



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Ronald D. Hart, Vice Chair Pete Karas
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Raymond DeHahn, Alderman Jeff Coe*

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ald. Ron Hart, 14th District, Chairman; Ald. Peter Karas, 9th District, Vice Chairman; Ald Robert Anderson, 2nd District; Ald. Ray DeHahn, 7th District; Ald. Jeff Coe, 1st District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works; Tom Eeg, Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Operations; John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering

Other Aldermen: Ald. Aron Wisneski, 12th District

Others: Eddie Johnson; Thomas Rudey; Mike Ash; Ron Halverson; Dan Oakes; Ray Postadnik

Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2007 Meeting.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the minutes were approved as printed.

1. [07-0611](#)

Subject: Communication from Sam Azarian Jr. wishing to discuss purchasing the Marquette Street municipal parking lot.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-12-07, 7-10-07, 7-31-07, 8-14-07, 8-28-07, 9-11-07 and 9-25-07: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 5-30-07: The Marquette Street municipal parking lot be sold to Sam Azarian Jr. for a cost of \$1 contingent upon the upgrade of fencing and landscape, and the separation of lighting circuits.

Fiscal Note: The sale will generate \$1 to the Parking System

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 6-13-07: That the proposed sale is not in conflict with adopted City plans and programs.

Further, that the sale be approved.

Fiscal Note: The sale price of the property will be determined by the Public Works and Services Committee.

Sam Azarian was not present.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

2. [07-1049](#) **Subject:** Communication from Eddie Johnson, 2821 Norwood Drive, requesting additional street lighting on Norwood Drive.

Recommendation: In accordance with Section 2-94 of the Municipal Code of the general ordinances of the City of Racine, the following street lighting changes be approved: Install one (1) 150-watt high-pressure sodium street in the 2800 block of Norwood Drive.

Fiscal Note: The estimated installation cost of this lighting is \$800.00 for installation and the annual operating cost is \$150.00 per fixture.

Eddie Johnson requested additional street lighting on Norwood Drive and John Rooney referred to a drawing showing where the light could go. John noted the light would probably be placed across the street from 2821 Norwood Drive as that would be the easiest way to facilitate a new installation. He recommended a 150 Watt high pressure sodium fixture.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

3. [07-1118](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Co-Race Director of the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis Racine 2007 requesting permission to use City right-of-way on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

Also refer to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation: Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis be granted permission to close Island Park Drive from Liberty Street to Rupert Boulevard and Horlick Park Drive from Rupert Boulevard to 12th Street for the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis, to be held on Saturday, December 8, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event.
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor.
- D. The sponsor shall notify all abutting property owners seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.
- E. The sponsor shall pay a special event fee of \$300.00.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer

and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Thomas Rudey explained the route on the Root River Pathway system and on the street. Rick noted this has been approved in the past and is subject to the usual stipulations.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

4. [07-1132](#)

Subject: Communication from Gorman & Company, Inc. requesting permission to allow an awning and railing which encroaches on City right-of-way to remain at the State and Main development project.

Recommendation: The property owner of 101 Main Street be granted permission to install a stationary, projecting awning and hand rail, as requested, with the stipulation that a hold harmless agreement be executed, in accordance with State Statute 66.0425, Privileges in Streets.

Further recommends that the property owner be charged a \$50.00 fee to cover administrative costs associated with filing this item with the Register of Deeds office.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine.

Michael Ash explained the encroachment and noted they were minor. He understood a hold harmless would have to be executed. Rick noted this is similar to requests in the past and explained the usual stipulations.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-1133](#)

Subject: Communication from Ronald G. Halvorsen, 3444 8th Avenue, requesting the alley be re-approved for paving.

Recommendation: The alley bounded by Shoreland Drive, North Street, 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue be included in the 2008 public hearing schedule for projects to be constructed in 2009.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time.

Ron Halvorsen expressed the need for the alley to be paved behind his property. At the public hearing in May, he asked that it be approved. He understood it was approved and deleted at a later time. Rick stated the majority of those opposed to the project was reported as approved and the Committee took action based on a majority vote. It was deleted after the adjustment was made to the majority being opposed. Halvorsen noted if most people realized they could pay for the improvement over ten years, they would

probably be in favor of the project. The alley is very dusty when dry and a complete mess when it's wet. Rick noted the only option at this point would be to authorize a public hearing for next spring and a preliminary resolution would have to be drafted for a hearing. Alderman Karas also asked the letter for public hearings be modified to let property owners know payment can be made over a ten year period with interest.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee recommended the alley be included in the 2008 public hearing schedule for 2009 construction.

Recommended For Approval

6. [07-0674](#) **Subject:** Request from River Bend Lofts, LLC to acquire the air space property interest in the space over the Racine Street right-of-way, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 66.0915(4).

This request is for rights above and beyond those approved under Resolution 06-7197.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick stated the City Attorney's Office requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

7. [07-1169](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding the rerouting of STH 32.

Recommendation: The Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to facilitate the transfer of STH 32 from Goold Street between Douglas Avenue and Main Street; and Main Street between Goold Street and Hamilton Street; to Douglas Avenue between Goold Street and Hamilton Street; and Hamilton Street between Douglas Avenue and Main Street, with the understanding that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and City of Racine Department of Public Works will evaluate options to improve two (2) intersections, which include:

- A. Albert Street, Douglas Avenue, Barker Street and Superior Street; and
- B. Kewaunee Street, LaSalle Street and Douglas Avenue.

The preferred alternative which best serves the Southeast Wisconsin Transportation System, City of Racine and the traveling public will be chosen to allow this portion of roadway to meeting State Connecting Highway standards.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time. However, by making this portion of roadway meet State Connecting Highway system standards, State funds

will pay approximately 75% of the cost to reconstruct the Douglas Avenue corridor.

Rick explained that WisDOT approved the rerouting of STH 32 to continue down Douglas Avenue to Hamilton to Main Street. There are two odd legged intersections, at Kewaunee Street and Barker Street, that would need to be studied. Those odd intersections would have to be modified for WisDOT to approve the route. This route is more commercial in nature and removes the highway route off residential locations. Designating Highway 32 to this area would also provide 75% to 80% state funding to improve the area during the roadway project.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee authorized the Public Works Director to take the necessary steps to facilitate the transfer of STH 32.

Recommended For Approval

8. [07-0404](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District wishing to discuss the rehabilitation of the brick pavement on College Avenue from DeKoven Avenue to 14th Street.

Recommendation: The policy for reconstruction of streets with brick/concrete pavers be approved. The following requirements will be used for the construction or reconstruction of streets with brick/concrete pavers:

- A. Street must be in a recognized Historic District.
- B. Street is classified as a local street.
- C. Street must have been paved with paver bricks at some point in its history.
- D. That the residents abutting the street agree to pay the equivalent of the assessment charge for construction with concrete.
- E. That the city utilizes sewer revenue dollars to cover the difference in cost between the total cost of the project and the amount owed by assessments.

Fiscal Note: This policy will allow for the rehabilitation of brick streets, such as College Avenue, with the abutting residents paying their fair share without placing a burden upon the remaining city taxpayers. This policy will also allow the means to expanded the number of streets paved with pavers which will be an asset to those neighborhoods helping to maintain or increase property values.

Alderman Karas questioned whether sewer revenue dollars is the best use for paying for a portion of the bricks on College Avenue.

On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the policy for the reconstruction of streets with brick and concrete pavers.

Recommended For Approval

9. [07-1144](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District requesting

the installation of a new street lighting in the 700/800 block of Kentucky Street.

Recommendation: Defer

Alderman Wisneski described the 700/800 block of Kentucky and noted there was only one light mid-block and they are looking for additional lighting south of that light.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item for study.

Deferred

10. [07-1069](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District regarding sewer problems in the 100 block of Virginia Street during heavy rains.

Also refer to the Water and Wastewater Commission

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 8-28-07:

Receive and File

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Commission on

9-25-07: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: The Racine Water and Wastewater Utility has approved plans to address this problem in the 2008 construction season.

Chairman Hart explained the Racine Wastewater Utility approved putting funds in their CIP for sanitary sewer design and construction to alleviate some problems of I/I during heavy rains. Since Water and Wastewater Utility is taking the lead on solving this problem, the Public Works Committee receive and file the communication.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

11. [07-1162](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 14th District requesting a street light in the 1400 block of Ostergaard Avenue.

Recommendation: Defer

Alderman Hart described the lack of street lighting in this area and asked the item be deferred for study.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item for study.

Deferred

12. [07-1102](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District regarding damage caused by construction in the alley bounded by 15th Street, Flett Avenue and Grange Avenue.

Recommendation: The communication be referred to the City Attorney's office for consideration as a claim against the paving contractor for the reconstruction of 16th Street from West Boulevard to Taylor Avenue.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Alderman Karas claimed the alley was used by the contractor building 16th Street and they damaged the alley. Rick suggested the communication be referred to the City Attorney's office for consideration as a claim against the contractor building 16th Street.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee referred the item to the City Attorney's office.

