



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
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Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Ronald D. Hart, Vice Chair Pete Karas
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Raymond DeHahn, Alderman Jeff Coe*

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present: Ald. Peter Karas, 9th District, Acting Chairman; Ald. Robert Anderson, 2nd District; Ald. Jeff Coe, 1st District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works; Tom Eeg, Asst. Commissioner/Operations; John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner/Engineering

Excused: Ald. Ron Hart, 14th District; Ald. Ray DeHahn, 7th District

Others Present: Wayne Clingman; Eddie Johnson and Wife

Approval of Minutes for the August 14, 2007 Meeting.

On a motion by Coe, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved the minutes as printed.

1. [07-1028](#) **Subject:** Communication from Sparta Rocks Productions requesting the use of the city courtroom for filming a movie scene.

Recommendation: That Sparta Rocks! Productions be granted permission to use the courtroom at the City Hall Annex for filming a scene for a movie with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Wayne Clingman appeared before the Committee and asked to use the Municipal Courtroom for filming a movie scene. Filming of the scene would last about 3 hours and would happen sometime in October. Judge Nielsen had no objections to the request. Rick noted DPW had no objections to the request and requested the item be approved.

On a motion by Coe, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

2. [07-1049](#) **Subject:** Communication from Eddie Johnson, 2821 Norwood Drive, requesting additional street lighting on Norwood Drive.

Recommendation: Defer

Eddie Johnson appeared before the Committee requesting additional street lighting on Norwood Drive. John Rooney showed a map of the area. Eddie Johnson noted there are some issues with overgrown trees around the lights and asked that additional lighting be placed around 2821 Norwood. Rick asked the item be deferred for study and presented at the next meeting.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

3. [07-1040](#) **Subject:** Communication from James Jackson, 2501 Douglas Avenue, requesting permission to hang flags over the public right-of-way.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick read the request and Ald. Karas requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item

Deferred

4. [07-1041](#) **Subject:** Communication from United Construction Corporation requesting permission to continue an existing 2' facade projection over city right-of-way at 1650 Washington Avenue.

Recommendation: The property owner of 1650 Washington Avenue be granted permission to continue an existing 2' facade projection over city right-of-way, 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 submitted the request and he noted it met the requirements of the Building Inspector and would be subject to the usual stipulations.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-1019](#) **Subject:** Communication from Alderman Weidner submitting a petition from the residents in Goid/Georgia/Wustum neighborhood requesting additional lighting on an existing pole.

Recommendation: In accordance with Section 2-94 of the Municipal

Code of the general ordinances of the City of Racine, the following street lighting changes be approved: Install one (1) 100-watt high-pressure sodium street light in the Goold/Georgia/Wustum neighborhood.

Fiscal Note: The estimated installation cost of this lighting is \$200.00 for installation and the annual operating cost is \$130.00 per fixture.

John stated a survey of the lighting was completed and recommended a light be installed across the street from 2912 Goold Street. He recommended a 100 Watt fixture for that location. He noted he spoke with Ald. Weidner and she approved this as well.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

6. [07-0674](#) **Subject:** Request from River Bend Lofts, LLC to acquire the air space property interest in the space over the Racine Street right-of-way, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 66.0915(4).

This request is for rights above and beyond those approved under Resolution 06-7197.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

7. [07-0876](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District wishing to draft a resolution to expand current recycling rules to include public and private events.

Also refer to Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 8-8-07: Defer

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Public Works & Services Committee on 8-14-07 and 8-28-07: Defer

Ald. Karas noted a meeting was going to take place between the Parks Department and Public Works to discuss the recycling in more detail and requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

8. [07-1069](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District regarding sewer problems in the 100 block of Virginia Street during heavy rains.

Also refer to the Water and Wastewater Commission

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 8-28-07:
Receive and File

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Commission on 8-28-07: Defer

Rick distributed a report from Earth Tech done in 2001 to investigate and alleviate flooding problems in the area near the 100 block of Virginia. Rick noted the surface flooding was taken care of in a subsequent storm sewer project after design modifications were made in the storm sewer system in that area. Some of the flooding is due to homes in the area not having sump pumps and their foundation drains being connected to the city sanitary sewer system. This item is being considered by the Water & Wastewater Commission and asked for the item be deferred pending their findings. The solution may require a larger sanitary sewer interceptor to be placed in that area to relieve some of the flooding associated with too much inflow and infiltration of storm water getting into the sanitary sewer system.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

9. [07-0404](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District wishing to discuss the rehabilitation of the brick pavement on College Avenue from DeKoven Avenue to 14th Street.

Recommendation: Defer

Alderman Anderson requested this item be deferred for additional consideration.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

10. [07-0776](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for the City to develop a policy regarding the sale of City owned properties.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick noted he had just gotten comments back from the Director of City Development regarding the policy on the sale of city owned property and requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

11. [07-0611](#)

Subject: Communication from Sam Azarian Jr. wishing to discuss purchasing the Marquette Street municipal parking lot.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-12-07, 7-10-07, 7-31-07, 8-14-07 and 8-28-07: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 5-30-07: The Marquette Street municipal parking lot be sold to Sam Azarian Jr. for a cost of \$1 contingent upon the upgrade of fencing and landscape, and the separation of lighting circuits.

Fiscal Note: The sale will generate \$1 to the Parking System

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 6-13-07: That the proposed sale is not in conflict with adopted City plans and programs.

Further, that the sale be approved.

Fiscal Note: The sale price of the property will be determined by the Public Works and Services Committee.

Rick requested this item be deferred until the policy is approved.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

12. [07-0812](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a final payment request on Contract 8-07 (K7-008), 2007 Parking Ramp Maintenance, RAM Building Restoration & Waterproofing LLC, contractor.

Recommendation: Defer

Tom Eeg requested the item be deferred. He noted the contractor still has not completed punch list items.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

13. [07-1067](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting a revised contract with AT&T.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a Telephone Service Agreement with AT&T, in accordance with their submittal dated August 14, 2007, for the first year estimated cost of \$37,314.60.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of this agreement are available in Account 402.000.5530, Telephone Service Expense.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom described the new service agreement and noted there is a cost savings by utilizing different types of communication infrastructure lines and these cost savings would help pay for those up-front costs. He noted the savings over the life of the contract and asked the Committee approve entering into the agreement.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved entering into the agreement and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the contract

Recommended For Approval

14. [07-1059](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 2 on Contract 11-06 (K6-012), Southside Industrial Park Infrastructure, Wanasek Corporation, contractor.

Recommendation: Change Order No. 2 on Contract 11-06 (K6-012), Southside Industrial Park Infrastructure, Wanasek Corporation, contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$112,710.62.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 970.012.5810, EDA Grant.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John explained the bulk of the change order was due to poor soils problems at the former Jacobsen site. Not only was the soil structurally deficient, there was also severe problems with perched water that needed to be drained. Large quantities of material had to be undercut from the project and drain tile needed to be installed to create a firm subgrade to pave the roads on. He also noted in the change order, and underground fuel tank was found and needed to be pumped out, treated and disposed of, along with the tank.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

15. [07-1099](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting the relocation order for the acquisition of temporary limited easements for the Ohio Street Project.

Recommendation: The relocation order, as submitted by the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering, which details the acquisition of 22 partial parcels necessary for the Ohio Street reconstruction project, be approved.

Further recommend that the basis of the City's offer to purchase be established by the City Assessor based upon his estimation of fair market value.

Further recommend that the City Attorney and Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to facilitate the acquisition of the parcels required for this project.

Further recommend that funds to acquire these parcels are available in Account 987.908.5020, Concrete Pavement Repairs.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost to acquire these 22 partial parcels is estimated at \$6,083.00.

John explained the need for the relocation order for the Ohio Street project. These acquisitions are for the installation of Americans with Disabilities approved ramps for the sidewalk. Some of the temporary limited easements are to get on private property to replace sidewalks affected by these ADA ramps. The Committee needs to approve the relocation order, authorize the City Attorney and Commissioner to take whatever steps necessary to acquire the TLE's and fee titles and approve the use of the City Assessor's property values for determining the acquisition costs.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the requests.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

In response to a question by Alderman Anderson, Rick explained the source of sewer revenue dollars in the agreement and the purposes for which those dollars should be used.

Adjournment

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