



# City of Racine

City Hall  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

*Alder Jeff Coe*  
*Alder Mollie Jones*  
*Alder John Tate II*  
*Alder Edwin Santiago Jr*  
*Alder Jennifer Levie*  
*Alder Jeffrey Peterson*  
*Alder Maurice Horton*  
*Alder Marcus West*  
*Alder Trevor Jung*  
*Alder Sam Peete*  
*Alder Mary Land*  
*Alder Henry Perez*  
*Alder Natalia Taft*  
*Alder Jason Meekma*  
*Alder Melissa Lemke*

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Tuesday, December 15, 2020

7:00 PM

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#### A. Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 13 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Jones and Levie

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag

*Mayor Mason led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

#### C. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes)

#### D. Presentation by County Executive Delagrave on Proposed Juvenile Detention Center

#### E. Presentation by Mayor Mason Regarding the Mayor's Task Force on Police Reform

Alder Santiago was excused from the meeting.

#### F. Committee Reports

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Taft

[0789-20](#)

**Subject:** A communication sponsored by Alder Jung on behalf of the

Director of City Development requesting permission to apply for a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historic Society to help fund the preparation of a Reconnaissance Survey for a potential Carlisle Avenue National Historic District.

**Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design**

**Commission on 11-18-2020:** That the request from the Director of City Development for permission to apply for a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to help fund the preparation of a Reconnaissance Survey for a potential Carlisle Avenue National Historic District, be approved and that the Department of City Development staff be authorized to submit the necessary application forms to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

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

**12-07-2020:** That the request from the Director of City Development for permission to apply for a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to help fund the preparation of a Reconnaissance Survey for a potential Carlisle Avenue National Historic District, be approved and that the Department of City Development staff be authorized to submit the necessary application forms to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

**Fiscal Note:** The Subgrant requested will be in the amount of \$10,000, which are the estimated project costs. There is no local match required for this grant.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0790-20](#)

**Subject:** A communication sponsored by Alder Jung on behalf of the Director of City Development requesting permission to apply for a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to help fund the preparation of Rehabilitation Design Guidelines for residential properties in Racine.

**Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design**

**Commission on 11-18-2020:** That the request from the Director of City Development requesting permission to apply for a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to help fund the preparation of Rehabilitation Design Guidelines for residential properties in Racine, be approved. Further that the Department of City Development staff be authorized to execute the necessary application forms to apply for this grant.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 12-07-2020:** That the request from the Director of City Development requesting permission to apply for a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to help fund the preparation of Rehabilitation Design Guidelines for residential properties in Racine, be approved. Further that the Department of City Development staff be authorized to execute the necessary application forms to apply for this grant.

**Fiscal Note:** The Subgrant requested will be in the amount of \$15,000, which is the estimated project cost. There is no local match required for this grant.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0797-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Alder Taft on behalf of the fire department requesting permission for the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of Racine and Racine County Emergency Management for the HMEP Specialized Haz Mat Training Grant.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 12-07-2020:** That permission be granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an agreement between the City of Racine and Racine County Emergency Management for the HMEP Specialized Haz Mat Training Grant.

**Fiscal Note:** The fire department will receive \$6,000 from Racine County to implement specialized hazardous materials training. There is no local match.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0839-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting a request to transfer \$75,000 from the Contingency Fund to DPW, Parking System & Park Department 2020-21 Snow and Ice Operations and authorize the hiring of contractors for snow removal for City owned properties.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 12-07-2020:** To authorize the Finance Director to transfer funds from the Contingency Fund in the amount of \$75,000 to the aforementioned accounts as needed. If additional funds are needed later in 2021, the Commissioner of Public works will come back to this committee to authorize an additional allocation and to authorize the Purchasing agent to negotiate and hire contractors to remove snow from City owned off

street facilities if necessary.

**Fiscal Note:** Adopted 2021 budget for the contingency account is \$200,000. Funds are available for the transfer in the 2021 budget account number 11202 56200.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0845-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting to extend the City's contract with VenuWorks for one year, for a contract ending date of 12/31/2021.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 12-07-2020:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an extension agreement with VenuWorks with a contract ending date of 12/31/2021

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are budgeted in the 2021 budget for this extension.

*Alder Taft requested item 0845-20 be considered separately.*

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Coe, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 12 - Coe, Tate II, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Jones, Santiago Jr and Levie

**Public Works and Services Report, by Ald. Land**

[0803-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting to update the Racine Works Ordinance 0020-20.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-08-20:** That Ordinance 0020-20 related to amendments to the Racine Works Program, be adopted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0752-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, submitting an Ordinance for the Temporary Closure of the Root River for the purpose of replacing the West 6th Street Bridge - State Project I.D. 2703-00-02.

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

**12-08-20:** That Ordinance 0016-20 for the purpose of temporarily closing the river in conjunction with the bridge replacement project, be adopted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0846-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting an Encroachment Report on State Project I.D. 2703-00-02, West 6th Street Bridge Replacement; Dated 8/23/17.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee on**

**12-8-20:** That the Encroachment Report for State Project I.D. 2703-00-02, West 6th Street Bridge Replacement, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0753-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, submitting the 2021 summary of lease agreements for office space.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee on**

**12-08-20:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into 2021 lease agreements for rental office space in City Hall, City Hall Annex and the Safety Building at the rental rates as submitted.

**Fiscal Note:** Rental rates will increase in 2021 due to the 2020 Consumer Price Index increasing by 2.4%. These leases will generate a total annual revenue of approximately \$130,316.77

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0857-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Interim City Engineer, submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 20200057 - 2020 Ohio Street Lighting - Contractor: MP Systems, Inc.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee on**

**12-8-20:** That Change Order No.1, be approved, which extends the contract completion date by 140 calendar days.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0858-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, submitting Change Order No.2 on Contract 20200028, Tyler Domer Community Center HVAC Replacement.

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

**12-08-20:** That Change Order No. 2 on Contract 20200028, Tyler Domer Community Center HVAC Replacement, Southport Engineered Systems, Contractor, be approved in the amount of \$11,193.00.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding to cover the cost of this change order is available in Org-Obj 45050-53200, Parks - Building Improvements.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0859-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Interim City Engineer, submitting Change Order No. 2 on Contract 20200009 - 21st Street Concrete Reconstruct - Contractor: Zignego Group, Inc.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee on**

**12-8-20:** That Change Order No. 2 on Contract 20200009 - 21st Street Concrete Reconstruct, Zignego Group, Inc. be approved in the amount of \$95,939.67.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding to cover the cost of this change order is available in Org-Obj 45040 57500, Concrete Street Paving, Misc. Locations.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0860-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works / Operations, submitting Change Order No. 1 on contract 20200050, Roof Replacement - Racine Heritage Museum, Hernandez Roofing LLC, Contractor.

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

**12-08-20:** That Change Order No. 1 on contract 20200050, Roof Replacement-Racine Heritage Museum, Hernandez Roofing LLC, Contractor, be approved in the amount of \$4,292.10.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding to cover the cost of this change order is available in Org-Obj 45040 57200, Building Improvements.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0861-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works / Operations, submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 20200049, Roof Replacement - Fire Station No. 2, Hernandez Roofing LLC, Contractor.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-08-20:** That Change Order No. 1 on contract 20200049, Roof Replacement-Fire Station No. 2, Hernandez Roofing LLC, Contractor, be approved in the amount of \$963.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding to cover the cost of this change order is available in Org-Obj 45030 57200, Fire- Building Improvements.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0848-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations requesting to waive formal bidding procedures for the purchase of materials for the Johnson Controls Metasys System.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-08-20:** That the request of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to waive formal bidding procedures for the purchase of materials for the Johnson Controls' Metasys Building Automation System, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** These negotiations will be done on an as-needed basis with funding available in Org-Object 70240-54200, Building Improvements.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0849-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations Waive Formal Bidding for Apex Key and Lock Materials for City Facilities.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-08-20:** That the request of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to waive formal bidding procedures for the City's lock and key system, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** These negotiations will be done on an as-needed basis with funding available in Org-Obj. 70240-54100, Building Repairs and Maintenance.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0851-20](#)

**Subject: Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations Waive Formal Bidding for the Purchase of Cree LED Light Fixtures

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-08-20:** That the request of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to waive formal bidding procedures for the purchase of replacement LED light fixtures for the City be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** These negotiations will be done on an as-needed basis with funding available in the following Org-Object 14012-53200, Street Light Work Supplies, Org-Object 70240-54100, Building Complex-Repairs & Maintenance and Org-Object 60383-57200, Parking System Building Improvements.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0853-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations Waive Formal Bidding for the Purchase of McCotter Energy Systems for HVAC Related Products

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-08-20:** That the request of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to waive formal bidding procedures for the purchase of HVAC related products from McCotter Energy Systems be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** These negotiations will be done on an as-needed basis with funding available in Org-Object 70240-54100, Building Repairs and Maintenance.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0854-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations Waive Formal Bidding for the Purchase of HOH Water Technologies Inc. for chemicals for our HVAC System.



