



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes

Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Robert Anderson,
Alderman Michael Shields*

Monday, February 23, 2009

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - James T. Spangenberg, David L. Maack, Robert Anderson and Michael Shields

Approval of Minutes for the January 9, 2009 meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [09-3220](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Racine Branch NAACP, ACT-SO Program Chair requesting the use of the Tyler-Domer Community Center at no charge for their local competition and recognition ceremony.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 02-23-09: Permission be granted for the Racine Branch NAACP to utilize the Tyler-Domer Community facility, waiving all fees, on April 25 and 26, 2009 for the local competition and recognition ceremony for the Racine NAACP ACT-SO Program. Further recommends that the organization cleanup after the event.

Fiscal Note: The City will forgo \$152 cost for the use on April 26, 2009.

Attachments: [NAACP](#)

Geraldine White, ACT-SO Chair, Coleen Lassiter, ACT-SO Co-Chair and Jaisree Rangarajan appeared before the Committee requesting to waive the fees to utilize the Tyler-Domer Community facility on April 25 and 26, 2009. They will be having their local competition and recognition ceremony for the annual NAACP National convention.

Recommended For Approval

2. [09-3190](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to apply for a grant from Root Pike WIN (City Grant Control # 2009-07) for Increasing Public Access to the Root River.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 02-23-09: Permission be granted for the Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services apply for a \$9,890 grant from Root Pike WIN, City Grant Control No. 2009-007, to be utilized for increasing public

access to the Root River.

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

Attachments: [Root Pike WIN](#)

Donnie Snow, Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee requesting to apply for a \$9,890 grant from Root Pike WIN to be utilized for increasing public access to the Root River. This money will be utilized for the City match required for the Wisconsin Coastal Management funds.

Recommended For Approval

3. [09-3192](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to apply for a grant from Fiskars Garden and Outdoor Living - Project Orange Thumb (City Grant Control # 2009-008) for a community gardening project.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02-23-09: Permission be granted for the Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services apply for a \$2,300 grant from Fiskars Garden & Outdoor Living - Project Orange Thumb, City Grant Control No. 2009-008, to be utilized for a community gardening project.

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

Attachments: [Fiskars 09](#)

Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee requesting to apply for a grant from Fiskars Garden and Outdoor Living - Project Orange Thumb for a community gardening project.

Recommended For Approval

4. [08-2750](#)

Subject: Communication from Friends of Seniors, Inc. requesting permission to extend their rental lease for one year on the property located at 201 Goold Street.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 11-20-08: defer

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 1-14-09: that the request be approved and further recommends that the item be referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-23-09: Friends of Seniors, Inc. be allowed to extend their lease on the City's property at 201 Goold Street from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 at an annual rate of \$20,000. Further recommends future contract extension negotiations beyond May 2010 may be considered upon building availability.

Fiscal Note: The City will forgo the 4.4% lease rate increase that other City tenants are paying, \$880 in this case.

Attachments: [FOS extension](#)

Loraine Jensen, 4247 Taylor Harbor East #7, appeared before the Committee requesting Friends of Seniors, Inc. permission to extend their rental lease for one year on the property located at 201 Goold Street. They also request their rental fee not be increased by 4.4%.

Recommended For Approval

5. [09-3209](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Harry and Joni Christofferson for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02-23-09: The claim of Harry and Joni Christofferson, 2307 Hansen Ave., requesting a reimbursement of \$2,578,92 for replacing a door damaged during an execution of a search warrant be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Christofferson claim_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting to deny the claim of Harry and Joni Christofferson's reimbursement of \$2,578,92 for replacing a door damaged during an execution of a search warrant.

Recommended For Denial

6. [09-3243](#)

Subject: Request for authorization to pursue a potential energy saving program in collaboration with the Center on Wisconsin Strategy, University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02-23-09: Permission be granted for the Director of City Development to pursue a potential energy saving program in collaboration with the Center of Wisconsin Strategy, University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Fiscal Note: Expected costs and revenues will be provided submitted when the detailed program description is submitted to the Council.

Attachments: [Potential Energy Saving Program Request](#)

Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, Cory Mason, State Representative, 62nd Assembly District, and Elissa Berger, Milwaukee Energy Efficiency, Skadden Fellow, appeared before the Committee requesting to pursue a potential energy saving program in collaboration with the Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS), University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Recommended For Approval

7. [09-3238](#)

Subject: Communication from the Finance Director requesting the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration to distribute the

school tax, lottery and gaming credits directly to the City in accordance with State Statute sec. 79.10(7m)(cm)(2007-08).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02-23-09: Permission be granted for the Finance Director to request the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration distribute the school tax, lottery and gaming credits on a continual basis directly to the City in accordance with State Statute sec. 79.10(7m)(cm) (2007-08).

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Direct Distribution of SchoolTaxLottery Gaming Credits.pdf](#)

David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee requesting the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration to distribute the school tax, lottery and gaming credits on a continual basis directly to the City in accordance with State Statute sec. 79.10(7m)(cm)(2007-08).

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2009 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

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