



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, November 9, 2009

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order & Roll Call

PRESENT: 4 - Alderman James Spangenberg, Q. A. Shakoor, Robert Anderson, Michael Shields

EXCUSED: 1 - Alderman Terry McCarthy

Approval of Minutes for the October 26, 2009 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [09-4329](#)

Subject: Communication from Carlos Mireles of Wisconsin Thunder wheelchair basketball team requesting to waive the fee for the use of Dr. Bryant Community Center three or four times between November 2009 and February 2010.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: To waive the fee for the use of Dr. Bryant Community Center three or four times between November 2009 and February 2010 and to work with the Park & Recreation Department for the use of other facilities as well.

Fiscal Note: The rental fee for the Dr. John Bryant Center is \$64.00 per hour (weekend fee).

Attachments: [Wisconsin Thunder](#)

Carlos Mireles, Coach of the Wisconsin Thunder wheelchair basketball team, appeared before the Committee. The team does not have the funds to pay for a facility to host home games and he would like to bring the team back to Wisconsin. Therefore he is asking that the fees for the usage of the Bryant Center be waived.
Recommended For Approval

2. [09-4382](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication received through the Office of the Mayor requesting consideration of a modification to the Racine Area Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer Service, Revenue Sharing, Cooperation and Settlement Agreement.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: Recommend that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the modified Racine Area Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer Service, Revenue Sharing, Cooperation and Settlement Agreement following Racine Wastewater Commission approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Sewer Agreement](#)

Keith Haas, General Manager Water/Wastewater Utilities appeared before the Committee. He stated that he is hoping to bring this issue to a vote in December by the Wastewater Commission and then proceed to have the Mayor and City Clerk sign an agreement.

Recommended For Approval

3. [09-4347](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting permission to apply for and accept a three-year 2010 Beat Patrol Grant (Grant Control No. 2009-074).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: Permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for and accept a three-year 2010 Beat Patrol Grant (Grant Control No. 2009-074).

Fiscal Note: A hard match of \$33,976 is required.

Attachments: [2010 Beat Patrol](#)

Dave Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee on behalf of Chief Wahlen. He stated that funds are already in the budget for 2010.

Recommended For Approval

4. [09-4343](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to apply for a grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management (City Grant Control # 2009-072) for North Beach mats.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: Permission be granted for the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to apply for a grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management (City Grant Control # 2009-072) for North Beach mats.

Fiscal Note: There will be a \$26,675 match on the part of the City.

Attachments: [N. Beach mats grant req.](#)

Dave Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee on behalf of Donnie Snow. He stated that this grant would pick up 45% of the cost for funds which are already in the budget for 2010.

Recommended For Approval

5. [09-4332](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Caroline Stephens for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: The claim of Caroline Stephens, 4811 Emstan Hills Road, #203 requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$189.18 for repairs to her vehicle which was allegedly vandalized while it was in the impound lot be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Stephens_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee. He stated that the impound lot is fenced in and secured, therefore the claim should be denied.

Recommended For Denial

6. [09-4340](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Scott Tuska for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: The claim of Scott Tuska, 1532 Bryn Mawr Avenue, requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$500.00 for a bicycle that was allegedly stolen after being found in the middle of the street by a police Officer during an unrelated investigation, be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Tuska_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee recommending denial of this claim.

Recommended For Denial

7. [09-4341](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Celeste Balcer for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: The claim of Celeste Balcer, 3330 Southwood Drive, requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$50,000.00 for injuries arising out of an alleged accident involving a snowplow on Goold Street near the intersection of Blake Avenue on February 21, 2009, be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Balcer_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee recommending denial of this claim.

Recommended For Denial

8. [09-4339](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney wishing to discuss settlement of the lawsuit filed in Racine County as Case No. 08-CV-1599, Clara Bridgeman v. City of Racine, et al.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: To approve a negotiated settlement in the amount of \$33,000 in Case No. 08-CV-1599, Clara Bridgeman v. City of Racine, et al.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds in Account 101.990.5910, Judgments and Claims for settlement.

Attachments: [Bridgeman_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee. He stated that \$33,000 is a reasonable amount for this settlement.

Recommended For Approval

9. [09-4365](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Northeastern Development, LLC for consideration.

Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: That the claim of Northeastern Development LLC be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee. He stated that Jim Spodick's claim of \$650,000 for a loan agreement allegedly negotiated with former Mayor Gary Becker would have needed to be approved by the Common

Council. Therefore, the claim should be denied.

Jim Spodick was also present at the meeting but had no further information for the Committee.

Recommended For Denial

10. [09-4251](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grants Facilitator requesting permission to apply for the Brownfields Job Training Grant (Grant Control No. 2009-066) through the Environmental Protection Agency. The grant is in the amount of \$200,000 over a two year period.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: Permission be granted for the Grants Facilitator to apply for the Brownfields Job Training Grant (Grant Control No. 2009-066) through the Environmental Protection Agency. The grant is in the amount of \$200,000 over a two year period.

Fiscal Note: No hard match is required, however a soft match is recommended.

Attachments: [2010brownfieldjobtraining.doc](#)

Debbie Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to apply for the Brownfields Job Training Grant. The grant is for \$200,000 over a two year period of time. The final purpose is to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields.

Recommended For Approval

11. [09-4252](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grants Facilitator requesting permission to apply for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2009 Healthy Homes Demonstration Program (Grant Control No. 2009-065). The grant is in the amount of \$875,000 with a project period of three years.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: Permission be granted for the Grants Facilitator to apply for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2009 Healthy Homes Demonstration Program (Grant Control No. 2009-065). The grant is in the amount of \$875,000 with a project period of three years.

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

Attachments: [2010HUDhealthyhomes.doc](#)

Debbie Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee. The grant is for \$875,000 with a project period of three years. The purpose of the grant is to develop, demonstrate and evaluate cost-effective, preventive measures to correct multiple residential safety and health hazards that produce diseases and injuries in children and the elderly, with a particular focus on low income households.

Recommended For Approval

12. [09-4346](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to apply for and accept a 2009 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant in the amount of \$45,000 for establishing a communications equipment cache in Racine County. The Racine Fire Department will be the host agency for this grant. There is no grant match required. Grant Control Number 2009-073.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: Permission be granted for the Fire Chief to apply for a 2009 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant in the amount of \$45,000 for establishing a communications equipment cache in Racine County. The Racine Fire Department will be the host agency for this grant.

There is no grant match required. Grant Control Number 2009-073.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-09-09: That permission be granted for the Fire Chief to apply for a 2009 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant in the amount of \$45,000 for establishing a communications equipment cache in Racine County. The Racine Fire Department will be the host agency for this grant. There is no grant match required. Grant Control Number 2009-073.

Fiscal Note: No match is required. A separate communication for acceptance will be submitted if we are successful in obtaining the grant.

Attachments: [2009 uasi grant request 10 29 09](#)

Dave Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee on this item.

Recommended For Approval

13. [09-4348](#)

Subject: The Director of City Development submitting a communication from Business Improvement District No. 1 - Downtown Racine submitting its proposed 2010 Operating Plan and special assessments.

Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: To approve the Business Improvement District No. 1 - Downtown Racine proposed 2010 Operating Plan and special assessments as presented.

Fiscal Note: The \$208,801 in special assessments will be placed on the 2009 property tax bills.

Attachments: [BID No. 1 2010 Operating Plan Request](#)
 [Downtown Racine BID No. 1 2010 Operating Plan](#)

Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee. The plan of action for 2010 is to promote new development and beautification of the downtown area. This is the 9th year of operation for this committee.

Recommended For Approval

14. [09-4355](#)

Subject: Request of the Assistant Director of City Development to revise the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) budget.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-09-09: To approve the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) budget as presented.

Fiscal Note: The budget total remains the same with changes between line items for new construction and rehabilitation.

Attachments: [NSP revised budget](#)

Joe Heck, Assistant Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee. He stated that the total budget for this program is 1.9 million. The program is intended to combat the effects of the foreclosure crisis in Racine.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this COmmittee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2009 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

Ald. James Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee