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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, August 11, 2008

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 July 21, 2008 meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [08-2471](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$475,000 from the Wisconsin Partnership Program, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-11-08: Permission granted for the Public Health Administrator to apply for a \$475,000 Wisconsin Partnership Program grant with the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (Grant Control No. 2008-027).

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

Attachments: [2008 Fetal Infant Mortality.pdf](#)

Christiana Stier, Healthy Birth Outcomes Coordinator, spoke on behalf of Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, requesting permission to apply for a \$475,000 Wisconsin Partnership Program grant from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. The funds will be utilized for the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Project.

Recommended For Approval

2. [08-1822](#)

Subject: Communication from Mayor Becker wishing to discuss returning Marquette Street and ML King Drive back to two-way streets.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (03-17-08): Defer

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (05-19-08): Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee (05-27-08): That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a professional services agreement with Ayres Associates,

Waukesha, WI, for a full traffic impact analysis to examine the feasibility of converting Marquette Street and Dr. ML King, Jr. Drive from one-way to two-way traffic for the lump sum of \$19,000.00.

Further recommend that since this item was not included in the 2008 budget, that it be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for appropriate funding.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time.

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (06-30-08): The traffic study be approved.

Fiscal Note: This study was approved by the Public Works and Services Committee and referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for funding.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 07-21-08: Defer the item.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-11-08: Deny funding for the full traffic impact analysis to examine the feasibility of converting Marquette Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive from a one-way to two-way traffic.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Marquette-ML King Jr Dr Turn Marquette & King to 2-way.doc](#)
[DOC080513](#)

Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works, appeared before the Committee to discuss the public meeting that was held at the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center. Sixty percent of the comments were in favor of a two-way traffic and forty percent were opposed or did not have an opinion. Rick stated that the majority of concern was to slow down the traffic. The majority of individual's comment living on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive was to keep the one-way traffic. George Meyers, 1307 N. Wisconsin St., a concerned citizen also appeared to voice his opposition to this change.

Recommended For Denial

Alderman David Maack was at another meeting and came in to the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting at 5:22 p.m.

3. [08-2074](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Aldermen of the 6th and 14th District requesting to meet with the appropriate committee to discuss reviewing the interest rate and changing the 10-year street assessment pay-off to a 20-year for street paving.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

05-12-08: Defer the item.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 06-9-08: Defer the item.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-11-08: A new home owner loan program for assessment projects over \$2,000 be established and funded through the 801 Special Assessment Fund. The program will be administered through the City Housing Department and follow all rules, regulations and income guidelines of the CDBG Fixed Interest Loan Program.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available to fund this program. CDBG Income guidelines will be used to determine eligibility and interest rates. Loans will require monthly payments with terms up to 20 years. All applications and subsequent loans will be handled in a manner identical to the CDBG Fixed Interest Loan Program.

Attachments: [Street Paving 20 year pay-off and Interest.pdf](#)
[Review Interest Rates.pdf](#)

Alderman Sandy Weidner, of the 6th District, and Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss the interest rate and changing the 10-year street assessment pay-off to a 20-year for street paving.

Recommended For Approval

4. [08-2461](#)

Subject: Inter-municipal Agreement Between the Village of Mt. Pleasant and Racine Water Utility Regarding Water Main Construction on Old Spring Street

Recommendation: (Direct Referral) Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on July 29, 2008: Refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee for approval.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-11-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an inter-municipal agreement between the Village of Mt. Pleasant and the Racine Water Utility for the water main construction on Old Spring Street.

Fiscal Note: The estimated cost of the project will be \$140,000 that will be funded through the Water Utility.

Attachments: [Old spring water main agreement latest.doc](#)

Alderman Friedel, Chairman, stated that the item was already approved by the Water Commission and was forwarded to the Common Council for standard procedure.

Recommended For Approval

5. [08-2494](#)

Subject: Communication from the 1st District Alderman wishing to

discuss the tennis courts in Franklin Park.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-11-08: The Parks and Recreation Department be authorized to hire Macemon and Sons, Inc. to remove the Franklin Park tennis courts and underlying streets, sidewalks, curb and gutter and fill the excavation with black dirt at a cost of \$2,100. Further recommends that \$2,100 be transferred from Account 987.710.5070 (Horlick Bleacher Replacement) to Account 987-710.5090 (Franklin Tennis Court Removal).

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for the transfer.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-12-08: That the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Jeff Coe, of the 1st District, appeared before the Committee requesting funds for the removal of the tennis court at Franklin Park. Students are wishing to place a rain garden where the tennis court is. The tennis court was already scheduled for removal in 2009. Underneath the court is curb, gutter and street. Macemon contractor will remove the curb, gutter and street and fill the area with black dirt at the total cost of \$2,100.

Recommended For Approval

6. [08-2517](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) The Assistant Finance Director submitting the June 30, 2008 financial reports.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 7-11-08: Item to be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [JUNE 2008 FINANCIALS.pdf](#)

Kathleen Fischer, Assistant Finance Director, appeared before the Committee to discuss the June 30, 2008 Financial Reports.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

None

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2008.