



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

*President Brian Anderson, Vice President Kathleen DeMatthew, Secretary Mike Andreasen,
James Chaplin, John Engel, Alderman Thomas Friedel, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, John
Hewitt, Ronald Keland, Robert Lui, Daryl Lynaugh, Robert Pucely, Michael Staeck*

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

4:45 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

*OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, A. Wheeler, R.
Pace, K. Wanggaard, S. Cryer, M. Gallagher, B. Lecey*

PRESENT: 10 - Thomas Friedel, John Engel, Ronald D. Hart, Michael Staeck, Ronald
Keland, John Hewitt, Daryl Lynaugh, Robert Lui, Brian Anderson and Mike
Andreasen

EXCUSED: 3 - Robert Pucely, James Chaplin and Kathy DeMatthew

2. Approval of Minutes for the March 2009 Meeting

A motion was made by John Hewitt, seconded by Secretary Mike Andreasen,
that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

3. [09-3452](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for March 2009 totaling \$1,135,038.38

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Alderman Thomas Friedel, seconded by Robert Lui, that
this be Approved. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

4. [09-3453](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Ohio Street Interceptor Project
- B) Michigan Boulevard Lift Station Project
- C) Household Hazardous Waste Program/Pharmaceutical Collection
Update
- D) 2008 Audit Status
- E) Caledonia Force Main
- F) Case-New Holland Land Discussions

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [09-3470](#)

Subject: Federal Trade Commission Required Adoption of Red Flags
Policy by May 1, 2009

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that in 2003, the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act was passed by Congress which requires rules regarding identify theft protection to be promulgated. He noted that the rules come into effect on May 1, 2009. Therefore, a new required resolution has been created for the Racine Wastewater Commission to approve this policy.

A motion was made by Secretary Mike Andreasen, seconded by Michael Staeck, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [09-3481](#)

Subject: Request to Submit Ohio Street Interceptor and Michigan Boulevard Lift Station Projects to the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance for Funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that based on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, he is requesting authorization to apply for funding through the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance for the Ohio Street Interceptor and Michigan Boulevard Lift Station projects to be funded under the Stimulus program.

A motion was made by Robert Lui, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [09-3471](#)

Subject: Application to the Clean Water Fund Loan Program (CWFLP) for Stimulus Funding for Interceptor Improvements for 15th Street and Lathrop Avenue Areas

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested authorization to apply for a Clean Water Fund Loan for stimulus funding for interceptor improvements for 15th Street and Lathrop Avenue areas. He noted that these projects together are an estimated cost of \$700,000.00.

A motion was made by Secretary Mike Andreasen, seconded by Robert Lui, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [09-3472](#)

Subject: Comfort Resolution Pertaining to 15th Street and Lathrop Ave. Interceptor Project "Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse"

Recommendation: Recommendation of the Wastewater

Commission on 4/28/09: Wastewater Commission approved and further recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the "Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse" pertaining to the 15th Street and Lathrop Avenue Interceptor projects

Fiscal Note: Funding will be supplied by the Wastewater Utility

A motion was made by Alderman Thomas Friedel, seconded by John Hewitt, that this be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

9. [09-3510](#)

Subject: Application to the Clean Water Fund Loan Program for Stimulus Funding for Root River Interceptor Cleaning and Televising

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested authorization to apply for a Clean Water Fund Loan for stimulus funding for Root River interceptor cleaning and televising.

A motion was made by Robert Lui, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10. [09-3511](#)

Subject: Comfort Resolution Pertaining to Root River Interceptor "Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse"

Recommendation: Recommendation of the Wastewater

Commission on 4/28/09: Wastewater Commission approved and further recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the "Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse" pertaining to the cleaning and televising of the Root River interceptor

Fiscal Note: Funding will be supplied by the Wastewater Utility

A motion was made by Alderman Thomas Friedel, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

11. [09-3496](#)

Subject: Presentation from OpenCel Regarding their Technology

Recommendation: Receive and File

The Chief of Operations introduced Mr. Michael Gallagher, a representative from OpenCel. Mr. Gallagher distributed information regarding the OpenCel technology which is a system that digests biosolids. He stated that running this equipment is approximately \$50,000.00 a year, but the Wastewater Utility could reduce their operational cost at the Wastewater Plant by approximately \$400,000.00 annually. This presentation was for informational purposes only.

Received and Filed

12. [09-3476](#)

Subject: Replies from SSR Parties Relating to OpenCel Procurement

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager noted that replies were received from Mt. Pleasant and Sturtevant with regard to procurement of Opencel. He stated that both Villages were in support of procuring this equipment as long as the Wastewater Utility seeks grant funding. He stated that he will be discussing this item at the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting. It was noted that this was for informational purposes only.

Received and Filed

13. [09-3473](#)

Subject: Application to the Clean Water Fund Loan Program (CWFLP) for Stimulus Funding for OpenCel Plant Improvements

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested authorization to apply for a Clean Water Fund Loan for stimulus funding for OpenCel plant improvements.

A motion was made by Alderman Thomas Friedel, seconded by John Hewitt, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

14. [09-3474](#)

Subject: Comfort Resolution Pertaining to OpenCel "Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse"

Recommendation: Recommendation of the Wastewater

Commission on 4/28/09: Wastewater Commission approved and further recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the "Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse" pertaining to OpenCel

Fiscal Note: Funding will be supplied by the Wastewater Utility

A motion was made by Secretary Mike Andreasen, seconded by John Hewitt, that this be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

15. [09-3497](#)

Subject: Proposal from Black & Veatch to provide plans and specifications for OpenCel Procurement

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted a proposal from Black & Veatch in the amount of \$14,900.00 for the purpose of providing plans and specifications for OpenCel procurement for submittal to the Department of Natural Resources to secure a loan for this project. He noted that there are funds in the budget.

A motion was made by John Engel, seconded by Secretary Mike Andreasen, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

16. [09-3475](#)

Subject: Proposal from Don Roecker for Professional Services for Clean Water Fund Loan Program (CWFLP) Assistance

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager presented a proposal from Don Roecker for professional services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$17,000.00 to assist in loan applications.

A motion was made by John Hewitt, seconded by John Engel, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

CLOSED SESSION

It is the intent that the Wastewater Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) and (e) for the purpose of discussing negotiations for which the Commission may be involved. It is also the intent that open session will follow closed session.

Commissioner Freidel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Engel, to move the meeting into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

17. [09-3478](#)

Subject: Update on Progress of Local 2807 Bargaining Efforts

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager updated the Commission regarding negotiations with Local 2807.

Received and Filed

18. [09-3479](#)

Subject: Discussion on Negotiations with New Parties to the Household Hazardous Waste Program

Recommendation: Receive and File

Discussion was held regarding new parties to the Household Hazardous Waste Program.

Received and Filed

OPEN SESSION

The meeting went into Open Session at 5:45 p.m.

19. [09-3480](#)

Subject: Request from Village of Mt. Pleasant and Village of Caledonia to Join the Permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program for 2009 and Beyond

Recommendation: Recommendation of the Wastewater

Commission on 4/28/09: Wastewater Commission approved and further recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into Household Hazardous Waste agreements with the Village of Mt. Pleasant and the Village of Caledonia

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by John Hewitt, seconded by Secretary Mike Andreasen, that this be Recommended For Adoption. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

20. [09-3482](#)

Subject: Authorization to Accept \$2,300.00 from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for Overage Assistance for 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Program

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Alderman Thomas Friedel, seconded by John Hewitt, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

21. [09-3483](#)

Subject: Appointment of Alternate Commissioner Member for Racine

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager announced that Thomas Bunker was sworn in as the Wastewater Commission's Alternate No. 2 member representing the City of Racine.

Received and Filed

22. [09-3484](#) **Subject:** Proposal from AECOM to Perform Flow Monitoring in Ohio Street to Confirm the Performance of the New Sewer Improvements

Recommendation: Defer

A motion was made by Robert Lui, seconded by John Hewitt, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

23. [09-3477](#) **Subject:** Replies from SSR Parties Relating to Capacity Allocations and Exceedances for 2008

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager noted that he received a letter from the Village of Caledonia regarding capacity allocations and exceedances for 2008.

Received and Filed

24. Other Business

A) The General Manager noted that he received a communication from the Town of Raymond requesting to become a party to the Racine Area Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer Service, Revenue Sharing, Cooperation and Settlement Agreement.

B) The General Manager stated that Modine Manufacturing Company has reimbursed the Wastewater Utility for fines relating to a spill of DowTherm J heat transfer fluid.

C) The General Manager distributed a letter detailing the rain events that occurred on April 25 and April 26.

25. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Lui made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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