[City of Racine 2013 Contract Activities Highlight](#)

Assistant Director Sadowski explained the continuation of services for renewing the brownfields contract with Racine County Economic Development Corporation. He introduced members from the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC).

Gordy Kacala, Executive Director of RCEDC spoke regarding the brownfields contract and the milestones that have occurred over the past few years. He stated that activities under brownfields have increased dramatically from three contracts worth \$1.5 million in 2012 to 14 contracts worth \$3.2 million in 2014, and highlighted activities specifically under the Uptown and Root River initiatives.

Karen Frost, RCEDC, went through the major accomplishments under the grants and the sites, such as Racine Steel Castings, that will be ready this spring. She discussed the Harborside site and the funds that were secured so that remediation of the site can begin. She explained the new funding sources and how we have gone from three active grants, closed one and increased that number.

Mr. Sadowski stated there is a \$10,000.00 increase in the contract amount from last year due to the increase in the number of grants the City has and is anticipated to receive.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Nicholson, to adopt RDA Resolution 14-04, recommending approval of the item and referring the item to the Finance and Personnel Committee. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

14-9767

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of the 2014 Launch Box Contract for the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC). (Res. No. 14-0063)

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 2-3-14: That the Authority supports the use of \$99,930.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the Launch Box small business development initiative contract for 2014.

Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with Gateway Technical College.

Fiscal Note: Total cost is \$113,930.00. City's contribution is \$99,930.00 and funds are available in the City's 2014 capital budget under account 919.000.5612. Outside grant funds to Gateway total \$14,000.00 from Racine County.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-10-14: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement with Gateway Technical College for the Launch Box small business development initiative contract for 2014.

Fiscal Note: City's contribution is \$99,930.00 and funds are available in the City's 2014 capital budget under account 919.000.5612.

Attachments: [012814 Memo Transfer of Launch Box Program to GTC 2014.LB.IGRS.Contract.GTC.Final 4th.Qtr.Chart](#)

Mr. Kacala introduced the item and described the Launch Box program. He introduced Brian Albrecht, president of Gateway Technical College who summarized current programs at GTC as they relate to the Launch Box Program.

Kristin Niemiec, RCEDC, went over activities within the last year accomplished by the program. She described the brochures that were created, the space that was acquired, and the competition that was held. She went through the proposed contract and stated that the program was shifting from being a referral center to being a growth wheel. She stated the hope is to increase the number assisted to 115. There is no change in the dollar amount of the contract from last year.

Mr. Sadowski read the Resolution for the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nicholson, seconded by Commissioner Garner, to adopt RDA Resolution 14-05, recommending approval of the item and referring to the item to the Finance and Personnel Committee. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[14-9769](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request from the Assistant Director of City Development seeking authorization to commit matching funds for the implementation efforts related to the plan titled "RootWorks - Revitalizing Racine's Urban River Corridor, Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan." (Res. No. 14-0076)

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 2-3-14: That the Authority supports the use of \$40,000.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund to assist the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) in its role as lead partner in the implementation of the Plan.

Further, that the Common Council continue use of Sewer Agreement

funds to assist the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) in its on-going role as lead partner in the implementation of the Plan.

Fiscal Note: The City's funds of \$40,000.00 leverages an additional \$85,000.00 from outside grant sources to support implementation efforts of the Plan. Funds are available in the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-24-14: To authorize the Common Council continue use of Sewer Agreement funds of \$40,000 to assist the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) in its on-going role as lead partner in the implementation of the Plan.

Fiscal Note: The City's funds of \$40,000.00 leverages an additional \$85,000.00 from outside grant sources to support implementation efforts of the Plan. Funds are available in the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund.

Attachments: [Racine EDC-RootWorks Implementation 2014 - 1 29 2014 121113 SCJ Grant Acceptance](#)

Mr. Kacala reiterated that RCEDC acts as an intermediary for the funds. Vandewalle receives the funds and implements programs, while RCEDC manages the fund and contract with Vandewalle.

Mr. Sadowski stated about \$85,000.00 was coming from outside grant sources.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Chambers, to adopt RDA Resolution 14-06, recommending approval of the item and referring it to the Finance and Personnel Committee. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Administrative Business

Invitation to February 13, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

An invitation was extended to Authority members to attend the Thursday, February 13 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2014

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Spangenberg adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.