



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall  
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## Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Ronald D. Hart, Vice Chair Thomas M. Sollman,  
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Raymond DeHahn,  
Alderman Keith Fair*

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Tuesday, July 11, 2006

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.*

**PRESENT:** Ronald D. Hart, Thomas M. Sollman, Robert Anderson, Raymond DeHahn and  
Keith Fair

### Approval of Minutes for the June 27, 2006 Meeting.

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the minutes were approved.*

1. [06-2177](#) **Subject:** Communication from Riverbend Lofts, LLC, 720 Marquette Street, requesting permission to build decks over city right-of-way.

#### **Recommendation:** Defer

*Jim Walter appeared before the Committee and explained the proposed deck installation over the public right-of-way on Racine Street for the River Bend Lofts project. After some discussion, Rick Jones requested the item be deferred for the Building Department to review the plans. He noted some accommodations might need to be made to protect pedestrians from snow and ice that may fall from the decks built over the sidewalk.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.*

**Deferred**

2. [06-2196](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from Pete Ciaramita, 516 Monument Square, requesting a variance for facade and storefront renovations.

**Recommendation:** The property owner of 516 Main Street be granted permission to install decorative light fixtures above the public right-of-way of Wisconsin Avenue, as requested, with the stipulation that a hold harmless agreement be executed, in accordance with State Statute 66.0425, Privileges in Streets.

Further recommends that the property owner be charged a \$50.00 fee to cover administrative costs associated with filing this item with the Register of Deeds office.

**Fiscal Note:** There will be no cost to the City of Racine.

*Rick Jones explained the communication being a request for facade and storefront*

renovations. He noted this is to mount light fixtures, which would extend over the public right-of-way. He noted the usual stipulations and asked that the item be approved.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request.

**Recommended For Approval**

3. [06-2181](#)

**Subject:** Communication from a representative of Salmon-A-Rama requesting to close the turn-arounds at Festival Park on Festival Park Drive and Christopher Columbus Causeway.

**Recommendation:** Salmon-A-Rama be granted permission to close 5th Street from the Civic Center Parking Ramp to Festival Park Drive, Festival Park Drive from Fifth Street to Sam Johnson Parkway, and the turnaround adjacent to Christopher Columbus Causeway, on July 20-23, 2006, in accordance with their request.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event.
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor.
- D. The sponsor shall notify all abutting property owners seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.
- E. The sponsor shall pay a \$300.00 special event fee.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

**Fiscal Note:** There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

*Rick Jones noted this request has been made and approved in the past.*

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request.

**Recommended For Approval**

4. [06-2163](#)

**Subject:** A request from the Director of Information Systems to enter into a hold harmless agreement to grant AT&T permission to mount wireless equipment on City resources as a pilot/test for the Racine County RFBP for

wireless services.

**Recommendation:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a hold harmless agreement granting AT&T permission to mount wireless equipment on City buildings and street light poles, in a manner as approved by the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, as a demonstration for the Racine County RFBP for wireless services.

**Fiscal Note:** AT&T will pay all costs associated with installing these transmitters.

*Dennis John appeared before the Committee with some representatives from AT&T and explained the pilot test for the Racine County wireless project.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request.*

**Recommended For Approval**

5.     [06-2165](#)     **Subject:** Vacation of north-south and east-west alleys in the block bounded by Washington Avenue, West Blvd., 13th Street and Grove Avenue.

**Also refer to City Plan Commission.**

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee:**

Defer

*Rick Jones stated the vacation is premature and requested the item be deferred.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.*

**Deferred**

6.     [06-2166](#)     **Subject:** Partial vacation of the 700 block of Racine Street.

**Also refer to City Plan Commission.**

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee:**

Defer

*Rick Jones stated the vacation is premature and requested the item be deferred.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.*

**Deferred**

7.     [06-2167](#)     **Subject:** Vacation of Reichert Court.

**Also refer to City Plan Commission.**

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee:**

Defer

*Rick Jones stated the vacation is premature and requested this item be deferred.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.*

**Deferred**

8. [06-2208](#)

**Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Director of City Development submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 44-05 (K5-051), Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain, Bane-Nelson, Inc., contractor.

**Recommendation:** Change Order No. 1 on Contract 44-05 (K5-051), Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain, Bane-Nelson, Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the credit amount of \$4,500.00.

