



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg  
Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II  
Alderman Ronald Hart  
Alderman Terry McCarthy  
Alderman Dennis Wiser*

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Monday, April 26, 2010

5:00 PM

City Hall Room 301

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### Call To Order and Roll Call

**PRESENT:** 5 - Aldermen James T. Spangenberg, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Ronald Hart, Terry McCarthy and Dennis Wiser

**Approval of Minutes for the April 12, 2010 Meeting.**  
to Approve the Minutes

1. [10-5003](#) **Subject:** Communication from Racine Habitat for Humanity requesting to transfer ownership of 1221 Highland Avenue, a former park, to Habitat for Humanity.

(Also refer to the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services)

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-26-10:** That ownership of 1221 Highland Avenue, a former park, be transferred to Habitat for Humanity pending approval of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Habitat transfer](#)

*Jan Roland spoke on behalf of Habitat for Humanity explaining that it is two vacant lots at this time which would be used for two single family homes. Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee explaining that the designs for the homes are being developed. Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services appeared for the Committee. He is in favor of transferring the land to Habitat for Humanity.*

**Recommended For Approval**

2. [10-5005](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 11th District requesting to transfer \$33,000 from account 255.000.5970 - Library Sunday Contingency to account 101.990.5970 - Contingency.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-26-10:** Defer the item until the May 24, 2010 Finance & Personnel

meeting in order to allow input from the Library Board.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Greg Holding appeared before the Committee to explain his request. He said Sunday hours at the Library were probably not likely at this point so he feels that the money would be more suitable in the general contingency fund.*

**Deferred**

3. [10-5012](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Fire Chief requesting formal bidding be waived for the acquisition of water rescue dive gear under the 2009 DHS Port Security Grant.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-26-10:** That formal bidding be waived for the acquisition of water rescue dive gear under the 2009 DHS Port Security Grant.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Formal bidding be waived-water rescue dive gear.doc](#)

*Chief Hanson appeared before the Committee to explain that the equipment will be purchased at a reduced cost if it is bought from the manufacturer.*

**Recommended For Approval**

4. [10-5013](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Fire Chief requesting formal bidding be waived for the acquisition of the Lucas Chest Compression System.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-26-10:** That formal bidding be waived for the acquisition of the Lucas Chest Compression System.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Formal bidding be waived-Lucas Chest Compression System.doc](#)

*Chief Hanson appeared before the Committee to explain that the Lucas Chest Compression System will be purchased at a reduced cost if it is bought from the manufacturer.*

**Recommended For Approval**

5. [10-5006](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Director of Fair Housing requesting to accept a \$1,000 donation from SC Johnson A Family Company to be donated to the Wisconsin Fair Housing Network to be applied to this years annual Fair Housing Updates & Awards/Conference Program and Luncheon event.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-26-10:** That permission be granted for the Director of Fair Housing to accept a \$1,000 donation from SC Johnson A Family Company to

be donated to the Wisconsin Fair Housing Network to be applied to this year's annual Fair Housing Updates & Awards/Conference Program and Luncheon event.

**Fiscal Note:** The donation will be a pass through to the Wisconsin Fair Housing Network.

**Attachments:** [fair housing](#)

*Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee to explain that the donation from SC Johnson A Family Company is something that is done annually and is passed through the City to the Wisconsin Fair Housing Network.*

**Recommended For Approval**

6. [10-5008](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Director of City Development submitting a request by the Root River Council that the City of Racine support its application for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-26-10:** That the City of Racine support the Root River Council's application for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**Fiscal Note:** No contribution from the City.

**Attachments:** [Root River Request](#)

*Melissa Warner from the Root River Council and Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee requesting that the City of Racine support the Root River Council's application for a grant from the Wisconsin DNR.*

**Recommended For Approval**

7. [10-5009](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Director of City Development requesting that the façade grant program be continued at the amount of \$10,000 per façade through 2011.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-26-10:** That the façade grant program be allowed to continue at the amount of \$10,000 per façade through 2011.

**Fiscal Note:** There are funds available to continue the program at this level.

**Attachments:** [Façade grant request](#)

*Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee requesting that the façade grant program be continued at \$10,000 per façade through the year 2011.*

**Recommended For Approval**

8. [10-5010](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Grants Facilitator requesting permission to apply for the OJJDP 2010 Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative Grant (Grant Control No. 2010-016) to support initiatives of the Y-Youth Mentoring Collaborative.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-26-10:** That permission be granted for the Grants Facilitator to apply for the OJJDP 2010 Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative Grant (Grant Control No. 2010-016) to support initiatives of the Y-Youth Mentoring Collaborative.

**Fiscal Note:** The \$625,000 Grant has a 25% in-kind match requirement which would be covered by partners of the grant.

**Attachments:** [2010youthmentoring.doc](#)

*Debbi Embry, Grants Facilitator, appeared before the Committee to explain the Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative Grant and to request permission to apply for the grant.*

**Recommended For Approval**

9. [10-5039](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting to carry forward approximately \$49,000 from 2009 salaries to 2010 salaries to cover salary expenses for the lab.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-26-10:** That permission be granted to carry forward \$49,000 from 2009 salaries to 2010 salaries to cover salary expenses for the lab with contingency to revisit if grants become available.

**Fiscal Note:** Sufficient funds are available for the transfer.

*Marcia Fernholz, Director of Environmental Health, appeared before the Committee to explain that there are two existing interns in the lab that are still needed. Grants have been applied for, but at this point have not been awarded, so they will not be able to keep the two interns unless they are able to carry forward money from 2009.*

**Recommended For Approval**

10. [10-4983](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Nurit BenUr for consideration.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-26-10:** The claim of Nurit BenUr, 3126 - 94th Street, Sturtevant, requesting reimbursement in an amount in excess of \$643.00 for injuries after she allegedly fell on an icy sidewalk at 2519 Northwestern Avenue on February 14, 2010 be denied.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [BenUr\\_001](#)

*Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the committee to recommend denial of the claim.*

**Recommended For Denial**

11. [10-4956](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Manuel Pedrosa and Lori Brewer Pedrosa for consideration.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**4-26-10:** The claim of Manuel Pedrosa and Lori Brewer Pedrosa, 3020 - 19th Street, requesting reimbursement in an amount in excess of \$5,000 for damages when their basement allegedly flooded after a watermain break on February 12, 2010 be denied.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Pedrosa\\_001](#)

*Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the committee to recommend denial of the claim.*

**Recommended For Denial**

## Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman James Spangenberg, Chairman  
Finance & Personnel Committee