



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chair Natalia Taft*  
*Vice Chair Marcus West*  
*Alder Sam Peete*  
*Alder Jason Meekma*  
*Alder John Tate II*

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Monday, August 9, 2021

5:30 PM

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 5 - Chair Taft, Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

#### Approval of Minutes for the July 12th, 2021 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, to Approve the Minutes

#### Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(e), to address a matter that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, requires a closed session, and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy with respect to litigation in which the City of Racine is involved.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Meekma, to go into Closed Session. The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

**AYES:** 5 - Chair Taft, Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

#### Open Session

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, to go into Open Session. The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

**AYES:** 5 - Chair Taft, Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

[0640-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney meet with the Finance and Personnel Committee concerning litigation in which the City is involved, specifically House v. Cleland, et al., U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 19-CV-397.

#### Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

**08-09-2021:** To approve the negotiated settlement.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available in 11202 53500 Judgment & Claims

*Attorney Letteney and Attorney Jasmyne Baynard, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder West, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0637-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Mayor Mason seeking to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(e), to address a matter that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, requires a closed session, specifically regarding an amendment the agreement with The Main Attraction, LLC for the Redevelopment of an 80-unit Boutique Hotel, restaurant, roof-top bar, café, banquet facility.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on**

**08-09-2021:** That the amendment to the Developer Incentive Agreement between the City of Racine and The Main Attraction, LLC. for the Redevelopment of an 80-unit Boutique Hotel, restaurant, roof-top bar, banquet facility and meeting rooms, in and on the former "Zahn's Department Store" property at 500 Main Street along Monument Square be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City of Racine.

**Fiscal Note:** City Funding amount for the project has not changed. Funds are available in accordance with this agreement.

*Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder West, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0638-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Mayor Mason requesting approval of a Parking Facility Lease Agreement with the Main Attraction, LLC, supporting the Verdant Hotel Development at 500 Main Street.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on**

**08-09-2021:** To authorize and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Parking Facility Lease Agreement with the Main Attraction, LLC, supporting the Verdant Hotel Development at 500 Main Street.

**Fiscal Note:** These documents are in addition to and referenced in the tax increment incentive agreement with The Main Attraction, LLC, for the Verdant Hotel Development at 500 Main Street.

*Finance Director Fischer and City Administrator Vornholt, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Meekma, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0643-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones requesting the City receive 1205 Schiller Street and 1427 Villa Street from Racine County and transfer the property to Racine Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of redevelopment.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 08-09-2021:** That the Finance and Personnel Committee recommend approval of the reception of 1205 Schiller Street and 1427 Villa Street from Racine County and transfer of the properties to Racine Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of redevelopment.

**Fiscal Note:** Habitat will reimburse the City for title transfer, recording, or any other applicable fees, estimated at approximately \$60.

*Assistant City Development Director Rejc, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0545-21](#)

**Subject:** Developers Agreement for Seasons at Mount Pleasant Subdivision in Mt. Pleasant (FRED-Mount Pleasant HC, LLC)

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 08-09-2021:** To Approve

**Fiscal Note:** Estimated cost for the water main construction is \$250,000.00, paid by the developer

*Interim General Manager Racine Water/Wastewater Utilities Gitter, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0546-21](#)

**Subject:** Developers Agreement for Coach Hills Addition No. 2 in Mt. Pleasant (TNG 10, LLC)

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 08-09-2021:** To Approve

**Fiscal Note:** Estimated cost for the water main construction is \$50,000, paid by the developer

*Interim General Manager Racine Water/Wastewater Utilities Gitter, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be**

**Recommended For Approval**[0547-21](#)

**Subject:** Developers Agreement for The Villas Coach Hills in Mt. Pleasant (TNG 10, LLC)

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 08-09-2021:** To Approve

**Fiscal Note:** Estimated cost for the water main construction is \$120,000.00, paid by the developer

*Interim General Manager Racine Water/Wastewater Utilities Gitter, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0620-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting to apply for the 2022 Mayor's Gang Collaborative Grant (Grant Control #00387).

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 08.09.2021:** Approval to apply for the 2022 Mayor's Gang Collaborative Grant

**Fiscal Note:** Grant amount is \$63,400.00. No City match is required.

*Assistant Police Chief Ramirez, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval**

[0639-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Mayor Mason requesting allocation and expenditure of \$6,625,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Limited Term Employees, contracted compliance and grant support, developing policies and programs for Vaccination, Housing and Home Ownership, and Employee Recruitment.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 08-09-2021:** That the request from Mayor Mason to allocated and expend \$6,625,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Limited Term Employees, contracted compliance and grant support, developing policies and programs for Vaccination, Housing and Home Ownership, and Employee Recruitment be approved as amended. Staff has reviewed and confirmed all applicable ARPA rules to verify that all uses are allowable.

**Fiscal Note:** Total American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocated not to exceed \$6,625,000. The ARPA funds are currently uncommitted

and require no City match.

*City Administrator Vornholt, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file as presented, excepting the Community Vaccine Incentive & Outreach plan, be Recommended For Approval**

*City Administrator Vornholt, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.*

**A motion was made by Chair Taft, seconded by Alder Tate II, that the Community Vaccine Incentive & Outreach plan be amended to add a \$50 payment to each vaccinated City of Racine resident who brings another City of Racine resident to be vaccinated at a designated City of Racine COVID-19 vaccination site and, as amended, be Recommended For Approval**

## **Adjournment**

**There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Ald. Taft, Chair**

**Finance & Personnel Committee**