



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman Thomas Friedel, Vice Chair Sandy Weidner
Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Alderman Michael Shields*

Monday, February 25, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call to Order

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Friedel, Vice-Chair Sandy Weidner, Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman Michael Shields, Alderman Aron Wisneski

Approval of Minutes for the February 11, 2008 Meeting.

1. [08-1745](#) Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for funding from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. (Grant Control #2008-005)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-25-08: Permission be granted for the Public Health administrator to apply for funding in an amount up to \$3,640 from the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, to be utilized for the Children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) Grant Control #2008-005.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.
Marcia Fernholz, Environmental Health Director appeared before the Committee on behalf of Janelle Grammer.
Recommended For Approval

2. [08-1746](#) Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting to accept an amendment to the contractual agreement with the United Way of Racine County for Teen Parenting Support. (Grant Control #2007-004)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-25-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an amended contract with the United Way of Racine County for Teen Parenting Support, Grant Control #2007-004.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.
Marcia Fernholz, Environmental Health Director, appeared before the Committee on behalf of Janelle Grammer, stating that the contract has been restructured.
Recommended For Approval

3. [08-1730](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Mark Johnson for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-25-08: The claim of Mark Johnson requesting reimbursement of \$289.03 for his cracked windshield after driving over a pothole be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A
Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting that the claim be denied. There was some work being done by the Water Utility in the area and the flasher and barricades blocking the area were removed.

Recommended For Denial

4. [08-1736](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Friends of Seniors, Inc. for consideration.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-25-08: The claim of Friends of Seniors, Inc. requesting reimbursement of \$525.00 for irreparable damage to items stored in the basement when the boiler in the City-owned building (former Lakeview Community Center) experienced a leak, be denied.
- Fiscal Note: N/A
- Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting that the claim be denied. A chemical gauge on the boiler failed and it should be the responsibility of the manufacturer.*
- Recommended For Denial**

Alderman Wisneski entered the room at 5:10 p.m.

5. [08-1749](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Lillie Jones for consideration.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-25-08: The claim of Lillie Jones requesting reimbursement of \$3,000 for damage to her fence be denied.
- Fiscal Note: N/A
- Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting that this claim be denied, stating the City denies liability on this claim.*
- Recommended For Denial**
6. [08-1743](#) Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer wishing to discuss overtime due to severe weather.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-25-08: That each supervisor in the Department of Public Works and Parks Departments be compensated for an additional 50 hours at their regular salary.
- Fiscal Note: \$23,516 to come out of the Salaries accounts of DPW and Parks Departments.
- Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works, and Donnie Snow, Director of Parks & Recreation appeared before the Committee. Mr Jones stated that due to the worst winter as measured by total snowfall in the last 40 years, the amount of hours worked by the employees in both departments is considerably higher than average. This proposal will impact 13 employees.*
- Recommended For Approval**
7. [07-1164](#) Subject: Communication from the station manager of Racine Car25 requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss potential pay increase for the station manager as a nonunion rep employee

Recommendation of Cable Commission: That the item be referred to Finance & Personnel Committee.

Staff Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 01-07-08: None at this

time.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-25-08: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ben Hughes, City Administrator appeared before the Committee. Mr. Hughes stated that Scott Nelson had assumed extra duties in his role of Cable Communications Coordinator with Car 25, because of the departure of Dennis John, the previous MIS Director. Mr. Nelson has received a salary adjustment effective 2/18/08.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Miscellaneous Business

NONE

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alderman Thomas Friedel, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee**