



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg, Vice Chair Thomas Friedel,
Alderman Thomas M. Sollman, Alderman Pete Karas,
Alderman Jarvis Finley*

Monday, April 10, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

Call To Order and Roll Call.

PRESENT: 4 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, Thomas M. Sollman and Jarvis Finley

EXCUSED: 1 - Pete Karas

Approval of minutes for the March 27, 2006 meeting.

1. [06-1753](#) Subject: Communication from the Mayor requesting to apply for the Department of Justice Weed and Seed grant.

Recommendation: That the City of Racine apply for the \$200,000 Department of Justice Weed and Seed grant (Grant Control No. 2006-017) to be utilized for the south side Weed & Seed site.

Fiscal Note: A 25% soft and/or hard match is required on the part of the City.
Tonya Canady, Neighborhood Coordinator, appeared before the Committee. The grant is for \$200,000. The soft match is applicants having in-kind match into their budgets regarding space or time.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this file be Recommended For Approval .

2. [06-1744](#) Subject: Communication from Police Chief Spenner, requesting authorization to accept the United States Department of Homeland Security Buffer Zone Protection Plan grant (City Grant Control No. 2005-031), in the amount of \$49,970. This will require no City funding. Application was approved by Resolution No. 6628, August 16, 2005.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 04-10-06: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security Buffer Zone Protection Plan grant (Grant Control No. 2005-031), to be utilized for Regency Mall, in the amount of \$49,970.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee 04-10-06: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security Buffer Zone Protection Plan grant (Grant Control No. 2005-031), for Regency Mall, in the amount of \$49,970.

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

Police Chief David Spenner appeared before the Committee. The funding will be for enhancing the security for private sector sites that could be subject to acts of terrorism. Funding will be utilized for Regency Mall.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this file be Granted Permission .

3. [06-1745](#) Subject: Communication from the Racine Arts Council requesting funds for the Hotel Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,000. per month for rent and \$5,000.00 for utilities.

Recommendation: That the City of Racine appropriate \$17,000 from the Room Tax Fund to the Racine Arts Council to be utilized for the 2006 rent and utilities at 505 Sixth Street.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in Room Tax Fund.

Lorna Hennig, Executive Director of the Racine Arts Council, and David Blank, Executive Director of Racine County Visitor's Bureau, appeared before the Committee. Lorna is requesting a total of \$17,000 to cover rent and utilities in 2006. She states that tours are increasing from out of town individuals coming in to see the Ozella Quilt Code exhibit. David Blank shared to the Committee how the relationship of expenditures of the Racine Arts Council has regarding the Wisconsin Acts 135, Assembly Bill 298.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this file be Recommended For Approval .

4. [06-1729](#) Subject: The Public Health Administrator is requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with Children's Community Health Plan (CCHP). Children's Community Health Plan is an HMO provider to Medicaid recipients. The intent of the agreement is to arrange for the provision of designated health care services by the City of Racine Health Department to CCHP and Medicaid/BadgerCare enrollees.

(Refer to the Board of Health and the Finance and Personnel Committee).

Recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee 04-10-06. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign a contract with Children's Community Health Plan, which enables the City of Racine's Health Department to receive Medicare reimbursement for dedicated health care services provided to the Children's Community Health Plan and Medicaid/BadgerCare enrollees.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee. There are a total of 4 HMO's. Individuals on Medicare and BadgerCare are required to choose an HMO. The intent of the agreement is to arrange for the provision of designated health care services by the City of Racine Health Department to Children's Community Health Plan and Medicaid/Badgercare enrollees.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this file be Granted Permission .

5. [06-1736](#) Subject: The Public Health Administrator is requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an MOU with the Racine County Sheriff's Department for the Wisconsin Wins Program. See attached MOU for more information.

(Refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee and the Board of Health).

Recommendation from the Finance & Personnel Committee 04-10-06: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Racine County Sheriff's Department for the memorandum of understanding of the Wisconsin Wins Program (WI WINS) to be utilized for the State of Wisconsin to come into and stay in compliance with Federal Synar regulations.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee. This is a continuation of last years Memorandum of Understanding for WI Wins Program with the Racine County's Sheriff's Department. This agreement is to conduct sweeps of facilities who are selling tobacco to underage children.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this file be Granted Permission .

6. [06-1743](#) Subject: Communication from City Assessor wishing to discuss 2004 assessment and tax rolls.

Recommendation: KM Realty, LLC, 1914 Indiana Street, Tax No. 23869007 be reduced from \$857,000 to \$36,000 and that the resulting credit of \$20,046.77 be charged against account 101.990.5930, Real Estate and Personal Property taxes cancelled.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for this credit. Other taxing jurisdiction's portions will be charged back to them when appropriate.

Tom Kienbaum, City Assessor, appeared before the Committee. The property owner appealed to the State of Wisconsin, Tax Appeals Commission regarding the 2004 assessment tax roll. The Tax Appelas Commission has ordered the assessment reduced because of contamination of the property.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Friedel that this file be Recommended For Approval .

Miscellaneous Business

No further information has been gathered regarding the request of three (3) non-represented positions on the salary classification scale GR-18 to be reduced to GR-17.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2006 at City Hall, Room 103.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alderman James Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance and Personnel Committee**

