



# 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*

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Monday, May 21, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 209

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### Call to Order and Roll Call.

**PRESENT:** 4 - Thomas Friedel, Sandy Weidner, Aron Wisneski and Michael Shields

**EXCUSED:** 1 - James T. Spangenberg

### Approval of minutes for the May 7, 2007 meeting.

to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-0569](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Mayor of the City of Kenosha requesting a long-term loan of two Civil War cannon barrels to the Kenosha Public Museums for display with the Civil War Museum of the Upper Middle West.

The item has been referred to the Board of Parks & Recreation & Cultural Services and Landmark Preservation Commission.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on  
05-21-07:** The item be deferred.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Dan Joyce, Senior Curator of the Kenosha Public Museum and Civil War Museum, appeared before the Committee requesting a long-term loan of two Civil War cannon barrels to be displayed at the new Civil War Museum.*

**Deferred**

2. [07-0549](#) **Subject:** Communication from Barbara Fitzgerald requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee wishing to discuss her 2006 Personal Property Tax at 406 Main Street, Tax Account No. P00097097.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on  
05-21-07:** Permission granted for a settlement payment of \$200 for the 2006 Personal Property Tax at 406 Main Street, Tax Account No. P00097097. \$236.36 be written off against account 101.990.5930 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Cancelled and any remaining interests and penalties be waived.

**Fiscal Note:** Sufficient funds are available in account 101.990.5930 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes Cancelled.

*Barbara Fitzgerald and Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee discussing the 2006 Personal Property Tax at 406 Main Street.*

**Recommended For Approval**

3. [07-0568](#) **Subject:** Communication from David Voss, President of the Racine Community Outpost, requesting to discuss funding to relocate two of the Racine Police Department Community policing houses.

The item has been referred to the Public Safety & Licensing Committee and the Community Development Committee.

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

**05-21-07:** The item be received and filed.

**Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee of**

**5-21-07:** That the item be referred to the Community Development Committee.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Marty Defatte appeared before the Committee requesting funding to relocate two Police Department Community policing houses.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

4. [07-0561](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Director of City Development requesting to apply for a Stewardship Program Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Grant Control No. 2007-026) for the extension of the Lake Michigan Pathway in the Pointe Blue area.

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

**05-21-07:** Permission granted for the Director of City Development to apply for a \$200,000 Stewardship Program Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Grant Control No. 2007-026) to be utilized for the extension of the Lake Michigan Pathway in the Pointe Blue area.

**Fiscal Note:** A 50% hard match is required that will be paid by the Pointe Blue developer.

*Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee requesting to apply for a Stewardship Program Grant.*

**Recommended For Approval**

5. [06-2999](#) **Subject:** Amendment of the Tax Incremental District Number 15 Project Plan.

Also referred to the City Plan Commission.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on****2-12-07:** That the item be deferred.**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on****05-21-07:** The item be received and filed**Fiscal Note:** NA

*Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee recommending that the item be received and filed because more time is required to recommend an amendment to the TID No. 15 project.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**6. [07-0615](#)

**Subject:** Communications from the Fire Chief requesting to transfer \$15,000 from Female Locker Room Renovation Account to Building Maintenance Account. The funds will be used to make unplanned repairs to Fire Stations 7 and 8.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on****05-21-07:** Permission granted for the Fire Chief to transfer \$15,000 from Account 986.300.5040, Female Locker Room Renovation to Account 986.300.5060, Fire Station 7 & 8 Building Repairs to be utilized for repairs to fire stations 7 and 8.**Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee of****5-21-07:** That the Fire Chief be granted permission to transfer \$15,000 from Account 986.300.5040, Female Locker room Renovation to Account 101.300.5670, Building maintenance Account to be utilized for repairs to Fire Stations 7 and 8.**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available for the transfer.

*Fire Chief Steve Hanson appeared before the Committee requesting a transfer of \$15,000 to be utilized for repairs needed at Fire Stations 7 and 8.*

**Recommended For Approval**7. [07-0608](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to apply for the State of Wisconsin 2007 Motorcycle Safety Grant to address traffic safety issues specific to the weekend of August 17-20, 2007 HOG Rally. Grant Control # 2007-028 has been issued.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on****05-21-07:** Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for a \$7,500 State of Wisconsin 2007 Motorcycle Safety Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-028) to be utilized for traffic safety issues specific to the weekend of August 17-20, 2007 Hog Rally.

**Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee of**

**5-21-07:** That permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for a \$7,500 State of Wisconsin 2007 Motorcycle Safety Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-028) to be utilized for traffic safety issues specific to the weekend of August 17-20, 2007 Hog Rally.

**Fiscal Note:** There is a 25% soft match required on the part of the City.

*Steve Hurley, Deputy Chief Patrol, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to apply for the \$7,500 State of Wisconsin 2007 Motorcycle Safety Grant.*

**Recommended For Approval**

8. [07-0583](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the City Clerk submitting the bid received for printing the Common Council Proceedings and legal notices.

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

**05-21-07:** Racine Journal Times be awarded the bid to publish the Common Council Proceedings and all legal notices for the period of June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008, they being the only bidder.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available in Account 101.010.5520, City Council Proceedings.

*David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee requesting to award the Common Council Proceedings and all legal notices publications to the Racine Journal Times.*

**Recommended For Approval**

9. [07-0439](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer requesting to appropriate funds to repair the Solid Waste Garage which was damaged in a traffic accident.

**Recommendation:** The bid for the repair of the damage to the Solid Waste Garage caused by an uninsured motorist be awarded to Rossi Construction Co., Inc., Racine, WI, at their price of \$10,559.00.

Further recommend that since this was an unanticipated accident and funding was not provided, that this item be referred to the Finance Committee for funding.

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

**05-21-07:** \$10,559 be transferred from Account 101.990.5970, Contingency to Account 101.410.5670 Solid Waste Garage Repairs & Maintenance.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available for the transfer.

*Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, appeared before the*

*Committee requesting to appropriate funds to repair the Solid Waste garage.*  
**Recommended For Approval**

10. [07-0533](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting Amendment No. 1 to the Janitorial Service Contract.

**Recommendation:** The City of Racine adopt and implement the Green Seal Environmental Standards GS-37 and GS-42 for all departmental purchases and contractual services including private firms managing city facilities.

Further recommends that Amendment No. 1 to the janitorial services contract for the Building Complex Division be approved in the amount of \$8,250.00.

Further recommends that this item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee to appropriate the necessary funding.

**Fiscal Note:** The Green Seal Standard provides specifications for the provision of janitorial cleaning products which meet minimum environmental requirements. There are insufficient funds in the existing 2007 budget for the implementation of this standard for the Building Complex Division.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-21-07:** That the beginning of 2008 and/or when each contract is renewed, the City implement the Green Seal Environmental Standards GS-37 and GS-42 for all departmental purchases and contractual services including private firms managing city facilities.

**Fiscal Note:** The additional cost will be considered in the 2008 budget.

*Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, appeared before the Committee requesting to submit Amendment No. 1 to the Janitorial Service Contract.*  
**Recommended For Approval**

Alderman Aron Wisneski left the meeting to attend the Traffic Commission meeting at 6:03 p.m.

11. [07-0570](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Narcotics Anonymous group requesting to utilize the Martin Luther King, Jr. and Tyler-Domer Community Centers at a reduced rate for two upcoming events.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-21-07:** Permission granted for the Narcotics Anonymous group allowed to utilize the Martin Luther King Jr. and Tyler-Domer Community Centers at \$65 per day per event.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Members of Narcotics Anonymous appeared before the Committee requesting to utilize the Martin Luther King Jr. and Tyler-Domer Community Centers at a reduced rate for two upcoming events.*

**Recommended For Approval**

12. [07-0632](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Finance Director wishing to discuss a transfer of funds to cover the cost of the professional services rendered in the recruitment of a City Administrator.

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

**05-21-07:** \$14,500 be transferred from account 101.020.5010, City Administrator Salaries to account 101.020.5610, City Administration Professional Services to be utilized for the cost of professional services rendered in the recruitment of a City Administration.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available for the transfer.

*David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to transfer funds to cover the cost of the professional services rendered in the recruitment of a City Administrator.*

**Recommended For Approval**

**Miscellaneous Business**

**None**

**There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday June 11, 2007 at City Hall, Room 301.**