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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, August 25, 2014

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Shakoor, II, Vice Chairman McCarthy, Dennis Wiser, Jeff Coe and Ronald D. Hart

Approval of Minutes for the August 11, 2014 Meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

1. [14-10449](#)

Subject: The fire department is requesting permission to accept the 2013 FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters (AFG) grant (Control #2014-019) for purchasing radio hardware and upgrading our radio interoperability capabilities to the statewide VHF trunking system known as WISCOM.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-25-14: Permission be granted to the fire department to accept the 2013 FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters (AFG) grant (Control #2014-019) for purchasing radio hardware and upgrading our radio interoperability capabilities to the statewide VHF trunking system known as WISCOM.

Fiscal Note: The grant request is for \$210,500 of which the City's hard match is 10% or \$21,050. AFG will provide \$189,450 with the City's match covering the balance of the project. Funds are available in account 944.300.5030 to cover this request. (Control #2014-019)

Attachments: [FEMA 2013 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant](#)

Steve Hansen, Fire Chief, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

2. [14-10484](#)

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting to waive formal bidding requirements and instruct the Purchasing Agent to negotiate sole-source procurement with Snap Trends of Austin, Texas, for the purchase of SnapTrends, a location-based social media

monitoring solution.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-25-14: To approve the request from the Police Chief to waive formal bidding requirements and instruct the Purchasing Agent to negotiate sole-source procurement with Snap Trends of Austin, Texas, for the purchase of SnapTrends, a location-based social media monitoring solution.

Fiscal Note: Approximate cost is \$4,200. To be funded with Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds.

Attachments: [C2C-SnapTrends](#)

Arthel Howell, Chief of Police, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [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.

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](#)

No one appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Alderman McCarthy and seconded by Alderman Hart that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy with respect to litigation in which the City of Racine is or is likely to become involved, and pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(e) Wisconsin Statutes to consider a matter, which for competitive and bargaining reasons requires a closed session.

Roll Call taken:

Ayes: Alderman Shakoor II, McCarthy, Hart, Wisner and Coe.

Noes: None

The Chairman then announced that the Committee would convene in closed session for the reason stated in the motion and pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sec. 19.85 (1)(c) and (e).

Also present: David Brown, Finance Director; Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney; Thomas Friedel, City Administrator; Nicole Sweet, Human Resources; Bill Bowers, City Assessor; Aldermen Weidner, Deihl, Perez.

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Shakoor, II, Vice Chairman McCarthy, Dennis Wisner, Jeff Coe and Ronald D. Hart

4. [14-10500](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney wishing to convene in closed session to discuss, with the Finance and Personnel Committee, strategy with respect to litigation in which the City of Racine is or is likely to become involved, specifically potential settlement of Sears Holdings Corporation v. City of Racine, Racine County Case No. 13 CV 1451.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-25-14: To approve the potential settlement of Sears Holdings Corporation v. City of Racine, Racine County Case No. 13 CV 1451.

Fiscal Note: Refund of \$205,748 will be budgeted and paid out of the General Fund in 2015. Approximately \$97,700 or 47% of this payment will be charged back to the overlying taxing jurisdictions and collected at some point in the future. Additionally, the 2014 real estate assessment will be set at \$4,500,000.

Attachments: [14-10500](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, and Bill Bowers, City Assessor, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Jeff Coe, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [14-10506](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Deputy City

Attorney and Human Resources Manager desiring to discuss the status of negotiations for successor collective bargaining agreements with the Racine Police Association and Local 321, International Association of Fire Fighters.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 8-25-14: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: Unknown at this time

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, and Tom Friedel, City Administrator, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014 at City Hall, Room 303.

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