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TO: Public Works and Services Committee

FROM: Thomas M. Eeg, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations

DATE: January 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Request by Alderman Jung on behalf of the Sustainability and Conservation Coordinator requesting to extend existing contracts with UW-Extension and HGA through March 13th, to reflect an extension granted by the Office for Energy Innovation and the Public Services Commission pertaining to the Energy Innovation Grant Program.

The City of Racine initiated a grant application for the “Energy Innovation Grant Program” which was approved by Res. 1346-18. The intent of this \$78,000 grant was to do a comprehensive study of all our City facilities and vehicles to determine the energy efficiency of our operations.

The initial grant from the Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovations was to begin on January 1, 2019 and end on December 31, 2019. We did not get confirmation that the grant funds were available until June 27, 2019 and they have hence extended the end date to June 30, 2020.

The initial UW Extension “Comprehensive Strategic Energy Planning for City of Racine Facilities” agreement was submitted to cover a time period of March 25, 2019 to December 16, 2019, which was based on the initial start date of grant. Since the grant funding was not obtained until June 27, 2019, this contract could not commence on the initial March 25, 2019 date, so we are requesting an extension of the end date for this agreement. This will give the UW Extension adequate time to complete the analysis outlined in their agreement.

My recommendation would be to extend the UW Extension Comprehensive Strategic Energy Planning for City of Racine Facilities to March 31, 2020. The costs of this agreement are fully covered by the “Energy Innovation Grant Program” and have no impact on City funds.

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