



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Maurice Horton
Vice Chair Cory Sebastian
Alder Olivia Turquoise-Davis
Alder Mary Land
Alder Terry McCarthy

Monday, November 25, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chair Horton, Vice Chair Sebastian, Turquoise-Davis, Land and McCarthy

Approval of Minutes for the November 11, 2024 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Davis, to Approve the Minutes.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Chair Horton, Vice Chair Sebastian, Turquoise-Davis, Land and McCarthy

[1080-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting that the list of alternate early absentee voting locations for 2025 be approved.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the list of alternate early absentee voting locations for 2025 be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Director of Customer Service/ City Clerk McMenamin, Alder Weidner, and Alder Kaprelian, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Davis, that this file be **Recommended For Approval**.

[1064-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Director, requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to negotiate and execute a lease and an agreement with Kenosha Community Health Center, Inc., d/b/a Pillar Health, to operate a Federal Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) in the new Lincoln King Community Center and Clinic building.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to negotiate

and execute a lease and an agreement with Kenosha Community Health Center, Inc., d/b/a Pillar Health, to operate an FQHC in the new Lincoln King Community Center and Clinic building.

Fiscal Note: The FQHC will be primarily federally funded, with most of the operating costs being absorbed by Kenosha Community Health Center, Inc., d/b/a Pillar Health, as part of the lease agreement.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, and Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1076-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, Alders Kelly, Land, Horton, Perez, Davis, Coe, Harmon, Peete, and Jones, on behalf of the Fire Chief, requesting permission that the City authorize the placement of a Fire Department referendum on the April 1, 2025 Spring ballot.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the City authorize the placement of a Fire Department referendum on the April 1, 2025 Spring ballot.

Fiscal Note: The referendum will increase the 2026 levy by \$1.5 million dollars and on an ongoing basis going forward. The estimated annual impact to a home assessed at \$175,000 is \$54.

Fire Chief Hansen, Mayor Mason, Finance Director Fischer, and Alder Weidner, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1075-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf the Fire Chief, requesting permission that the Mayor be authorized to accept and sign for the FY 2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant from Wisconsin Emergency Management for equipment and training. Grant amount is \$91,663.05 control #00603.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the Mayor be authorized to accept and sign the FY 2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant in the amount of \$91,663.05 control #00603.

Fiscal Note: No local match required.

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

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file

be Recommended For Approval.

[1026-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of Police Chief Ramirez, requesting permission to purchase Bullet Proof Vests for the SWAT program.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the request to purchase Bullet Proof Vests for the SWAT program be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funds available in RPD account 20603-53230. **City Match:** N/A

Deputy Fire Chief Toeller, and Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sebastian, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1037-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of Police Chief Ramirez, requesting permission to apply and accept the 2025 Beat Patrol Grant in the amount of \$121,434.00 control #00590.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the request to apply and accept the 2025 Beat Patrol Grant control #00590 be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funds available in RPD Wages/Salaries account. **City Match:** \$40,478.00

Deputy Fire Chief Toeller, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1079-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Human Resources Benefits Manager, requesting permission to present and propose a Restricted Duty Policy for approval.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the Restricted Duty Policy be approved as presented, to take effect upon approval of the Common Council, and that this policy be incorporated into the next update to the City of Racine Employee Handbook.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Human Resources Benefits Manager Lien, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1002-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy, Regarding a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up to \$10,450,921 Wastewater Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants With Respect Thereto, and approval of related \$12,550,921 Financial Assistance Agreement

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 11/20/24: To Approve with a Referral to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: To authorize the execution of the Financial Assistance Agreement and the Issuance and Sale of up to \$10,450,921.00 Taxable Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto.

Fiscal Note: The \$10,450,921.00 Bond at an interest rate of 2.2% from state revolving funds reflects principal forgiveness up to \$2,100,000.00.

Wastewater Utility Director Tillis, and Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sebastian, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1008-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to accept funding of \$62,213 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program control #00592.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the Public Health Department be authorized to accept funding of \$62,213 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Programs control #00592.

Fiscal Note: No Match required.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1009-24](#)

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

Public Health Department, requesting permission to accept funding of \$222,700 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Infant Mortality program control #00601.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the Public Health Department be authorized to accept funding of \$222,700 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Infant Mortality program control #00601.

Fiscal Note: No Match required

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1010-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to accept funding of \$27,809 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Program control #00593.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the Public Health Department be authorized to accept funding of \$27,809 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Program control #00593.

Fiscal Note: No Match required.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1011-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to accept funding of \$100,975 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Immunization COVID Supp3 programs control #00602.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the Public Health Department be authorized to enter into an agreement and accept funding of \$100,975 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Consolidated Contract for the Immunization COVID Supp3 programs control #00602.

Fiscal Note: No Match required.

Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1069-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Finance Director, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interagency agreement with the Finance Department to continue the Financial Empowerment Center oversight and administration using City direct Federal ARPA Funds for 2025 and 2026.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into an interagency agreement with the Finance Department to continue the Financial Empowerment Center oversight and administration using City direct Federal ARPA Funds for 2025 and 2026.

Fiscal Note: The interagency agreement will be in the amount of \$115,000 and will be spent over a two-year period. Funds are available in Fund 229-City Direct ARPA, project #22917.

Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1077-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, presenting the meeting calendar for the Finance and Personnel Committee for 2025.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the Finance Committee keep the same date and time as currently in place. Finance & Personnel-Monday at 5:30PM-The Monday the week prior to the scheduled Common Council meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sebastian, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[1040-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Mark Veenstra for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

11-25-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sebastian, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1041-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Quandaa Williams for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sebastian, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1042-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Sara Jerry for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sebastian, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1043-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Shamika Kelley and Daemian Price for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sebastian, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1044-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc., on behalf of its insured, Cintas Corporation, for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sebastian, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[1045-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Linda Gilmer for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sebastian, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(g) to discuss strategy for litigation in which the City of Racine is or is likely to be involved.

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Horton, to go into Closed Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chair Horton, Vice Chair Sebastian, Land and McCarthy

EXCUSED: 1 - Turquoise-Davis

[1074-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney present proposed settlement in *BREG Pike River Development, Inc., et al., v. City of Racine, et al*, Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 24 CV 964, and in *BREG Pike River Development, Inc., et al., v. City of Racine, et al*, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 24 CV 909.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-25-2024: That the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Deferred.

Open Session

The Finance and Personnel Committee will return to open session and may take action on any item discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Horton, to go into Open Session.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chair Horton, Vice Chair Sebastian, Land and McCarthy

EXCUSED: 1 - Turquoise-Davis

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:12p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be held in January 2025 (date and time TBD).

Respectfully submitted,

Alder Horton, Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee