



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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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, November 14, 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.*

*All Committee Members were present.*

*Also Present: Alderman Aron Wisneski, 12th District*

*Staff: Brian O'Connell, City Development*

*Others: Robert Wortock; John Scott, Park High School; Dave Popoff; Scott Fergus*

### Approval of Minutes for the October 31, 2006 Meeting.

*On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the minutes were approved as printed.*

1. [06-2693](#) **Subject:** Communication from Robert Phillips, 408 Luedtke Avenue, and the Alderman of the 6th District requesting that a light be attached to an existing WE Energies pole in the alley of the 400 block of Luedtke Avenue.

**Recommendation:** Long term deferral.

*Rick Jones read the request. Rick noted the Alderman requested the item be placed on the long term deferred agenda for study.*

*On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Anderson, the item was placed on the Deferred Agenda.*

**Deferred**

2. [06-2663](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Principal of Washington Park High School and Aldermen of the 1st and 3rd Districts requesting street lighting on Valley Drive, 13th Street and Bluefields Drive.

**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 five (5) 200-watt high-pressure sodium street lights on Valley Drive and Thirteenth Street as recommended by the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering.

**Fiscal Note:** The estimated installation cost of this lighting is \$1,000.00 for installation and the annual operating cost is \$650.00.

*John Rooney described the lighting in the area around the school and noted some areas were deficient as far as lighting levels were concerned, particularly the intersection of 13th and Valley Drive and Valley Drive from 13th south to Washington Avenue. He further noted an area towards 13th and Bluff Avenue that would require an additional street light as well. John proposed the installation of five 200 watt WE Energy leased lights on existing poles in the area. Principal John Scott agreed with the upgrades.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the street lighting request.*

**Recommended For Approval**

3. [06-2627](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District requesting that a street light be placed on an existing pole in the alley of the 2000 block of Carmel Avenue.

**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 in the 2000 block of Carmel Avenue.

**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 Rooney noted the existing WE Energies pole in the alley could have a leased light placed on it. There is an existing transformer on the pole and after checking with WE Energies it was approved to install a light on the pole. He recommended a 100 Watt fixture be placed.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

4. [06-2780](#) **Subject:** Communication from Robert Wortock, Christmas Coalition, requesting permission to install banners at Monument Square from December 13, 2006 through January 8, 2007.

**Recommendation:** The communication be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** Not applicable.

*Rick Jones read the City policy on installing banners. He noted the banners requested were not meeting the city policy for temporary banners. The City Attorney and Rick believe it is not representative of a cultural event as outlined in the policy. Robert Wortock requested the Committee consider putting up the banners in the same spirit the Common Council approved the nativity scene be placed in Monument Square. He questioned the definition of a cultural event and indicated there are several churches supporting the nativity scene and banners proposed. Alderman Fair asked if Mr. Wortock had spoken with the DRC about having additional banners placed in the Square and if he has coordinated his efforts with them. Rick noted if the Committee wanted to entertain the request, the policy would have to be amended. Mr. Wortock expressed his concern regarding the time constraint to get the policy amended and get the banners up in time for*

*the holiday season. Alderman Hart asked Mr. Wortock to submit a communication requesting the policy be changed and at this point there was nothing more the Committee could do for him and requested the item be received and filed.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee received and filed the communication.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

5. [06-2762](#) **Subject:** Communication from a representative of Thoughts for Foods requesting permission to close the 300 block of Hamilton Street on March 3, 2007 for their annual event.

**Recommendation:** The owner of George's Tavern be granted permission to close Hamilton Street from Main Street to Chatham Street, from 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 2007 to 2:00 a.m., Sunday, March 4, 2007, in conjunction with the Thoughts for Food Fundraiser, 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. No alcoholic beverages will be sold and/or dispensed within the street right-of-way;
- F. In the event of snow, the sponsor shall remove all barricades from the street.
- G. Sponsor shall be responsible for all detour signage during the event.
- H. The sponsor shall pay a \$250.00 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.

*Dave Popoff appeared before the Committee and asked to close the 300 block of Hamilton Street for their annual event. Rick noted this is an annual request and there is no changes from last year and requested the item be approved subject to the usual stipulations.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

6. [06-2745](#) **Subject:** Communication from Mrs. Jodi Fidler, 5320 Kinzie Avenue,

disputing an assessment for road paving adjacent to her property.

**Recommendation:** The communication be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** Not applicable.

*Jodi Fidler appeared before the Committee and explained how she receives no benefit from the repaving of the Green Bay frontage road. She noted she attended the public hearing and opposed the improvement. Alderman Wisneski explained the problem as he saw it as it related to the assessment and noted she has no direct access from her property. Rick Jones read the state statutes regarding assessments and noted anyone who disputes the assessment has 90 days after Common Council approval to file an appeal. After that appeal is filed, the City could approve or deny it, and, if denied, it would go to the Circuit Court. He noted the 90 days has expired and state statutes do not allow the City any opportunity to repeal all or part of the assessment.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee received and filed the assessment.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

7. [06-2680](#)

**Subject:** Granting "right of early entry" for the Walker property to the Key Bridge Group for the Pointe Blue redevelopment project.

**Recommendation:** Key Bridge Group, the developers of the Pointe Blue Project, be granted permission to perform environmental remediation work on the city owned portion of the Walker property up until the time that the property is sold, with the following stipulations:

- A. The sidewalks be maintained in a safe condition, free of snow.
- B. The property be maintained in compliance with the City Weed Ordinance.
- C. A Certificate of Liability Insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement be filed with the City Attorney's office.

**Fiscal Note:** Approval of this item will result in no cost to the City of Racine.

*Brian O'Connell appeared before the Committee and explained the closing for the property for the Point Blue Development has not occurred, however, he requested the City grant a right of early entry for the Walker Property to Keybridge Group to begin environmental remediation. He noted the remediation would be done with private funding and grant money and there would be no cost to the City. In the event the project does not go through, the site at least would be cleaned up and ready for the next developer. He asked the approval be given until April 11, 2007. Rick read the usual stipulations and noted all sidewalks should be cleared of snow and weeds be controlled.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the request subject to the usual stipulations.*

**Recommended For Approval**

8. [06-2732](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer requesting to discuss a change to the Racine First Program.

**Recommendation:** Ordinance 9-03, Section 46-41 (d) *Requirement*, be amended by changing 10% to 15%.

**Fiscal Note:** All contractors utilizing city funds on a contract valued over \$200,000.00 are subject to this ordinance change.

*Rick described the program and noted it was started in 2003 and 10% of the labor on City projects in excess of \$200,000 with no federal funding had to be provided from Census Tracts 1-5. It is the City's desire to increase that amount to 15% by January 1, 2007. After four years of this program the Contractors should be stepping up their efforts to employ those in these census tracts. Racine County, Racine Unified School District and Gateway will be sent a letter by the Mayor asking them to participate in a similar program. Rick requested the Committee amend Ordinance 9-03 by increasing Section 46-41(D) to 15%.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the change to the ordinance.*

**Recommended For Approval**

9. [06-2733](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a list of alleys for the 2007 paving program which will require public hearings in 2007.

**Recommendation:** The following list of alleys, as submitted by the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, be considered for reconstruction with portland cement concrete paving for the 2008 construction season and that a preliminary resolution be introduced.

2008 PCCP PROGRAM (2007 HEARINGS)

Alleys bounded by:

Shoreland Drive, North Avenue, Charles Street and Sixth Avenue  
Shoreland Drive, North Avenue, Charles Street and Eighth Avenue  
Shoreland Drive, North Avenue, LaSalle Street and First Avenue  
Shoreland Drive, North Avenue, Ninth Avenue and Eighth Avenue  
Shoreland Drive, North Avenue, Tenth Avenue and Ninth Avenue

Shoreland Drive, South Avenue, Charles Street and Sixth Avenue  
Shoreland Drive, South Avenue, Charles Street and Eighth Avenue  
Shoreland Drive, South Avenue, Fourth Avenue and Third Avenue  
Shoreland Drive, South Avenue, LaSalle Street and First Avenue  
Shoreland Drive, South Avenue, Ninth Avenue and Eighth Avenue  
Shoreland Drive, South Avenue, Tenth Avenue and Ninth Avenue

**Fiscal Note:** Unknown at this time.

*Rick submitted a list of alley's for the 2008 paving program which will require public hearings in 2007. He noted that with a loss of three positions, alley grading would be eliminated from maintenance by DPW. There are approximately 43 stone and dirt alleys in the City of Racine and the alleys in Alderman DeHahn's district will be brought forward at this time in the hopes of getting them paved by assessment to eliminate maintenance that will no longer occur.*

*On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request for a preliminary resolution and public hearings.*

**Recommended For Approval**

10. [06-2795](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting Amendment No. 1 on Contract 37-06 (K6-039), Professional Services-Investigate Structural Problem at Main Street Bridge, HNTB, consultant.

**Recommendation:** Amendment No. 1 on Contract 37-06 (K6-039), Professional Services-Investigate Structural Problem at Main Street Bridge, HNTB, Inc., consultant, as submitted, be approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$48,250 plus \$5,000 for reimbursable expenses.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from Account 984.520.5010, Island Park Bridges.

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

*Rick noted this amendment is for the Main Street Bridge repair and will provide additional structural modeling, construction inspection and administration services and is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$48,250 with \$5,000 for reimbursable expenses. This amendment is 100% reimbursable through the State of Wisconsin Lift Bridge Program.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

11. [06-2649](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 5-05 (K5-005), Professional Services - Design of Jacobsen-Textron Redevelopment Site, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

**Recommendation:** The professional services provided by Earth Tech, Inc. under Contract 5-05 (K5-005), Professional Services - Design of Jacobsen-Textron Redevelopment Site, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$148,407.92, from funds

heretofore appropriated.

**Fiscal Note:** This contract was approved by Resolution 6341, dated January 18, 2005.

*John noted the consultant has satisfactorily complete the contract and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$148,407.92.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

12. [06-2798](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 2 on Contract 10-06 (K6-011), Chicory Road Reconstruction, Milwaukee General Construction, contractor.

**Recommendation:** Deter

*John Rooney requested this item be deferred.*

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

**Deferred**

13. [06-2799](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 3 on Contract 25-06 (K6-026), City Parking Lots, Cicchini Asphalt Paving, Inc., contractor.

**Recommendation:** Change Order No. 1 on Contract 25-06 (K6-026), City Parking Lots, Cicchini Asphalt Paving, Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$22,055.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 986.908.5130, Asphalt Resurfacing.

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

*John explained the change order is for additional quantities found to be needed during construction.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

### Miscellaneous Business

- [06-2826](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Downtown Racine Corporation requesting permission to close city streets for the annual Holiday Parade



on November 25, 2006.

**Recommendation:** Permission be granted to the Downtown Racine Corporation to close Main Street between State Street and Sixth Street, and Sixth Street between Main Street and City Hall, on Saturday, November 25, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., for their annual Downtown Holiday Parade on the following conditions:

- 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. Sponsor shall notify all abutting property occupants 72 hours in advance of the event.
- E. The sponsor shall be responsible for the signing of the necessary detours for the State Highway route.
- F. The sponsor shall pay a \$750 special event fee.

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

**Fiscal Note:** There will be nominal costs incurred on a regular shift basis to provide limited assistance to implement this event.

*Rick read the request and noted this is an annual request and asked it be approved with the usual stipulations.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

06-2812

**Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 4 on Contract 24-06 (K6-025), Concrete Street Reconstruction and Paving, Milwaukee General Construction Company, contractor.

**Recommendation:** Change Order No. 4 on Contract 24-06 (K6-025), Concrete Street Reconstruction and Paving, Milwaukee General Construction Company, contractor, as submitted, be approved to provide a time extension until December 8, 2006, to complete this contract.

**Fiscal Note:** There will be no change in contract price as a result of this change order.

*John submitted the change order and noted it is to extend the completion date by 72 calendar days to December 8, 2006. This is needed to insure the paving of North Street.*



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

**Recommended For Approval**

[06-2816](#)

**Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering wishing to discuss rescinding approval for installation of street lights in the Georgetown Area.

**Recommendation:** This item was informational only.

*This item will be taken up at the next Public Works and Services Committee meeting.*

**Received and Filed**

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