



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Alder Malik Frazier
Alder Tyler Townsend
Alder Olivia Turquoise-Davis
Alder David Maack
Alder Jens Jorgensen
Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Cinthia Esqueda
Alder Grace Allen
Alder Sam Peete
Alder Mary Land
Alder Henry Perez
Alder Renee Kelly
Alder Marlo Harmon
Alder Nathan Pabon

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

A. Call to Order

PRESENT: 15 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon, Pabon and Mason
EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

B. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag

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

C. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes) May 6th, 2025

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Harmon, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

D. Proclamations

[0552-25](#)

Gun Violence Awareness Day

E. Public Comments

The following people appeared to speak before the Common Council:

*Michael Schrader
Jeanette Brown
Van Carson
Joann Hattix
Suzanne Swiderski
Joni Chambers
Jeff Peterson
Jason Meekma
Greta Neubauer
Denis Navratil
Bruce Carter
Chris Steenrod
Robin Smerchek
Rachel Harrison*

F. Communications Introduced to Council

For Referral

[0516-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Perez requesting to donate \$50,000 to My Backyard, a crime prevention program designed to prevent and reduce violence in Racine.

Recommendation of the Sponsor: That this item be referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that this item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee, in accordance with Ordinance Sec 2-77, which requires all financial related actions to be reviewed by that committee. Additionally, this item is directly related to item 0457-25, which was recently considered by the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Fiscal Note: \$50,000

A motion was made by Alder Perez to Withdrawal this Communication. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee

[0523-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Finance Director, requesting permission to enter into new agreement, Contract #2025290, with Housing Resources Inc. for Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Management.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

05-27-2025: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to negotiate and execute Contract #2025290 with Housing Resources Inc. for Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Management for the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: Contract is in the amount of up to \$200,000. Funds are available in account 20209 52200 10013 CFE Funding-Contracted Services-FEC.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Pabon that this Communication be Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. The motion was APPROVED.

[0540-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Finance Director, requesting permission to submit the presentation of the 1st Quarter 2025 Fiscal Results and investment summaries.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-27-2025: To approve the presentation of the 1st Quarter 2025 Fiscal Results and investment summaries as presented.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Pabon that this Communication be Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. The motion was APPROVED.

Referred to Public Works and Services

[0508-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Maack, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, submitting bid results for Contract 2025181 - Racine Uptown Green Infrastructure Project.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 05.27.25: That Contract 2025181 - Racine Uptown Green Infrastructure Project, be awarded to A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$589,660.00, they being the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in the following Org-Objects:

\$264,660.00 60484 57570
\$100,000.00 60383 57110
\$225,000.00 WDNR TRM Grant
\$589,660.00 Total

A motion was made by Alder Maack, seconded by Alder Harmon that this Communication be Referred to Public Works and Services Committee. The motion was Approved.

[0509-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Maack, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works submitting road salt prices for salt for ice control during the 2025-2026 Winter Season.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on

05.27.25: That the City purchase road salt from Cargil Inc. for approximately 7,000 tons of road salt for ice control during the 2025-2026 winter season under their proposed one-year contract price of \$88.75 per ton delivered.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this purchase is available in Org-Object 14010 53200 Work Supplies.

A motion was made by Alder Maack, seconded by Alder Harmon that this Communication be Referred to Public Works and Services Committee. The motion was Approved.

[0510-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Maack, on behalf of Nikki Woods for the Rhino Bar, requesting permission to close High Street between Main Street and Chatham Street from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 21, 2025 for a fundraiser to benefit Racine's Fourth Fest.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on

05.27.25: That the permission be granted to the Rhino Bar to close High Street from Main Street to Chatham Street from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 21, 2025, for their fundraising event, with the attached stipulations.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

A motion was made by Alder Maack, seconded by Alder Harmon that this Communication be Referred to Public Works and Services Committee. The motion was Approved.

[0539-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason proposing that the City of Racine sponsor the Racine Pride Day and Pride Month commemoration and celebration in partnership with the LGBTQ+ Community.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: That June 29, 2025 be declared Racine Pride Day and that the City of Racine sponsor the Racine Pride Day and Pride Month commemoration and celebration in partnership with the LGBTQ+ Community.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Maack, seconded by Alder Harmon that this Communication be Referred to Public Works and Services Committee. The motion was Approved.

[0446-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, Alder Harmon, Alder Allen, Alder Davis, Alder Esqueda, Alder Maack, Alder Perez, submitting a request to re-name Carrol Street to Bishop Kirby Lane.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 05.27.25: To Approve

Fiscal Note: TBD

A motion was made by Alder Maack, seconded by Alder Harmon that this Communication be Referred to Public Works and Services Committee. The motion was Approved.

Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee

[0493-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, submitting a Change of Ownership application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Box-me LLC DBA The New Cafe, located at 600 Main St., Alan Francisco Lozano Lopez, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: That the Change of Ownership application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Box-me LLC DBA The New Cafe, located at 600 Main St., Alan Francisco Lozano Lopez, Agent. (1st District) be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

[0494-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, for a new application for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License, and a Gas Station Service License for Fuel & Save LLC DBA Fuel & Save, located at 930 Washington Ave, Bashar Qedan, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: That the Change of Ownership application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Box-me LLC DBA The New Cafe, located at 600 Main St., Alan Francisco Lozano Lopez, Agent. (1st District) be Approved.

Recommendation of the Common Council 06-03-2025: To Defer**Fiscal Note:** N/A

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

[0495-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, for a new Petition for geographical restrictions for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for Fuel & Save LLC DBA Fuel & Save, located at 930 Washington Ave, Bashar Qedan, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: That the new Petition for geographical restrictions for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for Fuel & Save LLC DBA Fuel & Save, located at 930 Washington Ave, Bashar Qedan, Agent. (1st District) be Approved.

Recommendation of the Common Council 06-03-2025: To Defer**Fiscal Note:** N/A

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

[0514-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner sponsoring Ordinance 0004-25 - Amended Public Comment Procedure.

Recommendation of the Sponsor: To approve.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Allen, seconded by Alder Harmon, that this Communication be Referred to the Executive Committee. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Jorgensen, Horton, Allen, Peete, Land, Harmon, Pabon and Mason

NOES: 7 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez and Kelly

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0515-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner sponsoring Ordinance 0003-25 - Proposed Amended Ordinance Procedure.

Recommendation of the Sponsor: To approve.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Allen, seconded by Alder Harmon, that this Communication be Referred to the Executive Committee. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Jorgensen, Horton, Allen, Peete, Land, Harmon, Pabon and Mason

NOES: 7 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez and Kelly

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0524-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the City of Racine Police Department, for the licenses premise report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: That the Police department report, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

[0525-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, requesting any consideration, any formal expression of concern, or other actions pursuant to the police report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: To request the appearance for a formal expression of concern for Olive Garden Italian Restaurant located at 6000 Durand Ave, Carol Payton, Agent, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

[0526-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, requesting the appearance of Natasha Evans, agent for Select 627 LLC, DBA The Select located at 1111 Washington Ave, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: That the the appearance of Natasha Evans, agent for Select 627 LLC, DBA The Select located at 1111 Washington Ave,

pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

[0528-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Kelly, Alder Davis, and Alder Allen sponsoring Ordinance 0005-25 - Cigarette, Electronic Vaping Devices, and Tobacco Products Retailers.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: That Ordinance 0005-25 - Cigarette, Electronic Vaping Devices, and Tobacco Products Retailers be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

[0527-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, requesting the appearance of Donna Paschen, agent for Honors Racine LLC, DBA Honors Racine, located at 1330 Washington Avenue, to discuss the potential non-renewal of the liquor license due to the absence of an active Wisconsin Seller's Permit Number.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: That the the appearance of Donna Paschen, agent for Honors Racine LLC, DBA Honors Racine, located at 1330 Washington Avenue, to discuss the potential non-renewal of the liquor license due to the absence of an active Wisconsin Seller's Permit Number be Deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

[0530-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Peete sponsoring Ordinance 0008-25 - Alcoholic Beverages.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: That Ordinance 0008-25 - Alcoholic Beverages be Approved.

Fiscal Note: To be discussed.

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

[0531-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner sponsoring Ordinance 0007-25 - Operator's License Fees.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2025: That Ordinance 0007-25 - Operator's License Fees with the Amendment of 6 Months be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Kelly that this Communication be Referred to Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The motion PASSED.

G. Committee Reports

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Land

[0233-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, requesting permission to establish an ordinance that governs the certification of debt from unpaid parking citations and provides debtors with the administrative procedure by which to appeal the certification of debt and/or to contest the parking citation and adopt Ord. 0006-25.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 03-10-2025: To Defer

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: To Adopt Ord.0006-25 as attached.

Fiscal Note: The fiscal impact will be determined by the eligible parking citation debt, which may vary from year to year.

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

[0341-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Kelly, requesting permission to have an update by the City Attorney in the consolidated Racine County Circuit Court cases of *Ackley, et al., v. City of Racine*, 2020 CV 1228; *Adamski, et al., v. City of Racine*, 2020 CV 1229; and *Arendt, et al., v. City of Racine*, 2020 CV 1227.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

04-07-2025: To Defer.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

05-12-2025: To Receive and File

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

[0343-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting permission to modify Racine Charter Ordinances section 2-2 and 2-206, and Racine Code of Ordinances sections 2-361, 42-185, 46-26, 46-27, 46-28, 46-29, 46-30, 46-31, 46-32, 46-38, 46-39, 46-40, and 46-41, as necessary to reflect the current operations of the City.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

05-12-2025: To modify Racine Charter Ordinances section 2-2 and 2-206, and Racine Code of Ordinances sections 2-361, 42-185, 46-26, 46-27, 46-28, 46-29, 46-30, 46-31, 46-32, 46-38, 46-39, 46-40, and 46-41 as denoted.

Fiscal Note: NA

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Harmon, to Approve Charter Ordinance Section 2-2 and 2-206. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Maack, Jorgensen, Esqueda, Land and Perez

NOES: 9 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Weidner, Horton, Allen, Peete, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

A motion was made be Alder LAnd, seconded by Alder Harmon, that to Approve Charter Ordinance Sections 2-361, 42-185, 46-26, and 46-27. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 10 - Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Harmon and Pabon

NOES: 4 - Townsend, Weidner, Perez and Kelly

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0347-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, requesting permission to refer a communication to common council regarding posting of the Purchasing Agent position.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

04-28-2025: That the item be Deferred to allow the Finance Director and City Attorney an opportunity to clarify the position and City Ordinance at the next meeting.

Staff Recommendation: To be discussed.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

05-12-2025: To Receive and File.

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

[0447-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, requesting permission to submit bid results of Official Notice #7-2025-Maintenance of Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

05-12-2025: That the contract for Official Notice #7-2025-Maintenance of Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain be awarded to the lowest, responsive bidder, Absolute Mechanical & Plumbing LLC., in the amount of \$24,000/yr. (\$4,900/mo.) they being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in the following org-object: 15003 52200 -Park-Contracted Services-\$24,000.

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

[0449-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Finance Director, requesting a carry forward of \$16,500 of 2024 budget funds from the Assessor budget to 2025 to pay for contracted services relating to the implementation and configuration of assessment software.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

05-12-2025: The carry forward of \$16,500 of 2024 budget funds from the Assessor budget to 2025 to pay for contracted services relating to the implementation and configuration of assessment software be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account #11103 52200-Assessor's contracted services.

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

[0450-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, requesting permission to submit bid results of Official Notice #9-2025-Beer Garden Services.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: That the agreement for Official Notice #9-2025-Beer Garden Services be awarded to the lowest, responsive bidder, Naus Brewing, LLC (dba Perspective Brewery Co.), they being the sole responsive, responsible bidder.

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

[0451-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Administrator, requesting permission to close Festival Hall parking lot for 5k Event Staff, Harbor Fest volunteers and VIP ticket holders at 8:00 a.m on Friday, June 13, 2025 until 11:00 p.m on Saturday, June 14, 2025 for the Harbor Festival.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: That the parking request to close Festival Hall parking lot for 5k Event Staff, Harbor Fest volunteers and VIP ticket holders at 8:00 a.m on Friday, June 13, 2025 until 11:00 p.m on Saturday, June 14, 2025 for the Harbor Festival be approved.

Fiscal Note: Revenue loss for the event will be \$1,980.00.

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

[0452-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the Deputy City Attorney present a proposed settlement for the claim of Progressive Universal Insurance Company on behalf of its insured Cassidy Nicolazzo in the amount of \$15,658.70.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: To approve the settlement as presented.

Fiscal Note: \$15,658.70 would be paid from Account No. 11202-53500.

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

AYES: 14 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0454-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, requesting permission to discuss resignations and issues with employee retention in Purchasing and the Finance Department.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: To Receive and File.

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

[0457-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Community Safety Director, requesting permission to award RFP# 6-2025 Community Violence Prevention Providers to Focus on Community, Inc. (\$50,000), Safe Haven of Racine (\$43,269), Fight to End Exploitation (\$45,200), Racine Vocational Ministries (\$44,605), Women's Resource Center of Racine, Inc. (\$41,403.50), 1000 Generations, Inc. (dba Safe Families for Children Wisconsin) (\$30,000), Racine Neighborhood Watch, Inc. (\$25,000).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: That the Community Safety Director be granted permission to award RFP# 6-2025 Community Violence Prevention Providers to Focus on Community, Inc. (\$50,000), Safe Haven of Racine (\$43,269), Fight to End Exploitation (\$45,200), Racine Vocational Ministries (\$44,605), Women's Resource Center of Racine, Inc. (\$41,403.50), 1000 Generations, Inc. (dba Safe Families for Children Wisconsin) (\$30,000), Racine Neighborhood Watch, Inc. (\$25,000) and to approve as amended to award an 8th grant to Awesome Young Authors in the amount of (\$30,000).

Fiscal Note: Total funding of \$309,477.50 is available in 20314-52200-20149 Wisconsin Community Safety Fund-Medical College of WI (Contracted Services).

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Maack, that this Communication be Approved to include Safe Haven. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Townsend, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Turquoise-Davis

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Maack, that this Communication be Approved to include Focus on Community. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 11 - Townsend, Maack, Jorgensen, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Harmon and Pabon

NOES: 2 - Weidner and Kelly

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Turquoise-Davis

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Maack, that this Communication be Approved to include Neighborhood Watch. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly and Harmon

NOES: 1 - Weidner

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Pabon

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Maack, that this Communication be Approved to include Awesome Young Authors. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 10 - Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Harmon and Pabon

NOES: 4 - Townsend, Weidner, Perez and Kelly

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Maack, that this Communication be Approved to include the remaining businesses, Fight to End Exploitation, Racine Vocational Ministries, Women's Resource Center of Racine, Inc., and Generations, Inc.. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Harmon and Pabon

NOES: 1 - Kelly

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0459-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Progressive Insurance Company on behalf of their insured, Carlo Saldana, for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: That the claim be disallowed.

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

[0460-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Roger A. Springsteen for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: That the claim be disallowed.

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

[0461-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Progressive Subrogation aka Artisan and Truckers Casualty Company on behalf of their insured Tavis Weaver, for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: That the claim be disallowed.

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

[0465-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to enter into a recurring Memorandum of Agreement with the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WI DATCP) for Weights & Measures inspection services and agrees to pay \$14,250 for services rendered.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: That the Public Health Department be authorized to enter into a recurring Memorandum of Agreement with the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WI DATCP) for Weights & Measures inspection services and agree to pay \$14,250 for services rendered.

Fiscal Note: No City Match Required.

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

[0466-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting authorization to accept an extension of funding in the amount of \$245,286 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, provided through the ARPA COVID

Recovery Fund (Grant Control # 00638).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: That the Public Health Department be authorized to accept the extension of funding in the amount of \$245,286 from the WI Department of Health Services, provided through the ARPA COVID Recovery Fund (Grant Control # 00638).

Fiscal Note: No City Match Required.

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

[0473-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Finance Director, requesting that the pay grade for the Payroll Manager position be changed from a grade J to a grade K to enhance recruitment results.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-12-2025: That the pay grade for the Payroll Manager position be changed from a grade J to a grade K to enhance recruitment results be approved.

Fiscal Note: Pay grade K is \$77,896 - \$100,172.80.

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

AYES: 10 - Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Harmon and Pabon

NOES: 4 - Townsend, Weidner, Perez and Kelly

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0475-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, requesting permission to adopt Ord 0002-25 Board and Commission Appointments as attached.

Recommendation of the Sponsor: That this item be referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee.

Staff Recommendation of the Common Council on 05-06-2025: That this item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Staff Recommendation: That the request to adopt Ord 0002-25 Board and Commission Appointments as attached be discussed.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

05-12-2025: To Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Harmon, that this Communication be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Maack, Jorgensen, Horton, Allen, Peete, Land, Harmon and Pabon

NOES: 6 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez and Kelly

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0477-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason and Alder Kelly, requesting to address and action to be taken in response to the Circuit Court's Order in the consolidated Racine County Circuit Court cases of *Ackley, et al., v. City of Racine*, 2020 CV 1228; *Adamski, et al., v. City of Racine*, 2020 CV 1229; and *Arendt, et al., v. City of Racine*, 2020 CV 1227.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

05-12-2025: The City Attorney's Office is directed:

1. To Request Reconsideration of a portion of the Circuit Court's March 19, 2025, Summary Judgment, as discussed in Closed Session and to Request a Stay of back payment of damages to plaintiffs as discussed in Closed Session pending the Circuit Court's decision on the request for reconsideration.
2. Not to Appeal the Circuit Court's March 19, 2025, Summary Judgment regarding the health insurance premium share breach of contract claim for the plaintiffs who remain in the consolidated cases who were subject to the Circuit Court's March 19, 2025, Summary Judgment.

Further, Resolution 1025-19, of September 17, 2019, is rescinded in part, specifically and only as to the modification to the retired employee health insurance program regarding retired employee premium share, effective as of May 1, 2025.

Fiscal Note: Over \$1 Million in back pay and up to \$500,000 Annual budget cost.

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Pabon to strike the following recommendation: To Request Reconsideration of a portion of the Circuit Court's March 19, 2025, Summary Judgment, as discussed in Closed Session and to Request a Stay of back payment of damages to plaintiffs as discussed in Closed Session pending the Circuit Court's decision on the request for reconsideration., the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez, Kelly, Pabon and Mason

NOES: 7 - Maack, Jorgensen, Horton, Allen, Peete, Land and Harmon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Harmon, that this Communication be Approved as Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

NOES: 2 - Allen and Peete

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

Public Works and Services Committee Report, by Ald. Maack

[0435-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Frazier, on behalf of the of Michelle Zetina, Johnson Financial Group, to close off Sam Johnson Parkway between Main St. and Lake Ave, for the annual Employee Food Truck event on July 22nd, 2025, from 5:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 05.13.25: That the closure be approved as per Johnson Financial Group, per the attached stipulations.

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

[0436-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Perez, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, submitting the final resolution for paving the following street assessments:

Portland Cement Concrete Paving (PCCP)

Dekoven Avenue	from Holborn St. to Clark St.
Jonathon Drive	from Cul-de-sac to N. Main St.
Elisa Drive	from Dead End to Ostergaard Ave.
Olive Street	from Indiana St. to Kentucky St.
Olive Street	from Illinois St. to Oregon St.
Kentucky Street	from Taylor Ave. to Cul-de-sac
Biscayne Avenue	from Princess Pl. to Duchess Dr.
St. Clair Street	from Lombard Ave. to Wilmor St.

Bituminous Concrete Paving

Dekoven Avenue	from Holborn St. to Clark St.
Jonathon Drive	from Cul-de-sac to N. Main St.
Elisa Drive	from Dead End to Ostergaard Ave.
Olive Street	from Indiana St. to Kentucky St.
Olive Street	from Illinois St. to Oregon St.
Kentucky Street	from Taylor Ave. to Cul-de-sac
Biscayne Avenue	from Princess Pl. to Duchess Dr.
St. Clair Street	from Lombard Ave. to Wilmor St.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 05.13.25:

To Approve:

Portland Cement Concrete Paving (PCCP)

Jonathon Dr. from Cul-de-sac to N. Main St.

Olive St. from Indiana St. to Kentucky St.

Biscayne Ave. from Princess Pl. to Duchess Dr.

St. Clair St. from Lombard Ave. to Wilmor St.

A motion was made by Alder Perez, seconded by Alder Jorgensen, that this Communication be Amended to Remove Jonathon to N. Main. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

A motion was made by Alder Maack, seconded by Alder Esqueda, that this Communication be Approved as Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

NOES: 1 - Mason

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0443-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Maack, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, submitting bid results for Contract 2025145 - Racine Multi-Site Roof Project.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on

05.13.25: That Contract 2025145 - Racine Multi-Site Roof Project, be awarded to Kaschak Roofing in the amount of \$438,750.00, along with alternate bids 1 & 2 in the amount of \$114,550.00, for a total of \$553,300.00, they being the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in the following Org-Objects: 45040
57200

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

[0444-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Maack, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, submitting bid results for Contract 2025146 - Racine Multi-Site Exterior Restoration Improvements.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 05.13.25: That Contract 2025146 - Racine Multi-Site Exterior Restoration Improvements, be awarded to Berglund Construction Company, in the amount of \$587,000.00, along with alternate bids 1-4 in the amount of \$413,000.00 for a total of \$1,000,000.00, they being the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in the following Org-Objects: 45040
57200

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

[0456-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Maack, on behalf of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, submitting bid results for Contract 2025108-Wustum Museum Renovation.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 05.13.25: That Contract 2025108-Wustum Museum Renovation, be awarded to Rasch Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$258,895.00, they being the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in the following Org-Object: 45050
57110 Land Improvements-\$258,895.00

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

Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. Weidner

[0421-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, submitting an application for a Change of Agent, with a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, for La Esquina LLC DBA La Esquina located at 2005 Taylor Ave, Alfonso Cruz, Agent. (11th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-14-2025: That the application for a Change of Agent, with a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, for La Esquina LLC DBA La Esquina located at 2005 Taylor Ave, Alfonso Cruz, Agent. (11th District), be Approved.

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

[0438-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, submitting a Change of Ownership application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for JBL LLC DBA Marshall on 6th, located at 910 6th St., Jeffrey Lewitzke, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-14-2025: That the Change of Ownership application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for JBL LLC DBA Marshall on 6th, located at 910 6th St., Jeffrey Lewitzke, Agent. (1st District), be Approved.

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

[0439-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, submitting renewal requests for intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages for the 2025-2026 year.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-14-2025: That the renewal requests for intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages for the 2025-2026 year, be Approved, with the exception of Honors Racine to be called in for possible non-renewal.

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

[0440-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, submitting a list of liquor licenses which have not submitted renewal paperwork for intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages for the 2025-2026 year.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-14-2025: To Receive and File.

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

[0441-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, on behalf of the City of Racine Police Department, for the licenses premise report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-14-2025: That the Police department report, be Approved.

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

[0442-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, requesting any consideration, any formal expression of concern, or other actions pursuant to the police report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-14-2025: To request the appearance for a formal expression of concern for the Select 627 Bar located at 1111 Washington Ave, Natasha Evans, Agent, be Approved.

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

[0464-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alderman Weidner, on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, requesting the appearance of Andrew Wensing, agent for AWW1 LLC DBA Pub on Wisconsin located at 525 Wisconsin Ave, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-14-2025: To Receive and File.

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

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board Report, by Ald. Horton

[0496-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, to issue a

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) home repair loan and forgivable grant to 1449 Douglas Avenue.

Staff Recommendation: That the CDBG Advisory Board approves the CDBG Home Repair Loan and Forgivable Grant for 1449 Douglas Avenue as presented.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient CDBG funds for this project. Loan payments will be repaid to the CDBG repair revolving loan fund.

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

[0497-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, to issue a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) home repair loan and forgivable grant to 2309 Coolidge Avenue.

Staff Recommendation: That the CDBG Advisory Board approves the CDBG Home Repair Loan and Forgivable Grant for 2309 Coolidge Avenue as presented.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient CDBG funds for this project. Loan payments will be repaid to the CDBG repair revolving loan fund.

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

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Horton

[0511-25](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting a veto of the Common Council's action on item 0339-25, a claim by Margaret Morgenson in the amount of \$20,644.56.

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Townsend, to Override the Veto. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Weidner, Esqueda, Perez and Kelly

NOES: 8 - Maack, Jorgensen, Horton, Allen, Peete, Land, Harmon and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

H. Common Council Vote on Consent Agenda (Communications, Committee Reports, Resolutions)

A motion was made by Alder Maurice Horton, seconded by Alder David Maack, that this be Considered as Reported Adopted by the following vote

AYES: 14 - Townsend, Turquoise-Davis, Maack, Jorgensen, Weidner, Horton, Esqueda, Allen, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly, Harmon and Pabon

ABSENT: 1 - Frazier

I. 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.

J. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M. by Alder Horton.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday, June 03, 2025.

*ATTEST: TARA MCMENAMIN
CITY CLERK*