



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtually

A. Call To Order

PRESENT: 14 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

EXCUSED: 1 - Jones

B. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag

Mayor Mason led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. In Memoriam of Dennis Wiser

D. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes) November 17th, 2020

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Santiago Jr., to Approve the Minutes. The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 1 - Jones

E. Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole Report, by Ald. Tate, II

[0810-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by President Tate II to interview candidates and make a recommendation to fill the vacant 10th District alder position for the remainder of the term.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Lemke to fill the vacant 10th District Alder position for the remainder of the term with Sam Peete. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 1 - Jones

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Tate, II

Safer Racine Presentation by Administrator Bowersox

[0808-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting to adopt Ord.0018-20 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response Extension (Safer Racine and Mask Ordinance).

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To Adopt Ordinance 0018-20, 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response Extension.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Taft, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

NOES: 2 - Peterson and Perez

EXCUSED: 1 - Jones

[0809-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Mayor Mason requesting to extend the City of Racine Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19 through June 30, 2021.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: That the City of Racine Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19 be extended through June 30, 2021.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Lemke, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

NOES: 1 - Perez

EXCUSED: 1 - Jones

[0811-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Jung for review and approval of the 2021 Operating Plan for Business Improvement District No. 1, Downtown.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: That the proposed 2021 Operating Plan for Business Improvement District No. 1, Downtown be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to include the District's special charges on the 2020 property tax bills of the affected parcels.

Fiscal Note: It is estimated that \$201,732.06 will be raised through

BID assessments to be disbursed to the Business Improvement District No. 1, Downtown.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0812-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II for review and approval of the 2021 Operating Plan for Business Improvement District No. 3, Uptown.

Recommendation: That the proposed 2021 Operating Plan for Business Improvement District No. 3, Uptown be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to include the District's special charges on the 2020 property tax bills of the affected parcels.

Fiscal Note: It is estimated that \$35,000 will be raised through BID assessments to be disbursed to the Business Improvement District No. 3, Uptown.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0769-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the attached proposed 2021 Common Council Calendar.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To adopt

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Taft

[0766-20](#)

Subject: Communication from Alderman Natalia Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Amanda Gomez for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-23-2020: That the claim of Amanda Gomez be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Disallowed as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0807-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting permission to apply and accept a grant for Mitigation Planning - Greater Pershing Drive/Myers Park Area (Grant Control #00343).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-23-2020: To authorize the Parks Department to apply for and accept a grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management for Mitigation Planning-Greater Pershing Drive/Myers Park Area (Grant Control #00343)

Fiscal Note: Total project costs of \$60,000. Grant amount is \$30,000 with a \$30,000 soft match. Soft match will be met with budgeted personnel salary and fringe benefits.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Wastewater Commission Report, by Ald. Taft

[0613-20](#)

Subject: Submittal of the 2021 Sewer Service Rates

Recommendation on September 15, 2020: Defer

Recommendation of Racine Wastewater Commission on October 1, 2020: To adopt the 2021 Sewer Rates

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission, by Ald. Jung

[0716-20](#)

Subject: Request by John Apple for consideration of the nomination of the property at 3015-3021 Washington Avenue as a Racine (Local) Landmark as prescribed by Sec. 58-61 & 62 of the Racine Municipal Code: Historic Preservation. (PHDC-20)

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission on 11-18-20: That the request by John Apple for consideration of the nomination of the property at 3015-3021 Washington Avenue as a Racine (Local) Landmark as prescribed by Sec. 58-61 & 62 of the Racine Municipal Code: Historic Preservation be rejected.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Levie, that this Communication be Deferred. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Coe, Levie and Land

NOES: 11 - Tate II, Santiago Jr, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Perez, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

EXCUSED: 1 - Jones

A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Peterson, that this Communication be Approved. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Peterson, West and Lemke

NOES: 11 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Horton, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Peete

EXCUSED: 1 - Jones

A motion was made by Alder Jung, seconded by Alder Coe, that this Communication be changed to a Landmark Status. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 11 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Horton, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Peete

NOES: 3 - Peterson, West and Lemke

EXCUSED: 1 - Jones

[0697-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting adoption of Ordinance 0009-20- Razing of Properties as attached.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-13-20: That Ordinance 0009-20 - Razing of Properties, be adopted.

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage and Design Commission on 11-18-20: That Ordinance 0009-20 - Razing of Properties, be adopted as attached.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Jung, seconded by Alder Lemke, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma, Lemke and Peete

EXCUSED: 1 - Jones

[0784-20](#)

Subject: Request by Tim Callaghan of Smith Welding Fabrication for consideration of a conditional use permit to operate a contractor shop and office for welding and fabrication of metals at 854 Washington Avenue.

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission on 11-18-2020: That the request by Tim Callaghan of Smith Welding Fabrication for a conditional use permit to operate a contractor shop and office for welding and fabrication of metals at 854 Washington Avenue be approved subject to conditions a. - j.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0785-20](#)

Subject: Request by Jeff Bridleman of Partners in Design Architects, agent for Gateway Technical College, for consideration of a major amendment to a conditional use permit and request for approval of exterior changes within the Downtown Design Review Area, to allow for two additions at 1001 Main Street.

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design

Commission on 11-18-20: That the request by Jeff Bridleman of Partners in Design Architects, agent for Gateway Technical College, for consideration of a major amendment to a conditional use permit and request for exterior changes within the Downtown Design Review Area to allow for two additions at 1001 Main Street be approved, subject to conditions a. - g.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0786-20](#)

Subject: Request by Antoine Louly of Spectrum Electronix LLC for consideration of a conditional use permit to operate a garage for the sale, storage, and repair of motor vehicles (scooters and mopeds) at 1400 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design

Commission on 11-18-20: That the request by Antoine Louly of Spectrum Electronix LLC for a conditional use permit to operate a garage for the sale, storage, and repair of motor vehicles (scooters and mopeds) at 1400 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive be approved, subject to conditions a. - i.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0787-20](#)

Subject: Request by Heartland Housing Inc. for consideration of a rezoning of the property at 1760 State Street from I-1 Restricted Industrial District to I-1 Restricted Industrial District with a FD- Flex Development Overlay (ZOrd.001-20).

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design

Commission on 11-18-20: That the ordinance adopting a request by Heartland Housing Inc. for the rezoning of the property at 1760 State Street from I-1 Restricted Industrial District to I-1 Restricted Industrial District with a FD- Flex Development Overlay be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0788-20](#)

Subject: Consideration of a Use Supplement as a companion to the FD- Flex Development Overlay District rezoning (ZOrd.0001-20) for the property at 1760 State Street.

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design

Commission on 11-18-20: That the Use Supplement as a companion to the FD- Flex Development Overlay District rezoning for the property at 1760 State Street, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board, by Ald. Tate II

[0731-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting the City accept the offer of Christopher S. Zamecnik to purchase 1100 Park Avenue

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 11/9/20: That the request to accept the offer of Christopher S. Zamecnik to purchase 1100 Park Avenue as presented be approved. Further resolved that the Mayor, the City Clerk, and the Director of City Development are authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete the sale.

Fiscal Note: The City will receive \$155,000 in CDBG Program Income minus commissions and closing costs.

A motion was made that this Communication by Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

F. Council Vote on Consent Agenda Items (Communications, Committee Reports, Resolutions)

G. Common Council Announcements

Announcements are limited to recognition of City residents and employees, memorials, and non-political community events. Discussion of matters related to governmental business is prohibited.

H. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 PM by Alder West.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE
CITY CLERK