



# 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*

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Monday, October 27, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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#### Call To Order and Roll Call

*PRESENT: 4 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, David L. Maack and Michael Shields*

*ABSENT: 1 - Robert Anderson*

#### Approval of Minutes for the October 13, 2008 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [08-2805](#) Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to purchase playground equipment for Lockwood Park using 2008 surplus operational funds within the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department.

This playground equipment will be installed in 2009.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services be authorized to purchase playground equipment for Lockwood Park using 2008 surplus operational funds within the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department. Further recommend that \$15,000 from account 101.700.5020 Parks Other Salaries and \$65,000 from account 101.700.5510 Parks Utilities be transferred to account 101.700.5750 Parks Land Improvements.

Fiscal Note: The City's portion will be \$63,230, with a match from the Game Time grant.

**Attachments:** [Lockwood pl. eq.](#)

*Ben Hughes, City Administrator; Aron Wisneski, Twelfth District Alderman; and Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services; appeared before the Committee requesting permission to purchase playground equipment for Lockwood Park from Game Time using excess funds from the Parks 2008 surplus operational funds and a grant from Game Time.*

**Recommended For Approval**

2. [08-2754](#) Subject: Direct Referral: Bids for Contract 55-08 (K8-065) (R1) Garden Crypt and Niche Addition at Mound Cemetery.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-13-08: That Contract 55-08 (K8-065), Garden Crypt and Niche Addition at Mound Cemetery, be awarded to Bane-Nelson, Inc., Kenosha, WI, at their bid price of \$1,333,000,00, they being the second lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommend Mork Mausoleum Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder be released of any liabilities and their bid bond be returned without malice and the item be referred to Finance and Personnel and the Cemetery Board.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: That Contract 55-08 (K8-065) Garden Court Crypt and Niche Addition at Mound Cemetery be awarded to Bane-Nelson, Inc., Kenosha, WI, at their bid price of \$1,333,000 plus their alternate bid of \$20,000 for a total Contract price of \$1,353,000, they being the second lowest responsible bidder. Further recommend that the indoor niche construction be held in abeyance to allow for contingencies. Further recommend that Mork Mausoleum Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder be released of any liabilities and their bid bond be returned without malice.

Recommendation of Board of Cemetery Commission: To approve.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 207.000.5760, Mound Crypts.

**Attachments:** [Cemetery bids crypt niche add](#)

*Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to accept the second lowest responsible bid for contract 55-08 (K8-065) from Bane-Nelson, Inc., Kenosha, WI at the total amount of \$1,353,000.00 and requesting that Mork Mausoleum Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder be released of any liabilities and their bid bond be returned without malice.*

**Recommended For Approval**

3. [08-2700](#)

Subject: Communication from the General Manager of Water and Wastewater Utilities offering to sell 37.5 acres of land for \$1,212,121 to the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: Defer the item.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Attachments:** [mcc newman rd ltr.pdf](#)

*The Committee has decided to defer this item until more information is available.*

**Deferred**

4. [08-2757](#)

Subject: communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Maximino Miranda for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The claim of Maximino Miranda requesting reimbursement of \$1,583.20 for alleged damages after he drove his car into the area near a storm water drain on 9-21-08 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Attachments:** [Miranda claim\\_001](#)

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting to deny the claim against the City from Maximino Miranda based on the amount of information available.*

**Recommended For Denial**

5. [08-2780](#)

Subject: communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Sentry Insurance a Mutual Company (J. Hendrickson) for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The claim of Sentry Insurance a Mutual Company requesting reimbursement of \$1, 966.26 for

repair expenses paid to their insured, Jewel Hendrickson, arising out of an accident involving a DPW salt truck on 12-29-07 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Attachments:** [Sentry Ins \(Hendrickson\) 001](#)

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting to deny the claim against the City from Sentry Insurance a Mutual Company (J. Hendrickson) based on the information gathered by the City Attorney's office regarding this claim.*

**Recommended For Denial**

6. [08-2791](#)

Subject: communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Renta Varghese for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The claim of Renta Varghese, of Troy, Michigan, requesting reimbursement of \$50,000.00 for damages arising out of her employment with the Racine Unified School District in 2008 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Attachments:** [Varghese claim 001](#)

*Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting to deny the claim against the City from Renta Varghese, of Troy, Michigan because it is a claim against the Racine Unified School District.*

**Recommended For Denial**

7. [08-2759](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission for the City to enter into agreements with the Villages of Elmwood Park and Wind Point to provide Level 1 Health Services from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into agreements with the Villages of Elmwood Park and Wind Point to provide Level 1 Health Services from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Fiscal Note: There is a 5% increase from last year.

**Attachments:** [2009 Elmwood-Wind Point.pdf](#)

*Janelle M. Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee to request permission for the City to enter into agreements with the Villages of Elmwood Park and Wind Point to provide Level 1 Health Services at a 5% increase from last year.*

**Recommended For Approval**

8. [08-2802](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to apply for the SC Johnson grant (Grant Control No. 2008-037) in the amount of \$50,000 to be utilized for the Ways to Work Program.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The Grant Facilitator be authorized and directed to apply for the SC Johnson grant (Grant Control No. 2008-037) in the amount of \$50,000 to be utilized for the Ways to Work

Program.

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

**Attachments:** [SC Johnson.doc](#)

*Deborah Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee requesting to apply for the SC Johnson grant for the Ways to Work Program in the amount of \$50,000.*

**Recommended For Approval**

9. [08-2803](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to apply for the United Way of Racine County (Grant Control No. 2008-039) grant in the amount of \$8,000 to be utilized for the Racine Promise Study.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The Grant Facilitator be authorized and directed to apply for the United Way of Racine County grant (Grant Control No. 2008-039) in the amount of \$8,000 to be utilized for the Racine Promise Study.

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

**Attachments:** [United Way Promise.doc](#)

*Deborah Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee requesting to apply for the United Way of Racine County grant for the Racine Promise Study in the amount of \$8,000.*

**Recommended For Approval**

10. [08-2804](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting to apply for the Racine Community Foundation grant (Grant Control No. 2008-038) in the amount of \$8,000 to be utilized for the Racine Promise Study.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The Grant Facilitator be authorized and directed to apply for the Racine Community Foundation grant (Grant Control No. 2008-038) in the amount of \$8,000 to be utilized for the Racine Promise Study.

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

**Attachments:** [Racine Comm Found.doc](#)

*Deborah Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee requesting to apply for the Racine Community Foundation grant for the Racine Promise Study in the amount of \$8,000.*

**Recommended For Approval**

11. [08-2809](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to apply for the Game Time Grant (Grant Control No. 2008-040) in the amount of \$63,230 to be utilized for the purchase of playground equipment for Lockwood Park.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The Grant Facilitator be authorized and directed to apply for the Game Time grant (Grant Control No. 2008-040) in the amount of \$63,230 to be utilized for the purchase of playground equipment for Lockwood Park.

Fiscal Note: A \$63,230 match required on the part of the City.

**Attachments:** [gametime.doc](#)

*Deborah Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee requesting to apply to Game Time (Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground) for an in-kind match of \$63,230 of playground equipment for Lockwood Park.*

**Recommended For Approval**

12. [08-2810](#)

Subject: Communication from the Grant Facilitator requesting permission to accept \$63,230 from the Game Time 2008 Fighting Obesity Grant (Grant Control No. 2008-040) to be utilized for the purchase of playground equipment for Lockwood Park.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$63,230 agreement with the Game Time 2008 Fighting Obesity Grant (Grant Control No. 2008-040) to be utilized for the purchase of playground equipment for Lockwood Park.

Fiscal Note: A \$63,230 match required on the part of the City.

**Attachments:** [gametimeaward.doc](#)

*Deborah Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee requesting to accept on behalf of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services the Game Time 2008 Fighting Obesity Grant Award in the amount \$63,230 of in-kind playground equipment for Lockwood Park.*

**Recommended For Approval**

13. [08-2801](#)

Subject: Communication from the Finance Director requesting to discuss refunding the outstanding 2008 note anticipation notes maturing on December 15, 2008.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: That the 2008 Capital Improvement Note Anticipation Notes maturing on December 15, 2008 be refunded.

Fiscal Note: It is anticipated that General Obligation Bonds totaling \$7,680,000 maturing over a 15 year period will be issued.

**Attachments:** [Note anticipation.pdf](#)  
[prs of the financing cmte\\_racine 102108.pdf](#)

*Bradley D. Viegut of Baird appeared before the Committee to discuss moving ahead with the refunding of the City's 2008 note anticipation notes maturing on December 15, 2008.*

**Recommended For Approval**

A motion was made by Alderman Spangenberg and seconded by Alderman Maack that the Committee be convened into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider medical data of specific persons.

Roll Call taken: Ayes: Aldermen Spangenberg, Maack, Shields and Friedel  
Noes: Anderson  
Abstain: None

The Chairman then announced that the Committee would convene in closed session for the reason stated in the motion and pursuant to Wisconsin statute 19.85(1)(f).

Also present: David Brown, Terry Parker, Benjamin Hughes, Sandy Weidner, Julie Anastasio, Rae Anne Beaudry and Caroline Berghammer

14. [08-2790](#) Subject: Communication from Terry Parker, Human Resources Manager requesting to appear before the Finance/Personnel Committee along with Ben Hughes, City Administrator, regarding the stop loss insurance 2008 performance review and 2009 renewal issues.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-27-08: To defer this item.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Attachments:** [communication-200810150856AM](#)  
[Spec City of Racine stop loss comparison 010109.pdf](#)  
[City of Racine est 2009.pdf](#)

*David Brown, Finance Director; Terry Parker, Human Resources Manager; Benjamin Hughes, City Administrator; Sandy Weidner, Alderman of sixth district; Julie Anastasio, Benefits Coordinator; and Rae Anne Beaudry and Caroline Berghammer of the Horton Group appeared to discuss Stop Loss Insurance coverage.*  
**Deferred**

## Miscellaneous Business

## Adjournment

**There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday November 10, 2008.**