



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman Thomas Friedel, Vice Chair Sandy Weidner
Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Alderman Michael Shields*

Monday, January 21, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

*PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Friedel, Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Alderman Michael Shields
ABSENT: Vice Chair Sandy Weidner*

Approval of Minutes for the January 7, 2008 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-1263](#) Subject: Communication from Mayor Becker requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss the non-rep employee bumping rights.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-22-07: The item be deferred to continue discussion with the Mayor and that all department heads and non-represented employees be informed of the next meeting.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The item be deferred to receive consolidated feedback from the administrative managers.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mayor Gary Becker appeared before the Committee to discuss the non-represented employee bumping rights. The existing ordinance provides for bumping rights recognizing longevity for the non-represented employees. The Mayor's request is to revise the ordinance to show that the administrative manager shall make his/her determination based on certain factors as opposed to seniority. The Committee recommends the item be deferred for further feedback from the administrative managers.

Deferred

2. [08-1618](#) Subject: Communication from Chief of Police Wahlen, requesting to waive formal bidding for the purchase of additional Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator in-squad video cameras.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: Recommend that formal bidding be waived and that the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to negotiate the purchase of additional Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator in-squad video cameras.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in the 2006 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant.

Deputy Chief Art Howell appeared before the committee requesting to waive formal bidding for the purchase of additional Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator in-squad video cameras.

Recommended For Approval

3. [08-1611](#) Subject: A communications from the Fire Chief requesting permission to accept \$2,552.41 from Kenosha County Emergency Management for reimbursement of

expenses associated with the Full-Scale Terrorism Drill that was conducted on June 19th, 2007.

(Also refer to Public Safety and Licensing Committee)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: Recommend that reimbursement of \$2,552.41 be accepted from Kenosha County Emergency Management for expenses associated with the Full-Scale Terrorism Drill that was held in June 2007.

Fiscal Note: The reimbursement will be placed in account 101.300.7990, Fire Department Miscellaneous Revenues.

Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the committee requesting permission to accept \$2,552.41 from Kenosha County Emergency Management for reimbursement of expenses associated with the Full-Scale Terrorism Drill.

Recommended For Approval

4. [08-1610](#)

Subject: The Fire Chief is requesting permission to accept an Office of Justice Assistance check for \$89,085.59 to close out OJA Grant HS-05-IC-0399 for Interoperability Communications.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The Fire Chief be authorized to accept an Office of Justice Assistance check for \$89,085.59 to close out OJA Grant HS-05-IC-0399 for Interoperability Communications.

Fiscal Note: The reimbursement will be placed in 213.000.6830 Revenue from state OJA-FD/PD.

Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the committee requesting permission to accept an Office of Justice Assistance check for \$89,085.59 to close out OJA Grant HS-05-IC-0399 for Interoperability Communications.

Recommended For Approval

5. [08-1613](#)

Subject: The Fire Chief is requesting a Release from Liability for First Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 728 Villa Street . The purpose of this release is to allow our firefighters to use a house for training purposes that the church owns. This house is located at 608 - 8th Street.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The Fire Chief be authorized to a Release from Liability from the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, to allow the firefighters to use a house located at 608 - 8th street for training purposes.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 01-21-08: That authorization be granted to the Fire Chief for Release from Liability from the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, to allow the firefighters to use a house located at 608 - 8th street for training purposes.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Fire Chief Steve Hansen and Division Chief Kevin Bush appeared before the committee to request a Release from Liability from the First Evangelical Church to allow the firefighters to use a house located at 608 8th Street for training purposes.

Recommended For Approval

6. [08-1635](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public

Works/Engineering requesting to discuss applying for the 2008 Aquatic Invasive Species grant.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The Racine Board of Harbor Commissioners be authorized to apply for the 2008 Aquatic Invasive Species grant (Grant Control #2008-001).

Fiscal Note: 75% state funding (25% to be funded by the Racine Harbor Comm., Racine Yacht Club, Reefpoint Marina and Lakeshore Towers) Grant Control #2008-001.

James Rooney, Harborside Commissioner, appeared before the committee requesting to discuss applying for the 2008 Aquatic Invasive Species grant.

Recommended For Approval

7. [08-1606](#)

Subject: Communication from the Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting permission to accept \$5,000 from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission to be utilized for the installation of a boat pump-out station on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering be authorized to accept \$5,000 from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission to be utilized for the installation of a boat pump-out station on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge. (Grant Control No. 2006-052).

Fiscal Note: 25% funding (remaining 75% to be provided by a Federal Clean Vessel Act grant). Grant Control #2006-052.

James Rooney, Harborside Commissioner, appeared before the committee requesting permission to accept \$5,000 from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission to be utilized for the installation of a boat pump-out station on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street bridge.

Recommended For Approval

8. [08-1607](#)

Subject: Communication from the Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting permission to accept \$70,000 from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission to be utilized for the installation of a floating dock on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge and request the local match be increased from \$28,000 to \$70,000 in the 2008 budget year.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering be authorized to accept \$70,000 from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission to be utilized for the installation of a floating dock on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge and request the local match be increased from \$28,000 to \$70,000 in the 2008 budget year. (Grant Control No. 2006-051). Further recommend that the general fund advance up to \$40,000 interest free to be paid back in even installments over the next 10 years.

Fiscal Note: Local match will be increased from \$28,000 to \$70,000 in the 2008 budget year. The increase will be funded through existing Harbor Commission funds and an advance from the General Fund.

James Rooney, Harborside Commissioner, appeared before the committee requesting permission to accept \$70,000 from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission to be utilized for the installation of a floating dock on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street bridge.

Recommended For Approval

9. [08-1660](#) Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering requesting permission to accept \$15,000 from the Federal Clean Vessel Act Program to be utilized for the installation of a boat pump-out station on the north side of the Root River.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering be authorized to accept \$15,000 from the Federal Clean Vessel Act Program to be utilized for the installation of a boat pump-out station on the north side of the Root River (Grant Control No. 2006-052).
- Fiscal Note: 75% funding (25% to be funded by the Wisconsin Waterways Commission) Grant Control No. 2006-052.
- James Rooney, Harborside Commissioner, appeared before the committee requesting permission to accept \$15,000 from the Federal Clean Vessel Act Program.*
- Recommended For Approval**
10. [08-1612](#) Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development for an Agreement with Racine County Economic Development Corporation for Commercial Corridor Services.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The Director of City Development be authorized to enter into an agreement with Racine County Economic Development Corporation for Commercial Corridor Services.
- Fiscal Note: \$69,400.00 was provided for in the 2008 capital budget.
- Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the committee requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Racine County Economic Development Corporation for Commercial Corridor Services.*
- Recommended For Approval**
11. [08-1619](#) Subject: Communication from the Assistant City Attorney submitting the claim of Kelvin Jackson for consideration.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The claim of Kelvin Jackson, 1900 Mead Street Lower, requesting a reimbursement of \$8,495.16 for injuries received on the basketball court at the Bryant Center be denied.
- Fiscal Note: N/A
- Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the committee to discuss the claim of Kelvin Jackson, 1900 Mead Street Lower.*
- Recommended For Denial**
12. [07-1573](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney requesting to meet with the appropriate committee to discuss the third party administration services of the United HealthCare Insurance Company.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 01-07-08: Deferred.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with United HealthCare Insurance Company to provide third party administration services for the City Health Plan including payment of claims effective January 1, 2008.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, and Julie Anastasio, Benefits Coordinator, appeared before the committee to discuss the third party administration services of the United Healthcare Insurance Company. Julie stated this contract has been in place since January 1, 2008.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None.

A motion was made by Alderman Spangenberg and seconded by Alderman Wisneski that the Committee be convened in closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which is or is likely to become involved regarding the case of *Glassen v. Racine*, Racine County Circuit Court Case 07-CV-1119 and sec. 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider employment, promotion, compensation, performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility regarding the Racine Police Staff Officer's Association.

Roll call taken: Ayes: Aldermen Spangenberg, Wisneski and Shields

Noes: Alderman Weidner

The Chairman then announced that the Committee would convene in closed session for the reason stated in the motion and pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) and Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c).

Also present: Dave Brown, Scott Letteney, Terry Parker

13. [08-1631](#) Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Deputy City Attorney to meet in closed session pursuant to s.19.85(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning a litigation matter involving *Glassen v. Racine*, Racine County Circuit Court Case 07-CV-1119.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended to be Received and Filed

14. [08-1632](#) Subject: (Direct Referral) Pursuant to s. 19.85(c), to consider compensation data regarding the Racine Police Staff Officer's Association.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 1-21-08: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ald. Thomas Friedel
Finance & Personnel Committee**