



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II
Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy
Ronald D. Hart
Dennis Wiser
O. Keith Fair

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order and Roll Call

PRESENT: 3 - Chairman Shakoor, II, Vice Chairman McCarthy and Ronald D. Hart

ABSENT: 1 - O. Keith Fair

EXCUSED: 1 - Dennis Wiser

Approval of Minutes for the February 11, 2013 Meeting.

to Approve the Minutes

1. [13-8653](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Director of City Development requesting authorization to accept a donation of \$535.00 from the Racine County Economic Development Corporation to be applied towards economic development initiatives in the Uptown Business District.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-27-13: Permission be granted to the Assistant Director of City Development to accept a donation of \$535.00 from the Racine County Economic Development Corporation to be applied towards economic development initiatives in the Uptown Business District. The remaining funds are being provided to the City of Racine for the Uptown Exterior Lighting Project.

Fiscal Note: The donation is in the amount of \$535.00 with no City match required.

Attachments: [Donation Explanation-Uptown Econom initiatives](#)

Matthew Sadowski, Assistant Director of City Development appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

2. [13-8631](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to

appear before the appropriate committee to discuss Truancy Donations.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-27-13: Permission be granted for the Chief of Police to accept donations made to the Truancy Program.

Fiscal Note: Donations will be used by the Police Department to address truancy in a holistic manner and reward positive outcomes.

Attachments: [Legistar ID# 13-8631_001-LtrfrChHwl](#)

Carlos Lopez, Deputy Chief of Police, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [13-8580](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Sears Holding Corporation for 2012 real estate taxes for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-11-13: Defer the item until the next scheduled Finance & Personnel Meeting.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-27-13: The claim for Excessive Assessment filed by Sears Holding Corporation for 2012 Real Estate Taxes be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [sears_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney ; Ray Anderson, Temporary Assessor, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [13-8609](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Giraffe Properties, LLC for 2012 real estate taxes for consideration.

Staff Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-27-13: The claim for Excessive Assessment filed by Giraffe Properties, LLC for 2012 Real Estate Taxes be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [deny 2012 claim-130206](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney ; Ray Anderson, Temporary Assessor, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [13-8697](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Human Resources Manager and Deputy City Attorney submitting the City of Racine Employee Handbook for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-27-13: To defer the item with the intention of reviewing the City of Racine Employee Handbook by article. The meetings are scheduled for the following dates to review the articles:

Article 1 & 2, Second meeting of March, 2013

Article 3, First meeting of April, 2013

Article 4, Second meeting of April, 2013

Article 5, First meeting of May, 2013

Article 6 & 7, Second meeting of May, 2013

All Alderman will be made aware of the schedule for the meetings.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Employee Handbook - Draft - 2-27-2013](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney; Terry Parker, Human Resources Manager, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [13-8698](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Human Resources Manager and Deputy City Attorney submitting the Racine Professional Employees Association 2013 collective bargaining agreement for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-27-13: To approve the negotiated collective bargaining agreement for the Professional Employees Association for 2013.

Fiscal Note: \$0 change over 2012

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney; Terry Parker, Human Resources Manager appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [09-3340](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the Third District requesting a 4-year audit of the then Mayor Becker's expenses.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 03-23-09: Defer the item.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-27-13: Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Shields](#)

David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [11-5988](#)

Subject: Communication from the President of Friends of Seniors requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss reduction of rental fee at 920 Gould Street from \$20,000 to \$10,000 per year.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 1-24-11: The item be deferred so it can be looked at during the 2012 budgeting process.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-27-13: Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Friends of Seniors](#)

David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

9. [11-6384](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the Second District to the Finance & Personnel Committee asking that the interest rate on special assessments for street improvements be lowered from the current eight percent (8%) to the then current rate at which the City of Racine is borrowing money for obligations of not less than 10 years.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

5-9-11: That this item be deferred for one month until more information is available.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-27-13: Receive and File.

Fiscal note: N/A

David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10. [12-7753](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to accept, if awarded, the 2011 FEMA SAFER Fire Act Grant.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 6-11-12: Defer the item.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-27-13: Receive & File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [safer grant application request 5 23 12](#)

David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6.34 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

Ald. Q.A. Shakoor II, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee