



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg, Vice Chair Thomas Friedel,
Alderman Thomas M. Sollman, Alderman Pete Karas,
Alderman Jarvis Finley*

Monday, March 27, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

The meeting was called to order by Alderman James Spangenberg at 5:00 p.m. in room 103, City Hall.

PRESENT: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 2 - Pete Karas and Jarvis Finley

Also present: David Brown and Sylvia Coronado-Romero

Approval of Minutes for the March 14, 2006 meeting.

1. **06-1646** Subject: Communication from the Racine Zoological Society requesting that the fees for the stage on wheels be reduced for six events at the Racine Zoo this summer.

Recommendation 03-14-06: That the item be deferred

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation 03-27-06: That the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jay Christie, President & CEO of the Racine Zoo and Louie Seabolt, Board of Directors of the Racine Zoo, appeared before the Committee. The Board of Directors is upgrading the fund raising events so that it will bring a number of visitors to the City of Racine. They are requesting the stage on wheels for 4 local high schools who will perform jazz prior to the professionals appearing at Animal Crackers. They are requesting 6 days for the stage on wheels at a reduced rate. The Committee recommends they speak with Racine County Visitor's Bureau, who administrate the room tax fund, so that they may help with funding.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this Communication be Deferred.
The motion was APPROVED by the following vote:**

AYES: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 2 - Pete Karas and Jarvis Finley

2. [06-1695](#) Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting authorization to accept a donation from Crime Stoppers, in the amount of \$1,300, to fund the printing of adhesive stickers, which will help the Racine Police Department in Non-consent to Trespass Enforcement.

(Also referred to the License & Welfare Committee)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 03-27-06: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to accept \$1,300 donation from Crime Stoppers to be utilized for printing adhesive stickers regarding Non-consent to Trespass Enforcement and that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee 03-27-06: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to accept \$1,300 donation from Crime Stoppers to be utilized for printing adhesive stickers regarding Non-Consent to Trespass Enforcement.

Fiscal Note: The donation will be utilized for the purchase of stickers regarding Non-consent to Trespass Enforcement.

Officer Charles Ashbeck appeared before the Committee. The Non-consent to Trespass Enforcement program is where residents sign a form with the Police Department allowing the Police to cite individuals loitering around their property. This prevents the homeowners having to call the Police Department at each occurrence. Currently the form is open for 60 days. The Police department is working on extending the expiration date. The sticker has been designed so that homeowners can apply to their front window of their residence so that Police officers will know that they have a form on file. The numbering of the sticker will show the time frame of expiration.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this Communication be Granted Permission. The motion was APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 2 - Pete Karas and Jarvis Finley

3. [06-1685](#) Subject: To review and recommend a donation from the Racine Community Foundation of \$5,000 to support a study of the feasibility and market for additional new housing in the Lincoln-King neighborhood.

Recommendation: That the Director of City Development be granted permission to accept \$5,000 from the Racine Community Foundation to be utilized for a study of the feasibility of and market for additional new housing in the Lincoln-King neighborhood and that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.

Fiscal Note: The funds will be utilized for a study of the feasibility of and market for additional new housing in the Lincoln-King neighborhood. The funds will be matched with \$5,000 from the Department of City Development Professional Services account No. 101.150.5610.

Brian O'Connel, Director of City Development, and Joseph Heck appeared before the Committee. The City is looking to develop additional housing in the area of Lincoln-King neighborhood at a reasonable price. The analysis will be at a cost of \$15,000. The City's cost will be \$5,000 with the balance from an individual donating \$5,000 through Racine Community Foundation and the other \$5,000 from a local financial institute.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this Communication be Recommended For Approval. The motion was APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 2 - Pete Karas and Jarvis Finley

4. [06-1699](#)

Subject: A bond resolution in providing financial assistance for the State and Main Redevelopment Project (TID 13).

Recommendation: That the bond resolution in providing financial assistance for the State and Main Redevelopment Project (TID 13) be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Brian O'Connell appeared before the Committee. This is the final step for the financial assistance to the Gorman Company for the State and Main project. The bond that will be issued to Gorman Company will pass the tax increment from the project to Gorman Company to help underwrite the project.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this Communication be Recommended For Approval. The motion was APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 2 - Pete Karas and Jarvis Finley

5. [06-1679](#)

Subject: Enter into an agreement with GEMS/Harris Computer Systems for the Employee Self-Service Portal software package to integrate with HRMS and the CoR public website.

Recommendation: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an addendum agreement with GEMS/Harris Computer Systems for the City to purchase the Employee Self-Service Portal software package with the installation costs of \$5,400 and an additional \$600 annual maintenance fee.

Fiscal Note: \$5,400 installation cost is budgeted for in account 403.000.5820, Gems Services Expansion.

Dennis John, Director, of Management Information Systems, appeared before the Committee. GEMS is the City's financial and Human Resource software provider. This procedure is for the software exchange for the employee self-service portal. The software is to continue with the idea to go paperless. There will be a \$600 a year maintenance fee.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this Communication be Recommended For Approval. The motion was APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 2 - Pete Karas and Jarvis Finley

6. [06-1650](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Michael Minasian and Edith Minasian for consideration.

Recommendation: That the claim of Michael and Edith Minasian, of 3329 N. Main Street be denied.

Michael & Edith Minasian, 3329 North Main Street, claim reimbursement in the amount of \$541 for expenses for attempts to clear the blocked sanitary sewer lateral serving their house. City crews determined that the block was caused by a stick that was lodged in the City's sewer main, rather than the property owner's lateral. The City did not have prior knowledge of the condition, and since the City crews successfully cleared the blockage when it was brought to their attention, the City has no liability for the incident.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Dan Wright, City Attorney, submitted a memo regarding the explanation for the denial of the claim.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this Communication be Recommended For Denial. The motion was APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 2 - Pete Karas and Jarvis Finley

7. [Ord.08-06](#)

ORDINANCE NO. 8-06 TO REPEAL SEC. 2-129 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION-RULES OF PROCEDURE

To repeal Sec. 2-129 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Administration - Rules of procedure.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Sec. 2-129 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby repealed.

Part 2:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed by the Common Council:

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Recommendation: That Ordinance No. 08-06 be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this Ordinance be Recommended For Approval. The motion was APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 2 - Pete Karas and Jarvis Finley

8. [06-1653](#) Subject: Communication submitted by Human Resources Director requesting to reclassify three (3) non-represented positions on the salary classification scale as GR-17. These positions would be Deputy Chief, Deputy City Attorney, and Assistant Commissioner of Public Works - Engineering.

Recommendation: That the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: NA

Racine Police Chief David Spenner appeared before the Committee. Dan Wright, City Attorney, submitted a memo regarding the downgrade pay for Deputy City Attorney. The Committee would like to see the history on all three positions regarding the rationale for the change in down pay grade and what the pay grade was at one point.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this Communication be Deferred. The motion was APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 2 - Pete Karas and Jarvis Finley

Miscellaneous Business

None.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2006 in City Hall Room 103.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alderman James Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance and Personnel Committee**