



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine

*James Spangenberg*  
*David Lange*  
*Doug Nicholson*  
*Alderman James Morgenroth*  
*Gregory Holding*

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Monday, February 1, 2016

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 303

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 5 - James Spangenberg, David Lange, Doug Nicholson, James Morgenroth and Robert Anderson

**ABSENT:** 1 - Gregory Holding

Others present:

*Matt Sadowski, Interim Director of City Development*  
*Michelle Cook, Secretary of City Development*  
*Thomas Friedel, City Administrator*  
*Alderwoman Sandy Weidner*  
*Thalia Mendez, Gateway Technical College*  
*Debbie Davidson, Gateway Technical College*  
*Laura Million, Racine County Economic Development Corporation*  
*Jordan Brown, Racine County Economic Development Corporation*

#### Approval of Minutes for the December 7, 2015 Meeting.

**A motion was made by Alderman Morgenroth, seconded by Commissioner Nicholson, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

[0090-16](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) A request by Gateway Technical College for review and approval of its 2016 Launch Box Contract. (Res No. 0043-16)

**Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority 2/1/16:** That the request for use of \$99,930.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the Launch Box Small Business Development Initiative Contract for 2016 be approved. Further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Gateway.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 2/8/16:** That the request for use of \$99,930.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the Launch Box Small

Business Development Initiative Contract for 2016 be approved. Further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Gateway.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds totaling \$99,930.00 are available in the City's 2016 capital budget using Intergovernmental Funds.

**Attachments:** [GTC 2016 Launch Box](#)  
[Year End Narrative](#)  
[2015 LB SURVEY RESULTS](#)  
[Year End Chart](#)

*Interim Director Sadowski introduced the item. He stated that there is no change from the dollar amount requested in 2015.*

*Mr. Sadowski introduced Thalia Mendez, the new Launch Box Coordinator for Gateway Technical College.*

*Ms. Mendez described her background, the 2015 Launch Box survey results and the actual year end totals for the program (attached).*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Alderman Morgenroth, to adopt RDA Resolution 16-01 recommending approval of the request. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

[0091-16](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) A request by the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) for review and approval of its 2016 General Economic Development Services Contract. (Res No. 0044-16)

**Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 2/1/16:** That the request by RCEDC for the use of \$69,000.00 from the Department of City Development Economic Development fund for the General Economic Development Services contract be approved for 2016. Further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 2/8/16:** That the request by RCEDC for the use of \$69,000.00 from the Department of City Development Economic Development fund for the General Economic Development Services contract be approved for 2016. Further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds have been set aside in the Department of City Development's 2016 budget under line item 16002 52260 Economic Development.

**Attachments:**     [City Contract YE Report.2.1.16](#)  
[1.28.16 CITY OF RACINE General 2016 Contract](#)

*Laura Million, RCEDC, explained the yearend report for the 2015 activities. She stated the amount of the 2016 contract is unchanged at \$69,000.00. She also described business recruitment and retention activities which can be found in the attached documents.*

**A motion was made by Alderman Morgenroth, seconded by Commissioner Lange, to adopt RDA Resolution 16-02 recommending approval of the request. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote with Commissioner Nicholson abstaining.**

[0092-16](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) A request by the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) for review and approval of its 2016 Brownfields Redevelopment Contract. (Res No. 0045-16)

**Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 2/1/16:** That the request by RCEDC for use of \$66,650.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the renewal of the RCEDC Brownfields Initiative Contract for 2016 be approved. Further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 2/8/16:** That the request by RCEDC for use of \$66,650.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the renewal of the RCEDC Brownfields Initiative Contract for 2016 be approved. Further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

**Fiscal Note:** The funds are available in the city's 2016 capital budget using Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Funds.

**Attachments:**     [Brownfields Contract 16](#)

*Jordan Brown, RCEDC, explained the 2015 activities. He stated there are a total of 17 grants with two additional grants applied for. He explained the key areas of the contract and stated that there were no changes in the dollar amount from 2015.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Alderman Morgenroth, to adopt RDA Resolution 16-03 recommending approval of the request. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote with Commissioner Nicholson abstaining.**

## **Administrative Business**

RDA Property Purchase Updates:

*Mr. Sadowski explained that the property at 615 Marquette Street has been purchased by the City. He introduced Mike Lechner who described the current condition of the property. He stated that the demolition plan and the amount would*

*have to come back to the Authority for approval.*

Discuss Availability for a Special Meeting Regarding Small Business Development RLF  
Application

*Mr. Sadowski explained the reasoning for a possible special meeting of the Authority. He stated there is an applicant interested in applying for the CDBG RLF Small Business Loan.*

*Commissioners agreed on either February 15th or February 11th as potential dates for a special meeting.*

**Adjournment**

*There being no further business, Chairman Spangenberg adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.*