



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg  
Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II  
Alderman Ronald Hart  
Alderman Terry McCarthy  
Alderman Dennis Wiser*

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Monday, May 24, 2010

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### Call To Order and Roll Call

**PRESENT:** (3) Alderman James Spangenberg  
Alderman Q. A. Shakoor  
Alderman Dennis Wiser

**EXCUSED:** (2) Alderman Ronald Hart  
Alderman Terry McCarthy

### Approval of Minutes for the May 10, 2010 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [10-4657](#) **Subject:** (Ord.27-09) An ordinance to identify, protect, enhance, perpetuate and use artifacts that reflect special aspects of the City of Racine's historical, architectural, cultural or aesthetic heritage.

**Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission: on 1-04-10:** That the ordinance be adopted.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 02-08-10:** The item to be deferred to enable the Attorney's Office to refine the language of the ordinance with various City Departments and to report back when appropriate.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-24-10:** The item be deferred until such time as the Commissioner of Public Works, Director of Parks, Recreation & C.S., Director of City Development and the Fire Chief have an opportunity to meet and give their input on this ordinance and come to an agreement.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Marcus appeared before the Committee to recommend approval of this Ordinance. He stated that the Ordinance has been re-drafted and the main purpose of this Ordinance will be to protect historical artifacts owned by the City of Racine.*

*Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works also spoke on this item stating he disagrees with the Stop Work Order section of the Ordinance.*

*Alderman Shakoor feels that the 4 main managers involved should meet, give their input and come to a final agreement before any action is taken on this Ordinance.*

**Deferred**

3. [08-2361](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Ord.10-08 of 05-27-08 to repeal and recreate Chapter 62, Article II of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to discrimination.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 07-07-08:** Ordinance 10-08 be adopted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-24-10:** Ordinance No. 10-08 be adopted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Ron Thomas, former Alderman and present member of the Affirmative Action Human Rights Commission, appeared before the Committee. He stated that this Ordinance has been around since 1973 and is in dire need of changes and updating. He is asking for approval of the changes so that the Affirmative Action/Human Rights Commission can move forward and be able to do something other than mediate. Most of the changes are in the area of fair housing for City of Racine residents.*

*Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, also spoke in support of the Ordinance stating that the changes would give the commission more authority and will strengthen the grounds upon which the City can fight discrimination.*

**Recommended For Approval**

5. [10-5101](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Mary Williams to waive fees for a fundraiser at Tyler Domer Community Center.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-24-10:** That the request to waive fees for a fundraiser at Tyler Domer Community Center be denied.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Communication from Mary Williams.pdf](#)

*Mary Williams appeared before the Committee on this item. She is a friend and former co-worker of Shonda Hattix. Ms. Williams would like all the proceeds from the benefit to go towards helping and supporting Ms. Hattix, who has breast cancer.*

**Recommended For Denial**

6. [10-5102](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Director of Boy Scouts of America requesting to install soccer goals at Lockwood Park and Waiver of Fees and Charges. (Res.10-2048)

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-24-10:** That the fees and charges be reduced to 50% of the standard fees.

**Fiscal Note:** The standard fee of \$25.00/3 hours will be reduced to \$12.50/3 hours. It is anticipated that the City will forego approximately \$900. in 2010 revenue due to the reduction.

**Attachments:** [0332\\_001](#)

*Tom Turpin, District Director of the Boy Scouts of America Southeast Wisconsin Council, Inc., appeared before the Committee stating that this is a very worthwhile program for the youth involved.*

**Recommended For Approval**

7. [10-5005](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 11th District requesting to transfer \$33,000 from Account 255.000.5970 - Library Sunday Contingency to Account 101.990.5970 - General Fund - Contingency. (Res.10-2049)

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-26-10:** Defer the item until the May 24, 2010 Finance & Personnel meeting in order to allow input from the Library Board.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-24-10:** \$33,000 be transferred from Account 255.000.5970 - Library Sunday Contingency to Account 101.990.5970 - General Fund - Contingency.

**Fiscal Note:** Tax levy in the amount of \$33,000 will be available in the General Fund.

*Jessica MacPhail, City Librarian and Alderman Greg Holding appeared before the Committee on this item. Jessica MacPhail stated that the Library Board had not met on this item due to personal issues that some of the members had going on.*

**Recommended For Approval**

8. [10-5099](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Clerk submitting the bid received for printing the Common Council Proceedings and legal notices for the period of June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. (Res.10-2050)

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

**05-24-10:** Racine Journal Times be awarded the bid of publishing the Common Council proceedings and all legal notices for the period of June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011, they being the only bidder.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available in account 101.010.5540; City Council Proceedings.

**Attachments:** [0144\\_001](#)

**Recommended For Approval**

9. [10-5144](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations requesting funding to install a handicap entrance device at the Racine Transit Center. (Res.10-2044)

**Staff Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**05-24-10:** \$3,780 be appropriated from Account 105.900.5010, Bus Capital Projects to fund the installation of a handicap entrance device at the Racine Transit Center.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available for the appropriation. The project will be federally funded at 80%.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on**

**05-26-10:** \$3,780.00 be appropriated from Account 105.900.5010, Bus Capital Projects to fund the installation of a handicap entrance device at the Racine Transit Center.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available for the appropriation. The project will be federally funded at 80%.

**Attachments:** [Funds for Handicap Entrance BUS.doc](#)

*David Brown, Finance Director, spoke on this item. 20% city and 80% federal funds are available for this project.*

**Recommended For Approval**

10. [10-5152](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Fire Chief wishing to discuss adjustments to the State of Wisconsin Haz Mat Team compensation. (Res.10-2051)

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

**05-24-10:** Increase ten Wisconsin Haz Mat Team committee member's compensation \$150 per year from \$750 to \$900 and the Haz Mat Command Officer compensation \$750 per year from \$750 to \$1,500.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient grant funds of \$2,250 available in the State of Wisconsin Haz Mat Fund 268 to cover the increased additional cost. There is no municipal levy associated with this operation.

**Attachments:** [State of Wisconsin Haz Mat Team Compensation Adjustment.docx](#)

*Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee to discuss the adjustments to the State of Wisconsin Haz Mat Team compensation. The total cost will be entirely funded from State Haz Mat funds and no local levy dollars will be utilized.*

**Recommended For Approval**

11. [10-5153](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Fire Chief requesting to transfer funds to acquire rugged computers for use with the Computer Aided Dispatch System.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-24-10:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Request to Transfer Money from Paramedic Training Account to Computer H](#)

*Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee requesting that this item be received and filed.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

## Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ald. James T. Spangenberg, Chairman**  
**Finance & Personnel Committee**