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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*

Monday, July 21, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

*PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Friedel, Vice-Chair James T. Spangenberg, Ald.
Michael Shields, Ald. David Maack, Ald. Robert Anderson*

Approval of Minutes for the July 7, 2008 Meeting.

1. [08-1822](#) **Subject:** Communication from Mayor Becker wishing to discuss returning Marquette Street and ML King Drive back to two-way streets.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (03-17-08): Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (05-19-08): Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee (05-27-08): That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a professional services agreement with Ayres Associates, Waukesha, WI, for a full traffic impact analysis to examine the feasibility of converting Marquette Street and Dr. ML King, Jr. Drive from one-way to two-way traffic for the lump sum of \$19,000.00.

Further recommend that since this item was not included in the 2008 budget, that it be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for appropriate funding.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (06-30-08): The traffic study be approved.

Fiscal Note: This study was approved by the Public Works and Services Committee and referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for funding.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 07-21-08: Defer the item.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works, appeared before the committee to discuss a study to change Marquette St. and Dr. ML King Dr. back to 2-way streets. George Meyers, 1307 N. Wisconsin St., a concerned citizen also appeared to voice his opposition to this change.

Deferred

2. [08-2440](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(Also refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

07-21-08: That City Officials be authorized to submit necessary information to the State Office of Emergency Government and report back at the next committee meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works, appeared to discuss applying for the Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Alderman Maack also spoke on this issue.

Approved

3. [08-2414](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to accept a \$3,500.00 donation from the Racine Community Foundation for the G.E.D./H.S.E.D. program.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

07-21-08: The Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services be authorized to accept a \$3,500 donation from the Racine Community Foundation for the G.E.D./H.S.E.D. program and that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.

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

Dave Brown, Finance Director, spoke on behalf of Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to accept the donation from the Racine Community Foundation.

Approved

4. [08-2437](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Rebeccah Jones for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

07-21-08: The claim of Rebeccah Jones, 3 Riverside Drive requesting reimbursement of \$15,260.85 for injuries sustained when she slipped and fell on ice be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting that this claim be denied based on the information gathered by the City Attorney's office regarding this claim.

Recommended For Denial

5. [08-2438](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Nicholas Chaussee for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

07-21-08: The claim of Nicholas Chaussee, 114 East Parkfield Court, requesting reimbursement of \$640.57 for car repairs after driving through a road construction area, be denied. The City denies liability.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting that this claim be denied based on the information gathered by the City Attorney's office regarding this claim.

Recommended For Denial

6. [08-2439](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Ida Hunter for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

07-21-08: The claim of Ida Hunter, 815 - 8th Street, Apt. M10, requesting reimbursement in an amount in excess of \$5,000 for car repairs when a tree fell on her car while it was parked in the parking lot for Mitchell Wagon Factory Lofts, be denied. The City denies liability.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting that this claim be denied based on the information gathered by the City Attorney's office regarding this claim.

Recommended For Denial

7. [08-2407](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney requesting authorization to represent Racine police officer Joseph Spaulding in the matter of Clara Bridgeman v. City of Racine, et al, Case No. 08-CV-1599.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

07-21-08: Permission be given to the City Attorney's office to hire outside counsel to represent Racine police officer Joseph Spaulding and all other officers involved in the matter of Clara Bridgeman v. City of Racine, et al, Case No. 08-CV-1599.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting permission for the City Attorney's office to hire outside counsel to represent Police

Officer Joseph Spaulding and all other officers involved in the matter of Clara Bridgeman v. City of Racine, et al., Case No. 08-CV-1599.

Recommended For Approval

8. [08-2441](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney concerning the legal status of the Racine Concert Band.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 07-21-08: Defer the item.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared on this item to discuss the status of the Racine Concert Band. Del Eisch, Business Manager of the Racine Concert Band, also appeared to discuss the status of the Band.

Deferred

9. [08-2453](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Mayor Becker wishing to accept up to \$20,000 from United Way of Racine County for the purchase and installation of new water heaters in homes affected by the recent flood.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 07-21-08: That the City accept funding from United Way of Racine County for the purchase and installation of new water heaters in homes affected by the recent flood.

Fiscal Note: No match required by the City.

David Brown, Finance Director, appeared to discuss accepting funding from United Way of Racine County for homes affected by the recent flood.

Approved

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008.