



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, January 9, 2023

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 November 28, 2022 Meeting.

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

0023-23

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Chief Information Officer, requesting permission to apply for the Federal Communications Commission Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program (ACP Outreach Grant Program) Grant Control #00494.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the Chief Information Officer be granted approval to apply for the Federal Communications Commission Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program (ACP Outreach Grant Program) Grant Control #00494.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount requested is no more than \$750,000. City soft (in kind) match no more than 10% of grant.

Chief Information Officer Edwards, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

0020-23

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Fire Chief, requesting permission to accept a grant for \$25,000 from the Racine Community Foundation for the acquisition of a trailer to be used for hauling heavy equipment associated with the Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue Teams. Grant Control Number 00491.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the Fire Chief be granted approval to accept the Racine Community Foundation grant for \$25,000.

Fiscal Note: There is no local match required for this grant if awarded.

Fire Chief Hansen, 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.

[0021-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Fire Chief, requesting permission for the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the purchase of a new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus from Oshkosh Fire and Police based on their estimate number 6302.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the Purchasing Agent be granted permission to procure from Oshkosh Fire and Police, as being the lowest responsible bidder, a new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Funding of the new SCBA to come from the 2023 Fire Department CIP Program.

Fiscal Note: Funds to defray cost in the amount of \$432,396 are available in 45030-57300.

Fire Chief Hansen, 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.

[0031-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy, on behalf of the Fire Chief, requesting permission for the Mayor, City Clerk and Finance Director to approve and sign the Equipment Donation Agreement between the City and Ascension All Saints, for the donation of a chemical decontamination trailer to be used with the Racine Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the Mayor, City Clerk, and Finance Director be authorized to approve and sign the Equipment Donation Agreement between the City and Ascension All Saints, for the donation of a chemical decontamination trailer to be used with the Racine Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team.

Fiscal Note: There is no local match required.

Fire Chief Hansen, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0019-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Finance Director, to discuss closing the Tax Incremental Financing District Number 20, Regency Mall.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the Finance Director be granted approval to close Tax Incremental Financing District Number 20, Regency Mall.

Fiscal Note: NA

Finance Director Fischer, 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.

[0001-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of John Klinkhammer for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended For Approval.

[0909-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Kathleen Robison for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0908-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Vimlesh Patel for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

01-09-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended For Approval.

[0910-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney’s Office, submitting the claim of Thomas and Mary Peterson for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

01-09-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended For Approval.

[0016-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney’s Office, submitting the claim of Grace Lutheran Church for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

01-09-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended For Approval.

[0911-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney’s Office, submitting the claim of Obed and Rose Pena for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

01-09-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that the

disallowance of this claim be Recommended For Approval.

[0889-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Benjamin Bower for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended For Approval.

[0030-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, Alder Taft, Alder Land, Alder Jones, Alder Peete, and Alder Paffrath requesting a resolution in support of encouraging the Racine Public Library Board to implement wage and benefit increases for the 2023 budget.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the Finance and Personnel Committee support passing this resolution to the Common Council.

Fiscal Note: Funding is included in the adopted 2023 City Budget.

Library employee Nick Demske, Finance Director Fischer, City Attorney Letteney, and Mayor Mason, 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.

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.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, to go into Closed Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair West

[0028-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney present the proposed settlement in Office of Worker's Compensation Hearings case *Justin Turner and City of Racine*, WC Claim No. 2021020724.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That we accept the settlement, which would include a full and final compromise of all claims, a hold harmless on all outstanding medical bills, and that outstanding bills will be processed through the City's health insurance, a lump sum payment to Mr. Turner in the amount of \$50,000.00, and certification of Mr. Turner's Wis. Stat. § 40.63 certification.

Fiscal Note: The settlement amount of \$50,000.00 shall be paid from Account 11201 51400, Workers Compensation.

City Attorney Letteney, and Workers Compensation Attorney Christopher Behrens, 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.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, requesting a roll call vote.

AYES: 3 - Chair Taft, Alder Peete and Alder Horton

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair West

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Alder Tate II

[0029-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney meet with the Finance and Personnel Committee concerning litigation in which the City is involved, specifically *Joshua Lee Vinson, Sr., vs. Jason DeBruin, et al.*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 19-cv-1237-bhl.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the City Attorney be granted authority to make an offer of judgment to Plaintiff in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Fiscal Note: If the Offer of Judgment were accepted, payment would be made from Account 11202-53500, Misc - Judgment & Claims.

City Attorney Letteney, and Federal Court Attorney Kyle Moore, 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.

[0022-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, requesting that the

City Administrator provide an update regarding collective bargaining issues in which the City of Racine is involved.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-09-2023: That the Committee recommend the matter be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that this communication be Received and Filed.

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 Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, to go into Open Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 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 7:05p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder Taft, Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee