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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, January 12, 2009

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order and Roll Call

PRESENT: 5 - James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, David L. Maack, Robert Anderson and Michael Shields

Approval of Minutes for the December 8, 2008 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [08-3066](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works / Engineering requesting permission to accept additional funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the cost overruns through the Clean Vessel Act as Amendment No. 1 to Project Number V-1-16D.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into the amended agreement for additional funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the cost overruns through the Clean Vessel Act as Amendment No. 1 to Project Number V-1-16D.

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

Attachments: [Boat Pump-Out Station - Additional funding Grant Control No 2006-052 \(2\).pr](#)

John Rooney, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works / Engineering, appeared before the Committee to discuss accepting additional funding through the Clean Vessel Act for cost overruns on the installation of boat pump-out station.

Recommended For Approval

2. [08-3014](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Director of PTMR recommending the City of Racine issue an RFP for a fixed-price contract for diesel fuel purchases in 2009.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: To Receive and File this item.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [PMR RFP fixed-price contract](#)

Sam Aiello, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Committee to discuss reasons why it's not a good idea to issue an RFP for a fixed-price contract for diesel fuel purchases in 2009.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

3. [08-3030](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of J&J Properties Racine, LLC for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: The claim of J&J Properties Racine, LLC be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [J&J Properties claim_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of this claim.

Recommended For Denial

4. [08-3049](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Stephanie King and Duane Bedford for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: The claim of Stephanie King and Duane Bedford be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [King Bedford claim_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of this claim.

Recommended For Denial

5. [08-3051](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Steven Gutierrez for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: The claim of Steven Gutierrez be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Gutierrez claim_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of this claim.

Recommended For Denial

6. [08-3007](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney requesting additional funding for the 2008 budget year for Judgment & Claims, 101.990.5910, and Attorney Professional Services, 101.160.5610.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: 2008 budgets be amended as follows: \$63,661.49 be transferred from account 101.820.5900, General Liability, to account 101.160.5610, Attorney - Professional Services, and that \$38,500.00 be transferred from account 101.300.5010, Fire Department Salaries, to account 101.990.5910, Judgments and claims.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient remaining 2008 funds available for these transfers.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee requesting additional funding for the 2008 budget year be transferred into accounts Judgment & Claims and Attorney Professional Services.

Recommended For Approval

7. [09-3083](#) Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney requesting concurrence for the continued retention of the Davis & Kuelthau, SC law firm to represent the City in Wisconsin Equal Rights Division Case No. CR200802482, Sandra Tingle v. City of Racine.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: The City Attorney be granted concurrence for the continued retention of the Davis & Kuelthau, SC law firm to represent the City in Wisconsin Equal Rights Division Case No. CR200802482, Sandra Tingle v. City of Racine.
- Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds in account 101.160.5610 Attorney Professional Services.
- Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to request concurrence for the continued retention of the Davis & Kuelthau, SC law firm to represent the City in Wisconsin Equal Rights Division Case No. CR200802482, Sandra Tingle v. City of Racine.*
- Recommended For Approval**
8. [08-3013](#) Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to transfer funds to cover the City's match for the 2008 Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Act Grant EMW-2008-FO-09001.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: Funds be transferred in the 2008 budget to cover the City's match for the 2008 Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Act Grant EMW-2008-FO-09001 as follows: \$30,000.00 from account 101.300.5010, Fire Department Salaries and \$30,000.00 from account 101.300.5180, Fire Department Longevity, to account 101.300.5770, Fire Department Machinery and Equipment and that these funds be carried forward to 2009.
- Fiscal Note: There are sufficient remaining 2008 funds available for these transfers.
- Attachments:** [2008 fema grant match request 12 4 08](#)
- Steve Hansen, Fire Chief, appeared before the Committee to request permission to transfer funds to cover the City's match for the 2008 Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Act Grant.*
- Recommended For Approval**
9. [08-3038](#) Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to accept a donation from RAMAC and the St. Luke's Hospital Trustees Advised Fund to acquire and install radio equipment for an Emergency Medical Services Communications System within the Racine Area Emergency Medical Services Group.
- Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: That permission be granted for the Fire Chief to accept a donation from RAMAC and the St. Luke's Hospital Trustees Advised Fund to acquire and install radio equipment for an Emergency Medical Services Communications System within the Racine Area Emergency Medical Services Group and that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.
- Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 01-12-09: That the Fire Chief be granted permission to accept a donation from RAMAC and the St. Luke's Hospital Trustees Advised Fund to acquire and install radio equipment for an Emergency Medical Services Communications System within the Racine Area Emergency Medical Services Group.
- Fiscal Note: There is no cost to the City.

Attachments: [08-3038 attachment](#)

Steve Hansen, Fire Chief, appeared before the Committee to discuss accepting a donation to acquire and install radio equipment which would be located closer to Racine than the current equipment.

Recommended For Approval

10. [08-3029](#)

Subject: Request from the Director of City Development to apply for federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act funding.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: That permission be granted for the Director of City Development to apply for federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act funding in an amount of \$2,075,025.

Fiscal Note: There is no match required on the part of the City.

Attachments: [Housing and Economic Recovery Act Request](#)

Joe Heck, Assistant Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee to discuss applying for federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act funding to acquire, rehabilitate or tear down and re-build and resell homes that have been foreclosed on; and to provide loans for people to rehabilitate their homes. It was agreed that the homes should be in census tracts 8 or above.

Recommended For Approval

11. [08-3037](#)

Subject: Request from the Director of City Development to apply for a Blight Elimination & Brownfield Redevelopment Grant.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-12-09: That permission be granted to apply for a Blight Elimination & Brownfield Redevelopment Grant.

Fiscal Note: A 50% cost share is required and will be funded through TID 14, existing grants past expenditures.

Attachments: [Blight Elimination & Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Request](#)

Chris Schanz, from Racine County Economic Development Corp., and Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee to discuss applying for a Blight Elimination & Brownfield Redevelopment Grant that could be used for environmental remediation at the Walker property.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009.