



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chair Natalia Taft*  
*Vice Chair Marcus West*  
*Alder Sam Peete*  
*Alder Jason Meekma*  
*Alder John Tate II*

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Monday, September 27, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 4 - Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Chair Taft

#### Approval of Minutes for the September 13th, 2021 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, to Approve the Minutes

**AYES:** 3 - Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Chair Taft

#### Closed Session

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Meekma, to go into Closed

Session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

**AYES:** 3 - Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Chair Taft

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session

pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(e), to address matters that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, require a closed session, specifically a planning option agreement with FSDG, LLC regarding a redevelopment site.

#### Open Session

A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Peete, to go into Open Session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

**AYES:** 3 - Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Chair Taft

[0780-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason seeking approval to enter into a planning option agreement with FSDG, LLC regarding a redevelopment site.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021:** That the request to enter into a planning option agreement with FSDG, LLC, regarding the redevelopment site be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement, and such related documents necessary to carry the agreement into effect, on the City's behalf.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A.

*Director of City Development, Planning & Assessments Bowers, Assistant Director, Dept. of City Development Rejc, and City Developer Franke, all appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

[0497-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, for a Resolution Regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse for Costs Attributed to the Wastewater Plant Facilities Upgrade Project

**Recommendation on August 17, 2021:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Racine Waterworks Commission on September 21, 2021:** To approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Comfort Resolution regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse for the Wastewater Plant Facilities Plant Upgrade project

FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021:** To approve.

**Fiscal Note:** The Racine Wastewater Utility is applying for a Clean Water Fund Loan. All costs expended attributed to the plant upgrade may be rolled into the loan, and principal forgiveness may be awarded to reduce the amount borrowed.

*Interim General Manager of Wastewater Utility Gitter, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0754-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting to apply for the 2022 Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Grant (Grant Control #00392).

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021:** Approval to apply for the 2022 Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Grant.

**Fiscal Note:** Grant amount is \$50,000.00 with no City Match

*Deputy Chief of Police Metoyer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0765-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Human Resources Benefit Manager, presenting the United Healthcare (UHC) Medicare Advantage plan agreement for renewal.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021:** To approve the UHC Medicare Advantage plan agreement renewal as presented.

**Fiscal Note:** Renewal includes a premium reduction to a premium of \$272.32 per member per month. Total annual cost for approximately 767 members, both City and Utilities is \$2,506,433. Funds will be proposed in the 2022 budget.

*Human Resource Benefits Manager Lien, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0772-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the Fire Department requesting permission to acquire two Medical First Responder Pumpers utilizing American Rescue Plan funding.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021:** To approve the allocation of up to \$1.25 million of ARPA funds for this purpose.

**Fiscal Note:** The request is to utilize \$1.25 million dollars of American Rescue Plan funding (ARPA) for the purchase of two Medical First Responder Pumpers and related EMS and firefighting equipment. There is no local match.

*Fire Chief Hansen, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file**

be Recommended For Approval

[0773-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting approval of a resolution supporting a grant application for \$250,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Community Development Investment (WEDC CDI) Grant Program to Venture X Racine for the redevelopment of 440 Main Street.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021:** Staff recommends that the request sponsored by Mayor Mason to approve a resolution supporting a grant application for \$250,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Community Development Investment (WEDC CDI) Grant Program to Venture X Racine for the redevelopment of 440 Main Street be forwarded to the Common Council with a recommendation for approval.

**Fiscal Note:** No additional City funds will be allocated as a result of this action. The grant control number is 00394. The grant does not require a local match.

*Assistant Director, Dept. of City Development Rejc, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder West, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0774-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft on behalf of the fire department requesting permission to accept \$10,000 from the Geiger Foundation grant control #00393 to support our Technical Rescue Team training and equipment.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021:** To accept the grant.

**Fiscal Note:** The grant is for \$10,000 and there is no local match. Account 20621 Project Number 30004

*Battalion Chief DeGarmo, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder West, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0778-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting permission to purchase BuildingBlocks by OpportunitySpace, Inc, d/b/a "Tolemi" to analyze data pertaining the Racine RENTS and other City initiatives and to disseminate public information related to City properties through a web portal.

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

**09-27-2021:** To approve the purchase of Building Blocks by OpportunitySpace, Inc, d/b/a "Tolemi" for the deployment of the Building Blocks application and associated public facing web portal.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding of \$77,000 is available in the 2021 capital budget under 70113 57800. This will be a 3 year contract next renewing in 2024.

*MIS Chief Information Officer Edwards, MIS Project Manager Dudzik, and Assistant Director, Dept. of City Development Rejc, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Meekma, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0779-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the Parks department requesting permission to waive formal bidding for debris removal on Pershing Drive and award the bid to AW Oakes for debris removal.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021:** To Receive and File

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available in account number: 45050 57110 Parks-Land Improvements

*Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director Molbeck and Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Received and Filed**

[0781-21](#)

**Subject:** Communications sponsored by Mayor Mason to accept funding in the amount of \$12,366 from Results for America grant control #00395 to fund professional development advancing internal staff/leadership equity work

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021:** To accept the grant.

**Fiscal Note:** No match required

*Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Community Partnerships Selkove, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0712-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Meekma requesting to discuss the creation of an equity policy or ordinance.

**Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 09-01-2021:**

That the creation of an equity policy ordinance be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: To Receive and File**

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Community Partnerships Selkove and Alder Meekma, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Received and Filed**

[0716-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Meekma, Alder Horton, Alder Taft, Alder Peete, and Alder Lemke requesting to adopt Ord.0014-21 Racial Equity ordinance.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: To approve Ord. 0014-21 as amended.**

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Community Partnership Selkove and Alder Meekma, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Meekma, that this file be Recommended For Approval as amended.**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m. The next schedule meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder West, Vice Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee