



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

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*Alderman Jeff Coe, Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Michael Shields
Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman Sandy Weidner
Alderman Raymond DeHahn, Alderman Terry McCarthy, Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II,
Alderman Thomas Friedel, Alderman Gregory Holding, Alderman Aron Wisneski
Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Alderman Robert Mozol*

Monday, August 4, 2008

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Approval of Minutes for the 07-15-2008 Meeting.

1. [08-2433](#) Subject: Communication from the CEO/President of the Racine Zoological Society wishing to meet with the Committee of the Whole on August 4, 2008 to discuss the terms of the operating agreement between the City and the Society.

Recommendation: to increase the City of Racine's contractual payment to the Racine Zoological Society by 2.5 percent annually for the years 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Fiscal Note: Funding to be addressed as part of the annual budget process.
Following a presentation by Racine Zoological Society's Chief Financial Officer, Jay Christie, a motion was made to increase the City of Racine's contractual payment to the Racine Zoological Society by 2.5 percent annually for the years 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

A motion was made by Thomas Friedel, seconded by Aron Wisneski, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.
2. [08-2076](#) Subject: Communication from the President and CEO of the Racine Zoo wishing to discuss the financial terms of the operating agreement between the Society and the City of Racine.

Also refer to the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-12-08: The item be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 5-14-08: that the City apply an annual increase equal to the CPI index to the Zoo allocation.

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 08-04-2008: the Item be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A
see Item 08-2433

A motion was made by that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [08-2498](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Mayor Gary Becker requesting Police Chief Kurt Wahlen to address proactive and reactive steps taken by the Police Department in 2008, and to provide additional funding in the amount of \$200,000 to the Police Department Overtime budget.

Recommendation: that the Item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee, with a recommendation that account # 101.311.5030, Overtime Salaries, be increased in budget year 2008 by the amount of \$200,000.00 to be funded by the reserve fund balance for the purpose of providing additional overtime for police officers.

Fiscal Note: TBD

Following a presentation by Police Chief Kurt Wahlen, a motion was made to refer the Item to the Finance and Personnel Committee with a recommendation that account # 101.311.5030, Overtime Salaries, be increased for the 2008 budget by the amount of \$200,000.00 to be funded by the undesignated, unreserved fund balance for the purpose of providing additional overtime for police officers.

Further, a motion was made by Ald. Holding, and seconded by Ald. Spangenberg, to direct staff to prepare a referendum resolution, pursuant to Wis. Stat. section 66.0602, that would allow the City of Racine to exceed its levy limits in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for each of the fiscal years 2009-2012. Further, that the purpose of the increased levy is to increase the total number of sworn officers in the City of Racine Police Department to 211 in fiscal years 2009-2011, with reductions through attrition to 205 and 199 in fiscal years 2012 and 2013, respectively. Further, request that the Mayor's budget proposal include provisions to deal with either the passage or failure of the referendum.

A motion was made by Gregory Holding, seconded by Aron Wisneski, that this be Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

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