**Fiscal Note:** Change Order No. 1 will result in a decrease in the contract price.

*Rick Jones noted this change order is for the switch to 2" pavers from 2-3/8" pavers. He noted there was a problem in getting the thicker pavers and indicated this would result in a credit and also to extend the contract completion.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the change order.*

**Recommended For Approval**

9. [06-2180](#)

**Subject:** Request for temporary waiver from the site drainage, storm water requirements of the City of Racine until 2007 for the permanent Household Hazardous Waste facility project until the Utility has procured sufficient interest in adjoining properties to address the entire project as a whole.

**Recommendation:** The request of the Racine Water and Wastewater Utility to waive site drainage requirements for the Household Hazardous Waste Facility until November 1, 2007, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** This extension will allow the Racine Water and Wastewater Utility time to acquire the necessary adjoining property before making the required improvements.

*Keith Haas appeared before the Committee and explained the project and the need to comply with the site drainage permit. He noted this is a temporary location and asked for a waiver from the requirements. He noted the permanent location would be built next year and requested the waiver be extended until November 1, 2007. Rick Jones noted waivers have been made in the past and cited some samples.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the waiver.*

**Recommended For Approval**

10. [3045](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 15th District

requesting a policy be implemented relating to requests for street name changes.

**Recommendation:** Defer

*Rick Jones requested this item be deferred.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.*

**Deferred**

11.     [06-2209](#)     **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works submitting a request for final payment on Contract 32-05 (K5-039), 2005 LRIP Concrete Paving, LaLonde Contractors, Inc., contractor.

**Recommendation:** The work of LaLonde Contractors, Inc., under Contract 32-05 (K5-039), 2005 LRIP Concrete Paving, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$557,825.77.

**Fiscal Note:** Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 6538 of June 21, 2005.

*John Rooney noted the work was complete and explained the previous change orders and the final contract amount is \$557,825.77.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.*

**Recommended For Approval**

12.     [06-1822](#)     **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Asst. Comm. of Public Works/Operations submitting a proposal from HNTB for professional services for Railing Replacement at Memorial Hall and the Safety Building.

**Recommendation:** Defer

*Rick Jones requested this item be deferred.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.*

**Deferred**

13.     [06-2194](#)     **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 1 to Contract 24-06 (K6-025), Concrete Street Reconstruction and Paving, Milwaukee General Construction Company, contractor.

**Recommendation:** Change Order No. 1 on Contract 24-06 (K5-025), Concrete Street Reconstruction and Paving, Milwaukee General Construction Company, contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$194,597.33.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$100,000.00 - Account 896.030.5510, Curb & Gutter Replacement, CDBG  
\$ 40,000.00 - Account 896.030.5690, Crosswalk Ramps CDBG  
\$ 4,563.00 - Account 104.985.5420, Storm Sewers, Misc. Locations  
\$ 13,461.93 - Concrete Pavement Repl., Misc. Locations  
\$ 36,572.40 - Water Department  
\$194,597.33 - Total

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available as herein delineated.

*John Rooney explained the change order is for adding Jefferson Street due to the fact it is in such poor shape. The Water Utility went through and installed a 20" transmission main. He noted a credit is being received from the Water Utility for their portion of the pavement replacement and funding is available.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the change order.*

**Recommended For Approval**

14. [06-2195](#)

**Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 1 to Contract 10-06 (K6-011), Chicory Road Reconstruction, Milwaukee General Construction Company, contractor.

**Recommendation:** Change Order No. 1 on Contract 10-06 (K6-011), Chicory Road Reconstruction, Milwaukee General Construction Company, contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$165,279.51.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$ 51,751.11 - Account 919.986.5010, Chicory Rod  
\$ 47,402.99 - Account 104.985.5420, Storm Sewers, Various Locations  
\$ 65,285.41 - Mount Pleasant  
\$ 840.00 - Water Department  
\$165,279.51 - Total

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available as herein delineated.

*John Rooney explained the change order is for undercutting and bringing in new material because the material under the sub-base was in poor condition and had to be excavated. He noted this project is being funded through the Sewer Revenue Sharing Agreement and in part by the Village of Mt. Pleasant.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the change order.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[06-2166](#)

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