



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Alderman Sandy Weidner,
Alderman Jeff Coe, Alderman Raymond DeHahn*

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ald. Greg Holding, 11th District, Chairman; Ald. Ron Hart, 14th District; Ald. Sandy Weidner, 6th District; Ald. Jeff Coe, 1st District; Ald. Ray DeHahn, 7th District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer; Tom Eeg, Assistant Commissioner/Operations; John Rooney, Assistant Commissioner/Engineering

Staff: Brian O'Connell

Others: Tom Karkow, WRJN; Adam Smith; Dan Byer; David Namowicz;

Approval of Minutes for the May 26, 2009 Meeting.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the minutes as printed.

1. [09-3692](#)

Subject: Communication from the residents abutting the alley bounded by 20th Street, DeKoven Avenue, Kearney Avenue and Hickory Grove Avenue requesting the vacation of said alley. (Res.09-1445)

Recommendation of the Public Works Services Committee on 6-9-09: Since public interest requires it, that the following parcel of land, more particularly described as follows, be and hereby is vacated and discontinued:

The alley bounded by 20th Street, DeKoven Avenue, Kearney Avenue and Hickory Grove Avenue.

Further recommends that a preliminary resolution be introduced to the Common Council and referred to the City Plan Commission.

Further recommends that Resolution 09-1381 of May 6, 2009 be amended by deleting the alley bounded by 20th Street, DeKoven Avenue, Kearney Avenue and Hickory Grove Avenue.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Residents appeared before the Committee and asked that the alley be vacated. They had a petition with 100% of the property owners signing. Rick made the

comment this item would be deleted from the 2010 paving program and the resolution would be amended to delete that item. He also asked it be approved and referred to the Planning Commission.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee moved to amend the resolution to delete that item for paving and the request be approved for vacation and referred to the Plan Commission.

Recommended For Approval

2. [09-3650](#)

Subject: Communication from the Sales/Marketing Director of the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau requesting permission to use city right-of-way on Saturday, July 18, 2009, and Sunday, July 19, 2009, for the Spirit of Racine Triathlon. (Res.09-1446)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 6-9-09: The Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau and HFP Racing be granted permission to close the following streets and to utilize certain other City streets as indicated on their race map, for the Spirit of Racine Triathlon to be held on Saturday, July 18, 2009, from 3:00 a.m. to noon, and on Sunday, July 19, 2009, from 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.,

Barker Street from Main Street to its terminus with Lake Michigan,
Goold Street from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard,
Augusta Street from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard,
Wolff Street from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard,
William Street from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard,
Lombard Avenue from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard,
Lakecrest Drive from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard;

with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event.
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor.
- D. The sponsor shall notify all abutting property owners seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.
- E. The sponsor shall pay a \$700.00 special event fee.
- F. Sponsor shall be responsible for placement of all traffic control devices.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be nominal costs to various City

departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Adam Smith appeared and described the Spirit of Racine Triathlon event. He noted it is the same request as in the past.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

3. [09-3366](#)

Subject: Communication from Tc3Telecom.neT requesting to expand wireless coverage from North Beach, Reef Point Harbor area, the Root River in the area of Pugh's Marina, the area around Festival Hall, through Pershing Park to Samuel Myers Park.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-9-09: Defer

Dan Byer appeared before the Committee and explained he's interested in using a street light at the end of Pershing Drive near Samuel Myers Park for providing wireless coverage in the Racine area. Rick requested the item be deferred while Mr. Byer consults with John Rooney for the use of the street light.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

4. [09-3664](#)

Subject: Communication from the Douglas Avenue Business District requesting permission to plant trees along Douglas Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-9-09: That the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Dave Namowicz appeared before the Committee and explained his request. Rick noted the existing utilities underneath the sidewalk on both sides of the street and suggested Mr. Namowicz contact private property owners to locate streetscape and landscaping improvements. Brian O'Connell encouraged the same and noted some of the landscape improvements that are required along other areas.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [09-3665](#)

Subject: Communication from the Douglas Avenue Business District requesting permission to paint trolley poles along Douglas Avenue. (Res.09-1447)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-9-09: That permission be granted to the Douglas Avenue Business Improvement District to paint the street lighting and trolley poles along Douglas Avenue, from Yout Street to State Street, and

that they be granted permission to install hanging baskets from the street light poles with the following stipulations:

- A. Douglas Avenue BID conduct testing for lead based paints and provide the results to the City of Racine.
- B. Douglas Avenue BID provide all necessary traffic controls.
- C. Douglas Avenue BID pay for the necessary removal and replacement of all traffic signs currently mounted on the aforementioned poles.
- D. Douglas Avenue BID provide a Hold Harmless Agreement and a Certificate of Liability Insurance.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine in the granting of this request.

David Namowicz appeared before the Committee and explained his request. Rick noted he had no objection to the request provided Douglas Avenue Business District do some paint testing to see if there is any lead paint that needs to be removed and disposed of properly. He also indicated a hold harmless and liability insurance would have to be filed with the City. Ald. Holding noted the permission should include a request if they want to use hanging basket brackets to be installed on the poles as well.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

6. [09-3574](#)

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer requesting permission to submit a grant application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants Program.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-9-09: Defer

Rick described the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program and the project on Douglas Avenue from Gould Street to State Street and Hamilton from Douglas Avenue to the lakefront. This would be a major improvement corridor linking regional transportation to the area with STH 32 and the Transit Center and KRM. He noted estimated project cost could be upwards of 15 million dollars and the City would have to hire a consultant to put together a grant application that would capture the interest of the grant reviewers at the Federal level. He also indicated several state and federal elected officials for Wisconsin would have to be involved in supporting the project. He asked the item be deferred while he solicits a proposal for a grant application.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

7. [09-3742](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a draft resolution to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to all Racine delegates of the State legislature objecting to increased fees for the disposal of solid waste.

(Res.09-1448)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 6-9-09: The Mayor be authorized and directed to send a letter to the Racine delegates of the State Legislature objecting to the increased fees for the disposal of solid waste.

Fiscal Note: The inclusion of these fees for solid waste disposal would add \$225,000.00 to the cost of operating the City of Racine.

Rick submitted a draft resolution authorizing the Mayor to send a letter to all Racine delegates of the State legislature objecting to increased fees for the disposal of solid waste fees.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

8. [09-3612](#)

Subject: Communication from City Attorney's Office regarding transfer of land between City of Racine and Racine Unified School District.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 6-9-09: Defer

John noted he had contacted Nielsen, Madsen, Barber regarding a proposal for the land transfers between the City of Racine and the Racine Unified School District. NMB will be working with the City Clerks Office to gather that information. He hoped to have a proposal for the June 30th Committee meeting. He indicated at that time the proposal could be approved and then referred to Finance Committee for funding.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

9. [09-3709](#)

Subject: Resolution 09-1439, of May 26, 2009, relating to street improvements:

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING

Virginia Street from Twenty-first Street to Olive Street

Lombard Avenue from Chatham Street to Michigan Boulevard

Flower Lane from Ruby Avenue to the Cul-de-sac

Melvin Avenue from North Main Street to Chatham Street

Melvin Avenue from Chatham Street to Michigan Boulevard

St. Clair Street from Monticello Drive to Sydney Drive

SEWER AND WATER

Flower Lane from Ruby Avenue to the Cul-de-sac

Melvin Avenue from Chatham Street to Michigan Boulevard

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 6-9-09: That Resolution 09-1439, of May 26, 2009, be approved as submitted.

Fiscal Note: Funds will be appropriated in the 2010 Capital Improvement Program for these street improvements, and special assessments will be paid by the abutting property owners for the street improvements.

John described each project individually.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved Virginia Street; Lombard Avenue; Flower Lane; Melvin Avenue from Chatham to Michigan Blvd and St. Clair Street. On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner to delete Melvin Avenue from N. Main to Chatham. On a roll call vote, members voting Aye; Hart and Weidner, members voting Naye, DeHahn and Coe. Chairman Holding voted Naye. Motion failed 2 to 3. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by DeHahn, to approve Melvin Avenue. Members voting Aye: Coe and DeHahn; members voting Naye; Hart and Weidner. Chairman Holding voted to approve the project. Motion passed 3 to 2. Melvin from N. Main to Chatham passed 3-1. The resolution was approved overall by Hart, seconded by Weidner. The laterals on Flower Lane and Melvin Avenue were also approved by Hart, seconded by Weidner. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

10. [09-3679](#)

Subject: Preliminary Resolution No. 09-1297, of March 17, 2009, relating to sewer and water laterals on Summit Avenue from Layard Avenue to the Dead End.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 6-9-09: That Resolution 09-1297, of March 17, 2009, be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John noted the laterals were not on the public hearing and the street was deleted and therefore the preliminary resolution should be received and filed.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the item was received and filed.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

11. [09-3710](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 43-09 (K9-044), Solid Waste Garage Insulation. (Res.09-1449)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 6-9-09: That Contract 43-09 (K9-044), Solid Waste Garage Insulation, be awarded to Bane-Nelson, Inc., Kenosha, WI, at their bid price of \$36,000.00 plus Alternate Bids 1 through 4, for a total contract of \$95,600.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from Account 989.410.5010, Solid Waste Garage Insulation.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick described the low bid and approved the base bid plus alternate #1 thru #4. Bane-Nelson was the lowest responsible bidder.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the bid of the lowest bidder and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Award of Bid

12. [09-3712](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 46-09 (K9-047), Roof Replacement at DPW Equipment Maintenance Garage and Central Heating Plant. (Res.09-1450)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-9-09: That Contract 46-09 (K9-047), Roof Replacement at DPW Equipment Maintenance Garage and Central Heating Plant, be awarded to Carlson Racine Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., Racine, WI, at their bid price of \$20,810, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$16,900.00 - Account 401.989.5760, Equip. Garage-Roof Repl.
\$ 3,910.00 - Account 989.220.5010, CHP-Replace Roof
\$20,810.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick noted the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of \$20,810 was Carlson Racine Roofing & Sheet Metal and recommended we enter into a contract.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the bid of the lowest bidder and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Award of Bid

13. [09-3711](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/ Engineering submitting Amendment No. 1 to State Project ID: 2704-05-00, Ohio Street, Durand Avenue (STH 11) to 21st Street, Clark Dietz, Inc., consultant. (Res.09-1451)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-9-09: That Amendment No. 1 to State Contract ID: 2704-05-00, Ohio Street, Durand Avenue (STH 11) to 21st Street, Clark Dietz, Inc.,

consultant, be approved in the amount of \$14,687.48, with the City's share being \$2,937.50.

Further recommend that funding to defray the cost of the City's share of these professional services be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$ 63.35 - Account 988.908.5060, Ohio St.-21st St. to Durand Ave.
\$2,874.15 - Account 988.908.5010, Concrete Pavement-Misc. Loc.
\$2,937.50 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John explained the amendment is to come up with various typical sections to accommodate bike lanes and for additional meetings with Wisconsin DOT. He noted a typical section was agreed upon with the accommodation that slightly modifies the existing typical section from 16th to 21st Street. He also noted a public information meeting will be held at S.C. Johnson School on Tuesday, June 16th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the amendment and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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