



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall  
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## Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman Thomas Friedel, Vice Chair Sandy Weidner  
Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Alderman Michael Shields*

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Monday, May 7, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

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### Call To Order

*PRESENT: Thomas Friedel, Sandy Weidner, James Spangenberg, Michael Shields and Aron Wisneski*

### Approval of Minutes for the April 23, 2007 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-0502](#) Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Program (Grant Control #2007-21).  
  
(Also refer to the Board of Health.)  
  
Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a contract agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services for the HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Program (Grant Control #2007-21).  
  
Fiscal Note: There is no city match.  
*Janelle Grammar, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee.*  
**Recommended For Approval**
  
2. [07-0460](#) Subject: Communication from Lorna Hennig, Executive Director of Racine Arts Council, requesting hotel tax money to pay for rent of the Racine Arts Council office located at 505 Sixth Street.  
  
Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-23-07: Item to be deferred.  
  
Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: Receive and file.  
  
Fiscal Note: There are no room tax funds available at this time.  
*Lorna Henning, Executive Director for the Racine Arts Council and David Blank, Executive Director for the Racine County Convention & Visitors Bureau appeared before the Committee requesting funds from the Hotel Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,000 per month to be utilized for rent.*  
**Recommended to be Received and Filed**
  
3. [07-0341](#) Subject: Communication from the Executive Director of the Racine Arts Council requesting funds from the Hotel Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,000 per month to be utilized for rent.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-9-07: Item to be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-23-07: Item to be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-07-07: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: There are no room tax funds available at this time.

*Lorna Henning, Executive Director for the Racine Arts Council and David Blank, Executive Director for the Racine County Convention & Visitors Bureau appeared before the Committee requesting funds from the Hotel Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,000 per month to be utilized for rent.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

4. [07-0556](#) Subject: Communication from the 6th District Alderman requesting that the rental fees for the use of Horlick Field Baseball Diamond in 2007 be reduced.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: Reduce the fees to \$80/day for Horlick field usage for all adult groups.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services appeared before the Committee to discuss the rental fees for the use of Horlick Field Baseball Diamond.*

**Recommended For Approval**

5. [07-0350](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Shawn Goodin & Melissa Goodin for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-9-07: Item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: The claim of Shawn & Melissa Goodwin be settled in the amount of \$25,749.50 for a failed wye connection.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in Account 101.990.5910, Judgement and Claims for payment.

*Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the recommendation that the City make payment in the amount of \$25,749.50 to settle the case.*

**Recommended For Approval**

6. [07-0473](#) Subject: Communication from the City attorney submitting the claims of American Family Insurance Company and its insureds, Carla & Ronald Prochnow, for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: The claim of American Family Insurance company and their insured, Carla & Ronald Prochnow, 2709 Kentucky Street, requesting a \$17,036.27 and \$19,663.55 reimbursement caused by sewer backup into the basement be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the recommendation that the City deny payment for the claim filed by Carla & Ronald Prochnow.*

**Recommended For Denial**

7. [07-0471](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Naifeh Abdelrahman for consideration.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: The claim of Naifeh Abdelrahman, 1620 Boyd Avenue, requesting a \$4,141.11 reimbursement caused by damage to her vehicle from a fallen tree branch be denied.
- Fiscal Note: N/A
- Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the recommendation that the City deny payment in the amount of \$4,141.11 to Naifeh Abdelrahman.*
- Recommended For Denial**
8. [07-0534](#) Subject: Communication from the Deputy City Attorney submitting the claim of Ed & Darlene Aude for consideration.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: The claim of Ed & Darlene Aude be settled in the amount of \$29,775.20 for a failed wye connection.
- Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in Account 101.990.5910, Judgement and Claims for payment.
- Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the recommendation that the City make payment in the amount of \$29,775.20 to settle the case.*
- Recommended For Approval**
9. [07-0553](#) Subject: Communication from the Asst. Commissioner/Engineering requesting permission to apply for a CMAQ grant (Grant Control No. 2007-024) from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Signal Interconnect and System Timing Optimization for Sixth Street north to the city limits.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: The Asst. Commissioner/Engineering be given permission to apply for a CMAQ grant (Grant Control No. 2007-024) from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Signal Interconnect and System Timing Optimization for Sixth Street north to the city limits.
- Fiscal Note: Federal \$478,400: Local hard match \$119,600. Local portion to be funded in the 2008 CIP.
- John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner of Public Works, appeared before the Committee.*
- Recommended For Approval**
10. [07-0554](#) Subject: Communication from the Asst. Commissioner/Engineering requests permission to apply for a CMAQ grant (Grant Control No. 2007-025) from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Signal Interconnect and System Timing Optimization for Sixth Street north to the city limits.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: The Asst. Commissioner/Engineering be given permission to apply for a CMAQ grant (Grant Control No. 2007-025) from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Signal Interconnect and System Timing Optimization for Sixth Street south to the city limits.
- Fiscal Note: Federal \$438,840: Local hard match \$109,710. Local portion to be funded

in the 2008 CIP.

*John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner of Public Works, appeared before the Committee.*

**Recommended For Approval**

11. [07-0555](#) Subject: Communication from the Belle Urban System Transit Planner requests permission to apply for a CMAQ grant (Grant Control No. 2007-023) from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the purchase of ADA Accessible Replacement Dial-A-Ride buses.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: The Belle Urban System Transit Planner be given permission to apply for a CMAQ grant (Grant Control No. 2007-023) from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the purchase of ADA Accessible Replacement Dial-A-Ride buses.

Fiscal Note: Federal \$232,000; Local hard match \$58,000. Local portion to be funded in the 2008 CIP.

*Michael Glasheen, Transit & Traffic Engineer, appeared before the Committee.*

**Recommended For Approval**

12. [07-0412](#) Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting to discuss the newly imposed inspection fees by the Building Department.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: Refer to the Committee of the Whole.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Pete Karas, 9th District Alderman, Jim McLain, resident and Rick Heller, Chief Building Inspector appeared before the Committee. Communication will be referred to the Committee of the Whole.*

**Recommended For Further Consideration**

13. [07-0366](#) Subject: Communication from the Healthcare Project Team requesting the opportunity to present a progress report to date and recommendations to hire a consultant to continue their work.

During the 2007 budget deliberations the creation of the Healthcare Project Team to evaluate the current healthcare network was discussed. Since that time the committee has been formed, a work plan has been developed and consultants interviewed.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-9-07: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 5-7-07: The City of Racine enter into a contract with The Willis Group to act as our health insurance consultant at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Fiscal Note: NA

*Sylvia Coronado-Romero, Director of Human Resources and Julia Anastasio, Benefits Coordinator appeared before the Committee.*

**Recommended For Approval**

## Miscellaneous Business

*None*

**There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007 at City Hall, Room 209.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Alderman Thomas Friedel, Chairman  
Finance & Personnel Committee**