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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II
Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy
Dennis Wiser
Jeff Coe
Ronald D. Hart

Monday, September 8, 2014

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Chairman Shakoor, II, Dennis Wiser, Jeff Coe and Ronald D. Hart

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chairman McCarthy

Approval of Minutes for the August 25, 2014 Meeting.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wiser, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

1. [14-10489](#) **Subject:** General Manager Request to Reallocate Funds in the 2014 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Purchase of a Backhoe

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 8/26/14: To approve purchase of a 2014 backhoe and transfer funds from "Dodge and Chatham Transmission pit - \$75,000" and "VFD's High Lift Pump Upgrade - \$28,000" to "Backhoe - \$103,000"

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-8-14: Approve the purchase of a 2014 backhoe and transfer funds from "Dodge and Chatham Transmission pit - \$75,000" and "VFD's High Lift Pump Upgrade - \$28,000" to "Backhoe - \$103,000"

Fiscal Note: Funds will be provided from Water Utility Reserves

Attachments: [backhoe purchase wa commission ltr](#)
[waive backhoe bidding shakoor ltr](#)

Keith Haas, General Manager Wastewater, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wiser, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

2. [14-10481](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting permission to apply & accept \$25,000.00 in grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to assist with ash management/treatments as well as to contract with an

arboricultural trainer to provide advanced chainsaw and aerial truck tree removal & rigging training to the City Forestry crew. Grant Control #2014-034

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-25-14: Defer the item until the September 8, 2014 Finance & Personnel meeting.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-8-14: Permission be granted to the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to apply & accept \$25,000.00 in grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to assist with ash management/treatments as well as to contract with an arboricultural trainer to provide advanced chainsaw and aerial truck tree removal & rigging training to the City Forestry crew. Grant Control #2014-034

Fiscal Note: This grant will require a \$25,000.00 match. Funding for the City match will be available through the 2015 CIP, Emerald Ash Borer Tree Treatment. Grant Control #2014-034.

Attachments: [Apply & Accept WI DNR Urban Forestry](#)

Tom Molbeck, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wiser, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [14-10504](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting permission to accept donations for the Dr. John Bryant Community Center's Performing Arts Program.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-8-14: Permission be granted to the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to accept donations for the Dr. John Bryant Community Center's Performing Arts Program.

Fiscal Note: \$1,870.00 in donations to be deposited in Performing Arts Account 786.010.6000.

Attachments: [Donation for Performing Arts Program](#)

Tom Molbeck, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wiser, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [14-10525](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to enter into an agreement between the City of Kenosha and the City of Racine Health

Department, in the amount of and not to exceed \$48,838.00, for monitoring of the stormwater infrastructure within the Pike River Watershed.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-8-14: Permission be granted to the Public Health Administrator to enter into an agreement between the City of Kenosha and the City of Racine Health Department, in the amount of and not to exceed \$48,838.00, for monitoring of the stormwater infrastructure within the Pike River Watershed.

Fiscal Note: No cost to the City.

Attachments: [2014 Intergovernmental Agreement for Pike River Monitoring](#)

Marcia Fernholz, Environmental Health Director, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wiser, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [14-10536](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request by the Assistant Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority seeking permission to apply for a \$200,000 (no local match) US EPA Area Wide Planning Grant to be used to develop detailed reuse plans for brownfield sites in the RootWorks project area.

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 9-4-2014:

That funds and assistance available from the US EPA Area Wide Planning Grant be requested and that the rules of the program be complied with.

Further, that Brian F. O'Connell, Executive Director, or his authorized agent act on the behalf of the Authority to: submit an application to US EPA for Area Wide Planning Grant funds to aid in the development of detailed reuse plans for brownfield sites in the RootWorks redevelopment area, sign documents, and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete approved grant activities.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

9-8-14: That funds and assistance available from the US EPA Area Wide Planning Grant be requested and that the rules of the program be complied with.

Further, that Brian F. O'Connell, Executive Director, or his authorized agent act on the behalf of the Authority to: submit an application to US EPA for Area Wide Planning Grant funds to aid in the development of

detailed reuse plans for brownfield sites in the RootWorks redevelopment area, sign documents, and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete approved grant activities.

Fiscal Note: The grant request is for \$200,000 and there is no City Match required.

Attachments: [RDA Resolution 14-18](#)

Matt Sadowski, Assistant Director/Principal Planner, Department of City Development, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wiser , that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [14-10494](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Dwayne Olsen and Myrna Olsen for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-8-14: The claim of Dwayne Olsen and Myrna Olsen for alleged damages from a sewer backup arising from the rain event on May 12-13, 2014 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [olsen_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, and Keith Haas, General Manager of Wastewater, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wiser , that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [14-10495](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Gary Simonsen for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-8-14: The claim of Gary Simonsen for repairs after a tree branch allegedly fell on his car while it was parked in the 2300 block of Carmel Avenue on August 13, 2014 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [simonsen_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wiser , that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [14-10496](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim

of American Family Mutual Insurance (Medasie) for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

9-8-14: The claim of American Family Mutual Insurance (Medasie) for alleged repairs arising from water allegedly flooding the basement at 3510 - 16th Street on February 25, 2014 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [medasie_001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, and Keith Haas, General Manager of Wastewater, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wisner, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

9. [14-10511](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney requesting authorization to pay \$78,585.66 from account 101.990.5910, Judgment and Claims, to settle Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 11-CV-1631 Eileen Legue, et al. v. City of Racine, et al.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

9-8-14: To authorize the City Attorney to pay the judgment in the amount of \$78,585.66 from account 101.990.5910, Judgment and Claims, for Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 11-CV-1631 Eileen Legue, et al. v. City of Racine, et al.

Fiscal Note: \$78,585.66 payable from 101.990.5910 Judgment & Claims.

Attachments: [14-10511](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wisner, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Chairman Shakoor, II, Dennis Wisner and Ronald D. Hart

NOES: 1 - Jeff Coe

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chairman McCarthy

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014 at City Hall, Room 303.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ald. Q.A. Shakoor II, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee**