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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Natalia Taft
Vice Chair Marcus West
Alder Sam Peete
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder John Tate II

Monday, February 27, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chair Taft, Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

Approval of Minutes for the January 30, 2023 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, to Approve the minutes.

[0135-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, submitting the Amendment of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Area Sewer Improvements Project

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 01/17/2023:

That the Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Sewer Improvements Project, be Approved & Referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

01/30/2023: That the Wastewater Commission be allowed Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Sewer Improvements Project.

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 02/15/2023:

That the Amendment of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Area Sewer Improvements Project be Approved and Referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

02/27/2023: That the Wastewater Commission be allowed Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Sewer Improvements Project.

Fiscal Note: The amended negotiated agreed cost with the property owner, KJJ Real Estate LLC, is \$109,974.00, based on independent

appraisal.

Wastewater Director Tillis, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0176-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Director of Parks and Recreation requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a MOU with RUSD to provide entry-level recreation activities for the following programs: “2023 Summer School Playground program”, “Girls High School Summer Basketball League”, and “Teen Outreach After School Program”.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-27-2023: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter a MOU with RUSD to provide entry-level recreation activities for “2023 Summer School Playground program”, “Girls High School Summer Basketball League”, and “Teen Outreach After School Program”

Fiscal Note: Program Budget total approximately \$363,066. Expenditures will include salaries, supplies and transportation and will be fully reimbursed by RUSD at end of program.

Superintendent of Recreation and Cultural Services Mars, Recreational Supervisor Gomez, and Mayor Mason, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0197-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Fire Chief requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to approve and sign the Agreement for the Exchange of Fire Protection and Rescue Services Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Racine, Village of Caledonia, and the Village of Mount Pleasant.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-27-23: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to approve and sign the Agreement for the Exchange of Fire Protection and Rescue Services Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Racine, Village of Caledonia, and the Village of Mount Pleasant.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Assistant Fire Chief Wolf, and Mayor Mason, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0190-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason for approval of the 2023 General Economic Development Services Contract with Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-27-2023: That the 2023 General Economic Development Services contract with Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) be approved. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk, or their designees, be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with RCEDC for 2023.

Fiscal Note: The cost of the contract is \$86,520. Sufficient funds are available in the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Account, Org Object: 45260 52100

RCEDC Executive Director Jenny Trick, and Mayor Mason, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0203-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting a reallocation of City ARPA funds to fund the Grow Racine Non-Profit Mini Grant program.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-27-2023: That \$705,000 of City ARPA funds be reallocated from the following categories, Compliance, Workforce, and Grant Manager to fund the Mini Grant Program.

Fiscal Note: The reallocation consists of budget reduction of \$250,000 from the compliance category, a \$155,000 reduction from the workforce category, and a \$300,000 reduction from the grant manager category. Funds are available in each of these categories to reallocate.

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

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

[0080-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft and Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Human Resources Director, requesting permission to appear before the Finance and Personnel Committee to discuss a proposed policy describing eligibility requirements for post-retirement health insurance for sworn Public Safety employees.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-27-2023: To approve the amended policy as discussed and direct the

Human Resources Department and the City Attorney's Office to make all other necessary handbook changes to implement this policy.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Human Resources Director Horton, City Administrator Vornholt, Mayor Mason, Fire Chief Hansen, Police Chief Robinson, and Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be amended.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0193-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting a \$5,000 hiring bonus for all persons hired to be Police Officers, hired after March 7th, 2023, until hiring bonus funds are exhausted.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-27-2023: That a \$5,000 hiring bonus for all persons hired to be Police Officers, hired after March 7th, 2023, until hiring bonus funds are exhausted, be approved.

Fiscal Note: Estimated cost of the program will be \$100,000. \$40,000 of the funding is available from the Local Law Enforcement Agency Grant-ARPA. Org and object: 20121 50100 31063. \$60,000 of the funding is available in ARPA-City org and object: 22931 50100. These funds are available through 12/31/2024.

Human Resources Director Horton, Police Chief Robinson, and Alder Jones, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0175-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claims of Alyssa Schukar for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-27-2023: That the claims 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 Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of these claims be Recommended for Approval.

[0179-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of AT&T Mobility, LLC for

consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-27-2023: 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 Tate II, seconded by Alder West, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0178-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Mary McIntyre for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02-27-2023: 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 Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, 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)(e), to address matters that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, require a closed session and 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 involved.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder West, to go into Closed Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Chair Taft, Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

[0200-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, seeking approval to enter into an incentive agreement and all associated documents with J. Jeffers & Co. for Phase IV of the Belle City Square (Horlick Historic District) Redevelopment at and near 2200 Northwestern Avenue.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

02-27-2023: That the Mayor and City Clerk be granted permission to enter into the Development Incentive Agreement with J. Jeffers & Co. for Phase IV of the Belle City Square Redevelopment and execute all necessary documents therein.

Fiscal Note: Utility grants will come from the City Utility surcharge fund, necessary funds in the amount of \$2M are available for this purpose. Bridge loan, \$9M will be primarily funded by a loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Pay go portion of the agreement will be paid from tax increment created in the district.

J. Jeffers & Co. Owner Joshua Jeffers, Jeffers Senior Development Director Brian Loftin, Jeffers VP of Investments Tyler Parbs, Mayor Mason, City Administrator Vornholt, Police Chief Robinson, and Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder West, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0198-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney present a proposed settlement to the litigation in the matter of BREG 5200, LLC, v. City of Racine, Racine County Case Number 2022 CV 811.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

02-27-2023: To approve the settlement as recommended.

Fiscal Note: Total settlement is estimated to be \$117,861.40. The City portion of the settlement is approximately \$67,298.42; the rest will be charged back to the other taxing jurisdictions.

City Attorney Letteney, Attorney Amy Seibel, and Mayor Mason, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder West, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0199-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting that the City Administrator provide an update regarding collective bargaining issues in which the City of Racine is involved.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

02-27-2023: That the Committee recommend the matter be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

City Administrator Vornholt, Fire Chief Hansen, Police Chief Robinson, Finance Director Fischer, Mayor Mason, and Attorney Mark Olson, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that this communication be Received and Filed.

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 Alder West, seconded by Alder Tate II, to go into Open Session.

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

AYES: 5 - Chair Taft, Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder Taft, Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee