



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

Chairman James T. Spangenberg
Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II
Alderman Robert Anderson
Alderman Michael Shields
Alderman Terry McCarthy

Monday, March 22, 2010

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order and Roll Call

PRESENT: 5 - Alderman James Spangenberg
Alderman Q. A. Shakoor, II
Alderman Robert Anderson
Alderman Michael Shields
Alderman Terry McCarthy

PRESENT: 5 - Alderman Spangenberg, Robert Anderson, Michael Shields, Q.A. Shakoor, II and Terry McCarthy

Approval of Minutes for the March 8, 2010 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [09-3120](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Executive Director and Curator of Collections of the Racine Art Museum requesting to negotiate the next long-term agreement for Wustum Museum.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 1-26-09: The item to be deferred so that the Committee can review the contract.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2-11-09 and 3-11-09: defer

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 5-13-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-12-09: None at this time.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural

Services 11-11-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 3-10-10: that the request be approved.

Fiscal Note: A 3% annual increase over the previous years allocation for the duration of the contract.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 03-22-10: The item be deferred until the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: The proposal increases the subsidy over the 2012 base year by 3% through 2033.

Attachments: [RAM](#)

Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation & C.S., appeared before the Committee requesting the item be deferred until the next meeting. The term of the contract is 20 years.

Deferred

Alderman Anderson arrived at the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

2. [10-4840](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 1st District requesting to meet with the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss waiving all City fees associated with the annual St. Patrick Day Parade and the Christmas Parade.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 03-22-10: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [10-4840](#)

Alderman Jeff Coe and Jean Garbo from the Downtown Racine Corporation, appeared before the Committee. They stated that both the St. Patrick Day Parade and the Christmas Parade are great community events that bring resources to the downtown area. In these tough economic times, they would like to see the City fees associated with these events waived.

Public Works Commissioner Rick Jones stated that if the City waives these fees, the same principle would have to apply to all non-profit organizations and this would not be a good thing for the City.

A new communication will have to be brought before the Committee asking the City to be a co-sponsor for this event.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

3. [10-4866](#)

Subject: Communication from Aldermen of the Ninth and Eleventh Districts requesting to meet with appropriate committee to discuss changes to Purchasing Ordinance (46-28).

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on
03-22-10:** The item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman McCarthy stated that he would like to see improvements made to the present Purchasing Ordinance. He and Alderman Holding have met with City Administrator Friedel and City Attorney Weber to discuss these issues and both are in agreement with changes needing to be made.

Deputy Attorney Scott Letteney stated that he does not feel that legal services should be included in the changes. He stated that in the present Ordinance, only Public Works is required to advertise for bids for purchases over \$25,000.

Finance Director Dave Brown also spoke stating that these changes would mean a bigger work load for the Purchasing Department who only consists of one person. After further discussion, the Committee decided that more information is needed before a final decision can be made on this issue. The Committee would also like the City Administrator present at the next meeting to discuss this item further with him.

Deferred

4. [10-4849](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting permission to apply for the \$150,762.55 2010 National Institute of Justice (NIJ), City Grant Control No. 2010-005, Solving Cold Cases with DNA Grant. (Res.10-1931)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

03-22-10: The Chief of Police be allowed to apply for the \$150,762.55 2010 National Institute of Justice (NIJ), City Grant Control No. 2010-005, Solving Cold Cases with DNA Grant.

Fiscal Note: No City match is required.

Attachments: [committee appearance_001](#)

Police Chief Wahlen appeared before the Committee. He stated that the funds will be used to identify, review, and investigate "violent crime cold cases" that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis.

Recommended For Approval

5. [10-4848](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to waive formal bidding and the Purchasing Agent negotiate with Streicher's for the purchase of fifty (50) American Body Armor XT300 Model Vest. (Res.10-1932)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

03-22-10: Permission be granted for formal bidding procedures be waived and that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate with Streicher's for the purchase of fifty (50) American Body Armor XT300 Model Vest.

Fiscal Note: Total cost \$31,000. Funds are available in Account

101.311.5430.

Attachments: [Waive Formal Bidding](#)

Police Chief Wahlen appeared before the Committee to discuss this item.

Recommended For Approval

6. [10-4845](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development requesting the termination of Tax Incremental District No. 3 (Shoop Parking Ramp). (Res.10-1933)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 03-22-10: To adopt a resolution for the closing of TID No. 3.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [TID No. 3 termination request](#)
[TID termination model res](#)

Asst. Director of City Development Joe Heck, appeared before the Committee to discuss this item.

Recommended For Approval

7. [10-4846](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (City Grant Control # 2010-011) in the amount of \$3,000 for Aquatic Invasive Species Control. (Res.10-1934)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 03-22-10: Permission be granted for the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (City Grant Control # 2010-011) in the amount of \$3,000 for Aquatic Invasive Species Control.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [DNR AQUATIC SPECIES APPLY](#)

Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation & C.S. appeared before the Committee to discuss this item. Funds will be used for the restoration of the lakefront property around the Carre-Hogle Park.

Recommended For Approval

8. [10-4847](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grants Facilitator requesting permission to accept 2010 Federal funding from the Department of Education (Grant Control No. 2010-008) in the amount of \$200,000 to support after school programming at certain community centers. (Res.10-1935)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

03-22-10: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Department of Education (Grant Control No. 2010-008) in the amount of \$200,000 to support after school programming at certain community centers.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [2010appropriationsdoe.doc](#)

Debbie Embry, Grants Facilitator appeared before the Committee to discuss this request. These funds will support the after school programming at the John Bryant Community Center, Tyler-Domer Community Center, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. The program will also be a partnership between Racine Unified School District and other community partners.

Recommended For Approval

9. [10-4864](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grants Facilitator requesting permission to accept funding from Susan G. Komen 2010-2011 Community Health Grant, Grant Control No. 2009-064, to provide outreach and diagnostic services. (Res.10-1936)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

03-22-10: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement and accept funding from Susan G. Komen 2010-2011 Community Health Grant, Grant Control No. 2009-064, to provide outreach and diagnostic services.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [2010-2011Susan G Komenaccept.doc](#)

Debbie Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee to discuss this request. The grant funds would be used to provide outreach services, free and reduced cost screening and diagnostic services, targeting Milwaukee, Racine and Waukesha counties.

Recommended For Approval

10. [10-4865](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grants Facilitator requesting permission to accept the Project Safe Neighborhood 2010 Grant Award in the amount of \$25,000, Grant Control No. 2009-055, to support the Community Re-Entry Program. (Res.10-1937)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

03-22-10: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter in an agreement and to accept the Project Safe Neighborhood 2010 Grant Award in the amount of \$25,000, Grant Control No. 2009-055, to support the Community Re-Entry Program.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [psnacceptance.doc](#)

Debbie Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee to discuss this request. The grant will support the Community Re-Entry Program, a program administered by Racine Vocational Ministry.

Recommended For Approval

11. [10-4803](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Jodie Antreassian-Janiuk for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

3-08-10: The item be deferred for further investigation.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

03-22-10: The item be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Janiuk_001](#)

Deputy City Attorney Scott Letteney, appeared before the Committee. He stated that he had done further investigating on this claim and recommends denial of the claim because the City did not have prior knowledge of this pothole in the street and DPW has since fixed the area.

Recommended For Denial

12. [10-4862](#)

Subject: Claim for excessive assessment from 2405 Northwestern Avenue, LLC for 2009 Real Estate Taxes.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

03-22-10: That the claim be referred to the Board of Review.

Staff recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on

4-12-10: The claim for excessive assessment filed by 2405 Northwestern Avenue, LLC for 2009 Real Estate Taxes be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [2405 Northwestern Avenue, LLC.pdf](#)

Referred

13. [10-4863](#)

Subject: Claim for excessive assessment from Racine Joint Venture II, LLC, for 2009 Real Estate Taxes.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

03-22-10: That the claim be referred to the Board of Review.

Staff recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on

4-12-10: The claim for excessive assessment filed by Racine Joint Venture II, LLC for 2009 Real Estate Taxes be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [racine joint venture.pdf](#)

Referred

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the COmmittee, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2010 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

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