**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-08-20:** That the request of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to waive formal bidding procedures for the purchase of chemical products from HOH Water Technology, Inc. be approved.

**Fiscal Note:**These negotiations will be done on an as-needed basis with funding available in Org-Object 70240-54100, Building Repairs and Maintenance

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0855-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations Waive Formal Bidding for the Purchase of Neenah Foundry Sewer Related Materials.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-08-20:** That the request of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to waive formal bidding procedures for the purchase of Neenah Foundry products be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** These negotiations will be done on an as-needed basis with funding available in Org-Object 22640-57560, Sanitary Sewer and Org-Object 60484-57570, Storm Sewers.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0856-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations Waive Formal Bidding for the Purchase of Case Wheel Loader Vehicles.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 12-08-20:** That the request of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to waive formal bidding procedures for the purchase of wheel loaders for the City be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** These negotiations will be done on an as-needed basis with funding available in Org-Object 45140-57311, DPW-Equipment Vehicles and Org-Object 45150-57300, Parks Equipment.

**A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0862-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Interim City Engineer, requesting approval of a resolution of support for a

Pump Out Station Funding Grant (POSF) application from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for the Racine Harbor Commission.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee on 12-8-20:**

That a resolution be approved and a final resolution adopted supporting a grant application for \$9,750 from the Wisconsin DNR-Pump Out Station Funding Grant. The resolution would allow the Mayor and City Clerk / Treasurer, or their designee, to sign the grant application and receive the grant on behalf of the Racine Harbor Commission.

**Fiscal Note:** The local match in the amount of \$3,250 will be covered by the Racine Harbor Commission with Org-Obj 20619 53200, Work Supplies.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

**Community Development and Block Grant Advisory Board Report, By Ald. Tate, II**

[0865-20](#)

**Subject:** A request by Lutheran Social Services (LSS) for an amendment to the ESG-CV contract to extend the expiration date until June 30, 2021 and permit LSS to engage in rapid-rehousing activities as permitted by the Emergency Solutions Grant program.

**Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 12/7/20:** That the CDBG Advisory Board approve an amendment to the ESG-CV contract with Lutheran Social Services to extend the expiration date until June 31, 2021 and permit LSS to engage in rapid-rehousing activities as permitted by the Emergency Solutions Grant program.

**Fiscal Note:** The total ESG-CV contract budget with LSS will remain \$396,712.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0813-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason that the FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including the 2020 Annual Action Plan, be approved and adopted.

**Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 12/7/20:** That the 2020 - 2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2020 Annual Action Plan, be approved, and that the Director of City Development, or their designee, be authorized to submit the plan documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development.

**Fiscal Note:** The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is a requirement for receipt of community development funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan anticipates receipt of \$1,884,313 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$536,337 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and \$166,729 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in 2020 and similar amounts in subsequent years.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

### **Transit Commission Report, By Ald. Jung**

[0744-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 2020 contract for RYDE bus service in the Village of Caledonia, Village of Mount Pleasant and Town of Yorkville.

**Fiscal Note:** Contracts will provide \$380,400 in revenue.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

### **Office of the Mayor Report, By Ald. Tate, II**

[0886-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason presenting bid results to raze 3015-3021 Washington Ave.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 1-12-21:** Motion made by Alder Santiago, seconded by Alder Jones, to award contract for Official Notice No. 16-2020, Raze 3015 Washington Avenue, to Veit and Company Inc., at their bid price of \$225,000, they being the second lowest responsive bidder.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available in the 2021 IG budget #45260 52340

*Alder Coe requested item 0886-20 be considered separately.*

**A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Horton, that this Communication be Referred to the Public Works and Services Committee. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 9 - Coe, Tate II, Horton, West, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Peete

**NOES:** 3 - Peterson, Jung and Lemke

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Jones, Santiago Jr and Levie

[0887-20](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason

appointing Mike Gitter as Interim General Manager Racine Water/Wastewater Utilities.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0888-20](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing Ara Molitor as City Engineer.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

**G. Council Vote on Consent Agenda Items (Communications, Committee Reports, Resolutions)**

**H. Common Council Announcements**

**Announcements are limited to recognition of City residents and employees, memorials, and non-political community events. Discussion of matters related to governmental business is prohibited.**

**I. Adjourn**

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 PM by Alder West.*

*The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday, January 19, 2020.*

ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE  
CITY CLERK