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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg
Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II
Alderman Robert Anderson
Alderman Michael Shields
Alderman Terry McCarthy*

Monday, November 23, 2009

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call to Order and Roll Call

PRESENT: 4 - Alderman Spangenberg, Michael Shields, Q.A. Shakoor, II and Terry McCarthy
EXCUSED: 1 - Robert Anderson

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

1. [09-4449](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Grants Facilitator requesting permission to apply for the Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development 2010 Weed & Seed Grant (Grant Control No. 2009-075) in the amount of \$1,000,000 over a 5-year period.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-23-09: Permission be granted for the Grants Facilitator apply for the Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development 2010 Weed & Seed Grant (Grant Control No. 2009-075) in the amount up to \$1,000,000 over a 5-year period.

Fiscal Note: The 2010 allotment will be \$150,000. The 25% soft match will be \$37,500 on the part of the City.

Attachments: [2010weedandseed](#)

Tom Friedel, City Administrator, and Tanya Canady, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to apply for the Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development 2010 Weed & Seed grant in the amount up to \$1,000,000 over a 5-year period. The funds will be utilized for prevention, control and reduction of violet crime, criminal drug and gang activity. Tanya will give a copy of the the proposal that will be submitted for the grant to the Committee. The Committee will be able to share with the community an understanding what the Weed and Seed Grant is doing for their community.
Recommended For Approval

2. [09-4388](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Interim Public Health Administrator

requesting permission to accept up to \$300,000 grant from the Water Environment Research Foundation. (Grant Control No. 2009-047)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

11-23-09: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$300,000 agreement with the Water Environment Research Foundation (Grant Control No. 2009-047).

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

Attachments: [2009 WERF Accept.pdf](#)

Marcia Fernholz, Interim Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to accept up to a \$300,000 grant with the Water Environment Research Foundation to be utilized for comparative evaluation of molecular and culture methods for fecal indicator bacteria in inland recreational waters.

Recommended For Approval

3. [09-4390](#)

Subject: Communication from Interim Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept additional grant funds of \$139,955 from the State of Wisconsin represented by its Division of Public Health of the Department of Health Services. (Grant Control #2009-062)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

11-23-09: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an amended contract with the State of Wisconsin Division of Public Health of the Department of Health Services for public health emergency response to the H1N1 virus. (Grant Control No. 2009-062).

Fiscal Note: The contract is increased in the amount of \$139,955. No match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [PHER Accept II 09 .pdf](#)

Marcia Fernholz, Interim Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to amend the contract with the State of Wisconsin, Division of Public Health of the Department of Health Service to accept additional funds in the amount of \$139,955 to be utilized for emergency response to the H1N1 virus.

Recommended For Approval

4. [09-4399](#)

Subject: Communication from the Interim Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept additional funding from the Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services for the Women, Infants and Children Program. (Grant Control #2006-049)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

11-23-09: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an amended contract with the Division of Public Health,

Department of Health Services for the Women, Infants and Children Program (Grant Control No. 2006-049).

Fiscal Note: The contract is increased in the amount of \$302,167 that will be based on case load. No match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [WIC Amendment 2010 Original.pdf](#)

Marcia Fernholz, Interim Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to amend the contract with the State of Wisconsin, Division of Public Health of the Department of Health Service to accept additional funds in the amount of \$302,162 that will be based on caseload, to be utilized for the Women, Infants and Children Program.

Recommended For Approval

5. [09-3984](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Joseph & Shanna Hansen for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

11-23-09: The claim of Joseph & Shanna Hansen, 3447 Daisy Lane, requesting reimbursement of \$7,125.26 for cleanup and damages allegedly arising from a sewer backup in their basement after a rain storm on 6-19-9 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Hansen_001](#)

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the claim of Joseph & Shanna Hansen, 3447 Daisy Lane, requesting reimbursement of \$7,125.26 for cleanup and damages allegedly arising from sewer backup in their basement after a torrential rain storm that occurred on June 18 and 19, 2009. This type of heavy rain does not occur annually. The City has a legal defense named Discretionary Immunity, which in this case will be the design of the sewer. The torrential rain caused a surcharge of the sewer system which allegedly resulted in sewer backup. The City Attorney's office requests that the claim to be denied.

Recommended For Denial

6. [07-1575](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Patricia Hazlett for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

11-23-09: The claim of Patricia Hazlett arising from an accident involving a fire truck at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Lathrop Avenue on 03-22-08 be settled in the amount of \$42,000.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in Account 101.990.5910, Judgments and Claims for settlement.

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the claim of Patricia Hazlett arising from an accident involving a fire truck. On March 22,

2008 a fire department employee was operating a fire engine west on Washington Ave. approaching Lathrop Ave's intersection. The employee proceeded through a red light hitting Patricia Hazlett's vehicle. The Attorney's office is requesting the settlement in the amount of \$42,000.

Recommended For Approval

7. [07-1065](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Natasha Shaw for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

11-23-09: The claim of Natasha Shaw arising from an accident involving a DPW vehicle at the intersection of 6th Street and Wisconsin Avenue on 01-13-09 be settled in the amount of \$22,087.00.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in Account 101.990.5910, Judgments and Claims for settlement.

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the claim of Natasha Shaw arising from an accident involving a DPW vehicle. On January 13, 2009 a DPW employee was driving an International truck west on 6th Street approaching the intersection of Wisconsin Ave. driving through a red light hitting Natasha Shaw's vehicle. The City Attorney's office is requesting a settlement in the amount of \$22,087.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,
Ald. James Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee