



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

*President John Hewitt, Vice President Thomas Bunker,
Secretary Robert Lui, Kathy DeMatthew, Mayor John Dickert,
Thomas Friedel, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Howard Stacey,
Chris Wright, Alderman James Morgenroth, Anthony Beyer,
Chris Larsen, Joseph Mandala, Ralph Schwarz*

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

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

PRESENT: 8 - Thomas Friedel, Chris Wright, James Morgenroth, Joseph Mandala, John Hewitt, Thomas Bunker, Robert Lui and Howard Stacey

EXCUSED: 6 - John Dickert, Chris Larsen, Ronald D. Hart, Anthony Beyer, Kathy DeMatthew and Ralph Schwarz

2. Approval of Minutes for the February 2014 Meeting

A motion was made by Thomas Friedel, seconded by James Morgenroth, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [14-9948](#)

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Wastewater Commission Finance Committee Held on March 20, 2014

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Joseph Mandala, seconded by Thomas Friedel, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [14-9930](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) New Commissioner - Ralph Schwarz
- B) Update on Synagro Contract
- C) Update on 2013 Audit
- D) Concrete Condition Survey Update
- E) OpenCel Update
- F) Letters Related to Capacity Utilization
- G) First Household Hazardous Waste Event - April 19, 2014

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [13-9279](#) **Subject:** Letter from Republic Services Offering Short-Term Solutions for Biosolids Disposal (The General Manager recommends that this item be received and filed.)

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager recommended that this item be received and filed.

A motion was made by Thomas Friedel, seconded by Vice President Thomas Bunker, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [14-9947](#) **Subject:** Discussion of Rules and Regulations Governing Bargaining of Wages with Local 2807 Employees in Accordance with ACT 10

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager explained how the rules and regulations in accordance with ACT 10 impact the governing bargaining of wages with Union members. He noted that this was for informational purposes only.

A motion was made by Thomas Friedel, seconded by Joseph Mandala, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [14-9957](#) **Subject:** Authorize the General Manager to Negotiate and Bargain with Local 2807 for 2014 Wage Consideration

Recommendation: Approve

It is currently unclear if Local 2807 is in good standing with AFSCME, if they will recertify as a Union as recognized under ACT 10, or whether they will officially decertify as a Union body under the governing rules in the state of Wisconsin. The General Manager will try to determine what the current status of the hourly employees at Racine Wastewater is at this time. Based on those findings, the General Manager will either negotiate, bargain, or simply offer the hourly employees a wage increase in accordance with the recommendations of the Wastewater Finance Committee at the Special Meeting of the Wastewater Commission Finance Committee dated March 20, 2014 and such minutes as approved by the Wastewater Commission.

A motion was made by Vice President Thomas Bunker, seconded by Joseph Mandala, 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 Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a utility employee.

8. [14-9959](#) **Subject:** Non-Represented Employee Compensation Based on 2013 Performance

Recommendation: Receive and File

The Commission did not go into Closed Session, therefore Item 14-9959 is hereby received and filed.

Received and Filed

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Secretary Robert Lui made a motion, seconded by Chris Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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