



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes

Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman Thomas Friedel, Vice Chair James T. Spangenberg, Alderman David L. Maack,
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Michael Shields*

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 102

AMENDED

Call To Order and Roll Call

PRESENT: Thomas Friedel, James T. Spangenberg, Michael Shields and Brian Anderson

EXCUSED: David L. Maack

Approval of Minutes for the August 11, 2008 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [08-2511](#) Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to accept \$96,900 grant from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-27-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$96,900 agreement with the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (Grant Control No. 2008-023) to support initiatives provided by Racine Vocational Ministry, Safe Haven Gang Crime Diversion Task Force and Why Gangs.

Fiscal Note: No match is required on the part of the City.
Ald. Friedel spoke on this item stating that this has been done in the past and there is no reason not to accept this grant.
Recommended For Approval

2. [08-2583](#) Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Fire Chief requesting a transfer of funds to cover the cost of roof repair plans, specifications and construction inspection at Station #7.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-27-08: That \$30,000 be transferred from Account 986.300.5040, Fire Station #1 - Female Locker Room to Account 986.300.5080, Fire Station #7 Roof Replacement to cover the cost of roof repair plans, specifications and construction inspection at Station #7.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for the transfer.
Chief Hansen appeared before the Committee stating that the Fire Station at Washington and Lathrop has been experiencing problems with water leaks in various areas of the roof system. There are funds available to cover temporary repairs to get thru this winter.
Recommended For Approval

3. [08-2507](#) Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to accept a \$1,000.00 donation from The Sustainable Racine Fund (Sustainable Neighborhood Partnership) within the Racine Community Foundation for

a community garden.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-27-08: Permission granted for the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to accept a \$1,000 donation from The Sustainable Racine Fund (Sustainable Neighborhood Partnership) within the Racine Community Foundation for a community garden and that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.

Fiscal Note: No match is required on the part of the City.

Ald. Friedel spoke on behalf of Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to accept this donation.

Recommended For Approval

4. [08-2505](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Robin and Patricia Jacobsen for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-27-08: The claim of Robin and Patricia Jacobsen, 31 Sheffield for cleaning and repair expenses arising from a sewer backup into their basement on June 9, 2008 be deferred, that the City Attorney's office review the claim and conduct an analysis on the dollar amount submitted by Mr. Jacobsen and bring the item back for discussion.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Scott Letteney appeared before the Committee requesting that this claim be denied based on the fact that the City did not know or could not have known that this incident would occur.

Keith Haas, General Manager - Water & Wastewater gave a demonstration of what occurred with the pipe fittings that caused an obstruction leading to the sewer back up in the owners' basement.

Robin Jacobsen, property owner also appeared requesting the Committee to reconsider his claim based on the hardship his family endured on June 9, 2008 when this incident occurred.

Deferred

5. [08-2538](#)

Subject: David Brown, Finance Director, requesting permission to have Kathleen Fischer, Assistant Finance Director, Joy Hansche, Accountant, and himself as designated signers on all accounts associated with the Assets of Independence Demonstration Program (IDA).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-25-08: That David Brown, Finance Director, Kathleen Fischer, Assistant Finance Director, and Joy Hansche, Accountant, be appointed as designated signers on all accounts associated with the assets of the Independence Demonstration Program (IDA).

Fiscal Note: N/A

David Brown, Finance Director appeared before the Committee on this item.

Recommended For Approval

6. [08-2492](#)

Subject: An offer to Quit-claim 1350 & 1354 State Street Properties to the City of Racine

Recommendation of Redevelopment Authority on 8-06-08: That the Common Council, pursuant to sec. 66.1333 (5) (b) Wis. Stats., authorize and direct the Redevelopment Authority to acquire the properties at 1350 and 1354 State Street.

Further Recommends, that the Common Council provide funds in the amount of up to \$50,000.00 for closing costs, demolition of structures on the property, and one-year's costs of holding the property. The Authority recommends that Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Funds be used for this purpose.

Further Recommends, that this request be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee of the Common Council for review and approval.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-27-08: That the Quit-claim for 1350 & 1354 State Street Properties to the City of Racine be approved pursuant to sec. 66.1333 (5) (b) Wis. Stats. and that the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund advance up to \$50,000.00 for closing costs, demolition of structures on the property and one-year's costs of holding the property.

Fiscal Note: The property is being donated to the City at no cost. Inter-governmental shared revenues will be required for the closing and demolition costs.

Jim Luellhoff, Associate Planner, Dept. of City Development appeared before the Committee stating that this properties have been vacant and Mr. Hoornstra (owner) would like to sell them to the City for redevelopment.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 8, 2008.