



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee of the Whole

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

2024 Budget Meeting- Amendment Meeting

Call To Order

PRESENT: 14 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of November 8th, 2023.

Alder Perez made a motion to Approve the Minutes, seconded by Alder West.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

Consideration of Amendments Submitted for the 2024 Proposed Budget

[1051-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the proposed 2024 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Ordinances, Positions, and Fee Schedules as attached are anticipated to be included in adoption of this item.

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on November 09, 2023: That the proposed 2024 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Ordinances, Positions, and Fee Schedules as attached anticipated to be included in adoption of this item, be Approved as Amended

Fiscal Note: A copy of the 2024 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds are on file in the Office of the Finance Director and on the City Website.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Perez, to Approve Amendment #1, to declare that Juneteenth National Independence Day of each year be an official holiday of the City of Racine for non-represented employees, that the employee handbook be amended to reflect the change, and that the City administration negotiate with represented employees for future contracts. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Peete, to Amend and Approve Amendment #2, \$22,000 in the operating budget of parks to plow pathways in the winter for the bike path in Meyer Park, for a one year trial. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Peterson, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 5 - Kaprelian, West, Land, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Kelly, to Approve Amendment #3, to modify the City HSA contribution amounts as attached maintaining a 10% differential for residents. Reduces the HSA contributions by \$359,625. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Coe, Kaprelian, Peterson, Perez, Kelly and Jarrett

NOES: 7 - Jones, Davis, Paffrath, West, Peete, Land and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Jones, seconded by Alder Paffrath, to Amend and Approve Amendment #3, that the City HSA contribution amounts reflect the HSA rates for the 2023 budget. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 7 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Jarrett and Sebastian

NOES: 6 - Peterson, West, Peete, Land, Perez and Kelly

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Jones, seconded by Alder Peete, for reconsideration of the motion on Amendment #3, to Approve the HSA contribution amounts to reflect the 2023 budget. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Jones, Peete and Land

NOES: 10 - Coe, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Perez, to Approve Amendment #4, to remove the additional 1% residency differential on salaries (Proposed budget includes raising the residency salary differential from a 3%

differential to a 4% differential, this amendment would leave it at a 3% differential and not raise it.). The motion **FAILED** by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Coe, Kaprelian, Peterson, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 7 - Jones, Davis, Paffrath, West, Peete, Land and Jarrett

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Kelly, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #5, \$15,000 of funding for a health department consolidation study consistent with State Innovation Funding. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Peterson, seconded by Alder Sebastian, to Approve Amendment #6, to demolish rather than rebuild the Lincoln Park Bridge and that the funding for the demolition be paid for with some funds from TID #28. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

NOES: 1 - Land

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Jarrett, to Approve Amendment #7, the Fire Department be incorporated into the 2024 budget fee schedule as attached. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Davis, seconded by Alder Jarrett, to Approve Amendment #8, to include \$25,000 in the capital budget to investigate and implement closed captioning in the Council Chambers. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Perez, seconded by Alder Jones, to Approve Amendment #9, an increase to Neighborhood Watch funding by \$14,000 to a total of \$50,000. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Paffrath, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #10, a decrease the parking rates proposed for off street renters

(monthly). The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Kelly, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve Amendment #11, to reduce the tuition reimbursement from the proposed \$4,000 to \$2,000. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 2 - Kelly and Sebastian

NOES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez and Jarrett

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Sebastian, seconded by Alder Jarrett, to Approve Amendment #12, to allocate \$20,000 of General Obligation Bonds for Flooring replacement at the Geneva Street COP house. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Peterson, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

NOES: 1 - Kaprelian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, seconded by Alder Coe, to Deny Charter Ordinance 0001-23. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 7 - Coe, Kaprelian, Peterson, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

NOES: 7 - Jones, Davis, Paffrath, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete and Land

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Jones, seconded by Alder Coe, to Amend Ordinance 0013-23, to remove Franklin Park located at 900 11th St. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Peete, to Amend Ordinance 0005-23, to state in Sec. 2-532 (a) (5) to 10 business days. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

NOES: 1 - Chair McCarthy

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, seconded by Alder Coe, to Amend Ordinance 0007-23, to include when replacing lead and galvanized pipe cannot be used as replacement for any portion of the line and replacement

must be led free. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder Coe to Deny Ordinance 0006-23. The motion FAILED for lack of second.

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, to Amend Ordinance 0006-23, to extend the date to May 15th. The motion FAILED for lack of second.

A motion was made by Alder Peterson, seconded by Alder Coe, to Amend Ordinance 0010-23, to include section (b) In the event grant funding is unavailable for an ensuing year, as contemplated by Ch. Ord. sec. 4-27, to fund 100% of the budget of the department of community safety, the department of community safety shall be dissolved, and the position of director of the department of community safety shall be eliminated, no later than December 31 prior to such ensuing year. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 7 - Coe, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, Land, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 6 - Jones, Davis, West, Peete, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Peete, that this Communication be Approved as Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

[0895-23](#)

Subject: Request for Approval of the Proposed 2024 Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on September 19, 2023: To adopt the Operations & Maintenance Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan as presented with a referral to the Committee of the Whole.

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on November 09, 2023: To Approve the 2024 Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Peete, that this Communication be

Recommended For Approval, seconded by Alder Coe. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

[0901-23](#)

Subject: Approval of the Proposed 2024 Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Commission on September 19, 2023: To Adopt the Operations & Maintenance Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan as presented with a referral to the Committee of the Whole.

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on November 09, 2023: To Approve the 2024 Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder West, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval, seconded by Alder Peete. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Chair McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

[0902-23](#)

Subject: Approval of the 2024 Sewer Service Rates.

Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Commission on September 19, 2023: To approve the 2024 Sewer Service Rates.

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on November 09, 2023: To approve the 2024 Sewer Service Rates.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Coe, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval, seconded by Alder West. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 PM.