



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Natalia Taft
Vice Chair Marcus West
Alder Sam Peete
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder John Tate II

Monday, August 8, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Chair Taft, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair West

Approval of Minutes for the July 11, 2022 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Horton, to Approve the Minutes.

[0484-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Waterworks Department, requesting permission to enter into the Developer's Agreement for the Sorenson Creek Project - Sorenson Creek LLC (Developer).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That the Waterworks Department be authorized to enter into agreement for the Sorenson Creek Project.

Fiscal Note: The estimated \$90,000 cost to construct the water main extension is to be paid by the Developer.

Director of Waterworks Gitter, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0572-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting permission to expand services and enter into agreement, Contract #2022078, with Housing Resources Inc. for Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Management.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign Contract #2022078 with Housing Resources Inc. for Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Management for the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: Contract is in the amount of \$150,000. Funds are available in account 22910 52200 22917 ARPA Contracted Services-FEC.

Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Community Partnerships Selkove, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0550-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for and accept the 2021 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (#00466) and renew the Interlocal Agreement with the Racine County Sheriff's Office.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for and accept the 2021 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and approval to renew the Interlocal Agreement with the Racine County Sheriff's Office.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$45,050 **City Match:** None

Chief of Police Robinson, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0549-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for the Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative FY2022 Competitive Grant (#00467).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for the Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative FY2022 Competitive Grant (#00467).

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$700,000 **City Match:** None

Chief of Police Robinson, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0551-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to accept the TAPS Academy Grant (#00447).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to accept the TAPS Academy Grant.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$66,000 **City Match:** None

Chief of Police Robinson, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0547-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to accept the 2022/2023 Mayor's Gang Collaborative Grant (#00462).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to accept the 2022/2023 Mayor's Gang Collaborative Grant.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$63,400 **City Match:** None

Chief of Police Robinson, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0548-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Perez, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to accept the BJA FY21 Smart Prosecution-Innovative Prosecution Solutions Grant (#00365).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to accept the BJA FY21 Smart Prosecution-Innovative Prosecution Solutions Grant (#00365).

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$53,603 **City Match:** None

Chief of Police Robinson, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0546-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe, requesting permission that the City sell a property at 1233 Schiller to Alfredo Hernandez, an abutting property owner.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That the City of Racine approve the sale of a property at 1233 Schiller to Alfredo Hernandez for \$3,500 and to authorize City Staff to

execute all necessary documents for the sale.

Fiscal Note: Sale proceeds of \$3,500 will be considered program income for CDBG and will be repurposed within the CDBG program.

Real Estate Manager Lechner, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0573-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, Mayor Mason and Alder Tate II, proposing that the Common Council pass a resolution placing an advisory referendum on the November 8, 2022, election ballot for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the question of whether the State of Wisconsin should repeal Wisconsin Statutes section 940.04, which bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient, to allow legal access to abortion care.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That the Common Council pass a resolution placing an advisory referendum on the November 8, 2022, election ballot for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the question of whether the State of Wisconsin should repeal Wisconsin Statutes section 940.04, which bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient, to allow legal access to abortion care.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Chair Taft, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0568-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting that Racine Ordinances Chapter 66, Article II, Section 66-35 be created to add disorderly conduct toward or harassment of an election official as an offense and that Ord. 0009-22 be approved.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: That Racine Ordinances Chapter 66, Article II, Section 66-35 be created to add disorderly conduct toward or harassment of an election official as an offense and that Ord. 0009-22 be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

City Clerk/Treasury Manager McMenamin, City Attorney Letteney, and Alder Perez, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(e), to address a matter that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, requires a closed session, specifically to formulate collective bargaining strategy, and pursuant to Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(g) to discuss strategy for litigation in which the City of Racine is currently involved, specifically the appeals of the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission's declaratory rulings regarding bargaining issues and employee health plan design.

A motion was made by Chair Taft, seconded by Alder Horton, to go into Closed Session.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

PRESENT: 4 - Chair Taft, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair West

0575-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting that the City Administrator, the City Attorney, and the City's collective bargaining team provide an update regarding collective bargaining issues and any related lawsuits in which the City of Racine is involved.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: To authorize the City Administrator and bargaining team to enter into negotiations with the public safety collective bargaining units based on wages and benefits offered to the general employees for 2021 and 2022.

Fiscal Note: N/A

City Administrator Vornholt, City Attorney Letteney, and Mayor Mason, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Chair Taft, seconded by Horton and Tate II, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

0462-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Peterson, requesting a \$750 retention bonus for all Public Safety workers, who did not receive the retention bonus paid in May 2022, and who are currently on payroll as of August 1st, 2022.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: To receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

City Administrator Vornholt and City Attorney Letteney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Chair Taft, that this file be Received and Filed.

[0576-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting that the City Administrator address post-retirement health insurance eligibility for public safety employees of the City of Racine.

Staff Recommendation: That the City Administrator address post-retirement health insurance eligibility for public safety employees of the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-8-2022: To delay implementation of the post retirement eligibility transition until July 1, 2023 for represented public safety employees as discussed in closed session.

Fiscal Note: To be discussed.

City Administrator Vornholt, City Attorney Letteney, Mayor Mason, Alder Perez, and Alder Jones, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Chair Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

Open Session

The Finance and Personnel Committee will return to open session and may take action on any item discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Chair Taft, seconded by Alder Horton, to go into Open Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

PRESENT: 4 - Chair Taft, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair West

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder Taft, Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee