



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Robert Anderson,
Alderman Michael Shields*

Monday, February 9, 2009

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: 3 - David L. Maack, Robert Anderson and Michael Shields

EXCUSED: 1 - James T. Spangenberg

Approval of Minutes for the January 26, 2009 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [09-3131](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Carlos Torres for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-09-09: The claim of Carlos Torres claiming reimbursement in an amount in excess of \$100.00 for damages to his vehicle which was allegedly struck by a DPW snowplow be denied based upon the information that is available.

Fiscal Note: N/A
Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of this claim.
Recommended For Denial

2. [09-3153](#) Subject: Claim for excessive assessment from Sears Roebuck and Co., 5800 Durand Avenue for the tax year 2008.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-09-09: The claim of Sears Roebuck and Co., 5800 Durand Avenue claiming that the 2008 assessment of the property set by the Assessor's Office at \$9,800,000.00 is excessive and should be lowered be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A
Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of this claim.
Recommended For Denial

3. [09-3165](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney requesting authorization to represent Off. Ryan Comstock in Racine County Case No. 09-CV-0863, Shannon Figueroa, et al. v. Ryan Comstock, et al.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-09-09: That the City Attorney be authorized to represent Off. Ryan Comstock in Racine County Case No. 09-CV-0863, Shannon Figueroa, et al. v. Ryan Comstock, et al.

Fiscal Note: N/A - This item will be handled in house.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting that the City Attorney's office be authorized to represent Officer Ryan Comstock in this matter.

Recommended For Approval

4. [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 02-09-09: That the City Attorney's office be directed to develop an agreement with the Racine Concert Band becoming a separate entity from the City.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the status of the Racine Concert Band. He stated that liability is an issue. Therefore, it would be best to separate the Band from the City.

Recommended For Approval

5. [09-3159](#)

Subject: Amendment No. 1 to the Household Hazardous Waste Agreement with the Village of Sturtevant

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission dated 1/27/09: Wastewater Commission approved and further recommends to refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee for approval and for authorization of the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the Amendment.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-09-09: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign an amendment to the Household Hazardous Waste Agreement with the Village of Sturtevant.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Keith Haas, General Manager of the Water/Wastewater Utilities appeared before the Committee.

Recommended For Approval

6. [09-3182](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to apply for, and if awarded, accept the 2009 DHS/Port Security Grant on behalf of the Racine Fire Department and the RCWRRT. Grant Control #: 2009-006

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-09-09: That permission be granted for the Fire Chief to apply for, and if awarded, accept the 2009 DHS/Port Security Grant on behalf of the Racine Fire Department and the RCWRRT.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-09-09: That permission be granted for the Fire Chief to apply for, and if awarded, accept the 2009 DHS/Port Security Grant on behalf of the Racine Fire Department and the RCWRRT.

Fiscal Note: There is a hard match of 25% or \$15,000, which will be covered with carry-forward funds from the 2008 fire department budget.

Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee. He stated that this grant will be used to replace equipment on the Racine Fire Department Water Rescue Team, which is 15+ years old.

Recommended For Approval

7. [09-3183](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission for the Mayor and

City Clerk to be authorized to sign an updated lease agreement for Engine House 3 Museum with the Racine Fire Bells, Inc.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-09-09: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the updated lease agreement for Engine House 3 Museum with the Racine Fire Bells, Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-09-09: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the updated lease agreement for Engine House 3 Museum with the Racine Fire Bells, Inc

Fiscal Note: The Fire Department will cover the cost of building utilities in an amount of approximately \$2,500 per year under this agreement.

Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee requesting the renewal of the lease agreement with updated terms and conditions. The original lease was signed in 1976.

Recommended For Approval

8. [08-3052](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Environmental Health requesting permission to enter into an agreement with Wheaton Franciscan Health Care-All Saints to provide home visitation services for the Racine Healthy Births Healthy Families Program.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-09-09: That the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Teri Hicks, Director of Community Health Programs, appeared before the Committee requesting that this item be deferred.

Deferred

9. [09-3176](#)

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer regarding repairs to the Impound Lot facility.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-09-09: That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to advertise for and receive bids on repairs to the Impound Lot Facility; and that unencumbered funds representing those authorized and carried forward under Resolution 08-0722 of 04/02/08 in the amount of \$572,300 be carried forward to 2009 and appropriated for the 2009 Impound Lot Facility Project.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for the appropriation.

Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works and Police Chief Kurt Wahlen appeared before the Committee stating that the present building is dilapidated and very much in need of repairs.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

NONE

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2009.