



# 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*

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Monday, August 27, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### Call to Order and Roll Call

**PRESENT:** 5 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, Sandy Weidner, Aron Wisneski and Michael Shields

### Approval of Minutes for the August 13, 2007 meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-0877](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 4th District requesting increased lighting on High Street between Douglas Avenue and N. Main Street.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 08-14-07:** That the request to increase lighting levels on High Street, between Main Street and Douglas Avenue, be approved at an estimated cost of \$5,500.00.

Further recommends that since this was not a budgeted item for 2007, that it be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for appropriate funding.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-27-07:** Funding for Street Lighting Improvements on High Street in the amount of \$5,500 be allocated from available funds in the existing 2007 DPW General Fund budget in department 590, Street Lighting, with the understanding that any year-end deficiencies in the overall DPW General Fund budget be funded up to \$5,500 from other funding sources.

**Fiscal Note:** 2007 accounts currently have sufficient funds available.

**Attachments:** [High Street Lights.pdf](#)

*Alderman Jim Kaplan of the 4th District appeared before the Committee requesting increased lighting on High Street between Douglas Avenue and N. Main St.*

**Recommended For Approval**

2. [07-0817](#) **Subject:** Communication from the 4th District Alderman requesting the two (2) civil war cannons rightfully be returned to Monument Square.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 7-9-07:**

The item be deferred.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-11-07:** That the request be deferred.

**Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission on 08-06-07:** That the two civil war cannons not be returned to Monument Square. Further that in consultation with the appropriate City authority, the matter be scheduled for discussion at a future Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting to determine an appropriate location for the two (2) civil war cannons.

**Recommendation of the Boards of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 08-08-07:** That the cannons be reinstated to their proper place at Monument Square flanking the monument.

**Fiscal Note:** Design fee to be determined.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 08-27-07:** The item to be received and filed to allow the Council to address the issue.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [DOC070623cannon](#)

*Alderman Jim Kaplan of the 4th District appeared before the Committee requesting the two (2) civil war cannons be returned to Monument Square.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

3. [07-1068](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations requesting the transfer of funds to pay for air conditioning repairs at the former Fire Station No. 5 on Marquette Street.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 08-27-07:** Appropriate \$5,000 from account 404.000.5670 Building Complex Internal Service, Building Maintenance and Repairs, to be utilized for the repair of the air conditioner at the former Fire Station No. 5 and the installation of fencing to protect the outdoor unit with the understanding that any year-end deficiencies in Fund 404, Building Complex Internal Service Fund, be funded up to \$5,000 from other funding sources.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available in the account.

**Attachments:** [Repair AC Fire Station 5.doc](#)

*Tom Eeg, Assistant Commissioner of Department of Public Works/Engineering Operations, appeared before the Committee requesting the transfer of funds to pay for air*

*conditioning repairs at the former Fire Station No. 5 on Marquette Street.*  
**Recommended For Approval**

4. [07-1058](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Mayor requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to review the contract for the City Administrator's position.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**08-27-07:** The communication be received and filed to allow the City Administrator's contract to advance to the Common Council for ratification.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Mayor Gary Becker and City Attorney Rob Weber appeared before the Committee to review the contract for the City Administrator's position.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

5. [07-1093](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to commit to purchasing a Ford-450 Type III ambulance chassis with a diesel motor in 2007 and approval of the 2008 CIP for the purchase of the ambulance.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**08-27-07:** Permission granted for the Fire Chief and Purchasing Agent to make a commitment to purchase a Ford-450 Type III ambulance chassis with a diesel motor in 2007. Further recommends that the 2008 CIP be approved for the purchase of the ambulance.

**Fiscal Note:** There will be sufficient funds available in the 2008 CIP for the purchase of the ambulance.

**Attachments:** [Ambulance](#)

*Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee requesting permission to commit to purchase a Ford-450 Type III ambulance chassis and approval of the 2008 CIP for the purchase of an ambulance in 2008.*

**Recommended For Approval**

6. [07-1031](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Francisco Rodriguez for consideration.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**08-27-07:** The claim of Francisco Rodriguez, 1002 Yout Street, requesting \$577.95 reimbursement from the City of Racine be denied.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Rodriguez claim\\_001](#)

*Rob Weber, City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting to deny the claim of Francisco Rodriguez.*

**Recommended For Denial**

7.     [07-1030](#)     **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Marie Sands for consideration.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**08-27-07:** The claim of Marie Sands, 2555 Iris Court, requesting \$917.24 reimbursement from the City of Racine be denied.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:**   [Sands claim 001](#)

*Rob Weber, City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting to deny the claim of Marie Sands.*

**Recommended For Denial**

8.     [07-1029](#)     **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Sandra Jacob and Andrew Jacob for consideration.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**08-27-07:** The claim of Sandra & Andrew Jacob, 1226 Goold Street, requesting \$1,366.54 reimbursement from the City of Racine be denied.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:**   [Jacob claim 001](#)

*Rob Weber, City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting to deny the claim of Sandra & Andrew Jacob.*

**Recommended For Denial**

9.     [07-0261](#)     **Subject:** Communication from the Director of Human Resources requesting an opportunity to discuss updating employment status and allocation of benefits for Non-Represented employees.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**3-12-07:** Item to be deferred.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**08-27-07:** The item to be deferred.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:**   [Communication March 12 2007-200703071147AM](#)

*Sylvia Coronado-Romero, Director of Human Resources, appeared before the Committee*

*requesting to discuss updating employment status and allocation of benefits for non-represented employees. The item was deferred.*

**Deferred**

10. [07-1057](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the members of the Finance & Personnel Committee to review the status of the Intergovernmental Shared Revenue Fund.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**08-27-07:** The item to be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee to discuss the Intergovernmental Shared Revenue Fund.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

**Miscellaneous Business**

**None**

**There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday September 10, 2007 at City Hall, Room 301.**