Recommended For Further Consideration

13. [07-0876](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District wishing to draft a resolution to expand current recycling rules to include public and private events.

Also refer to Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 8-8-07 and 9-12-07: Defer

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Public Works & Services Committee on 8-14-07, 8-28-07, 9-11-07 and 9-25-07: Defer

Alderman Karas noted a meeting to discuss recycling programs for public and private events is being set up for the next week and requested the item be deferred.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

14. [07-1103](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District wishing to discuss the reconfiguration of the intersection of Grange Avenue, Washington Avenue and Wright Avenue.

Recommendation: Defer

Alderman Karas cited problems at the intersection and there is a perception with accidents occurring at this location and requested a study be done to close down the connection between Wright and Washington Avenue on Grange Avenue. Rick noted the businesses would probably object to the street being closed on Grange Avenue, due to the loss of parking. The accident rates at the three intersections are not considered problematic by Traffic Engineering standards. Rick requested the item be deferred while the alderman of the district contacts the property owners that may lose parking if any changes are made at this intersection.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

15. [07-1128](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 51-07 (K7-059), State Street Bridge Sidewalk Replacement.

Recommendation: Contract 51-07 (K7-059), State Street Bridge Sidewalk Replacement, be awarded to Zenith-Tech, Inc., Waukesha, WI, at their bid price of \$126,500.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$ 42,758.89 - Account 930.048.5810, 2007 State Street Bridge Repairs
\$ 83,741.11 - 2008 Capital Improvement Program
\$126,500.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: The cost of this project is 100% reimbursable from the State of Wisconsin Lift Bridge Program.

Rick explained the bids received and noted the cost of this project is 100% reimbursable by the WisDOT Lift Bridge Program.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved awarding the contract to Zenith Tech, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Recommended For Award of Bid

16. [07-1190](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 28-07 (K7-032), Street Paving, Mann Brothers, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: Defer

John Rooney requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

17. [07-1151](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 44-06 (K6-047), Upgrade Temperature and HVAC Controls at Community Centers, Johnson Controls, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: The work done by Johnson Controls, Inc., under Contract 44-06 (K6-047), Upgrade Temperature and HVAC Controls at

Community Centers, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$106,080.00, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: This contract was approved by Resolution 06-7198, dated September 5, 2006.

Rick explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the project and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$106,080.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

18. [07-0812](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a final payment request on Contract 8-07 (K7-008), 2007 Parking Ramp Maintenance, RAM Building Restoration & Waterproofing LLC, contractor.

Recommendation: Defer

Tom Eeg requested this item be deferred until punch list items are completed.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

19. [07-1188](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Amendment No. 1 on Contract 33-06 (K6-035), Professional Services for 2006 Major Ramp Maintenance, HNTB, consultant.

Recommendation: That Amendment No. 1 on Contract 33-06 (K6-035), Professional Services for 2006 Major Ramp Maintenance, HNTB, consultant, as submitted, be approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$600.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from Account 986.106.5010, Transfer to Fund 106 - Parking.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom explained the amendment is in the amount of \$600 and is for the inspection of approximately \$10,000 worth of work that needed to be done on the 2006 Major Ramp Maintenance contract.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the amendment and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Approval

20. [07-1191](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a proposal from Earth Tech for the inspection of a storm sewer failure at 16th Street and Park Avenue and recommendation for corrective action at this and other similar locations.

Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a professional services contract with Earth Tech, Inc. for the inspection of the storm sewer at 16th Street and Park Avenue at a cost not-to-exceed \$6,658.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from Account 104.987.5420, Storm Sewers, Misc. Locations.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John Rooney explained the proposal is for inspection of a sewer failure at 16th & Park and noted the configuration of the storm sewer and how it is tied in to a 60" storm sewer approximately 40' below the street grade. The configuration lends itself to failure and Earth Tech is to recommend how to repair and to inspect 11 other locations where the same configuration exists. The repairs to this location will be made this year and recommended repairs to the other locations will be made next year to prevent any future failures. The cost of the proposal is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,658 and funding is available.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the proposal and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Acceptance as a Professional Services Agreement

21. [07-1189](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 25-07 (K7-029), 2007 Concrete Street Reconstruction, LaLonde Contractors, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: Defer

John Rooney requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

22. [07-1193](#)

Subject: Resolution No. 07-0420, of September 18, 2007, relating to street improvements.

Recommendation: Defer

Rooney went through the results of the public hearing. The Committee amended the resolution to include the paving of Queens Court from Lighthouse Drive to the cul-de-sac

on a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe;

Oakdale Avenue from Wright Avenue to Athens Avenue without sewer and water or sanitary sewer, with the stipulation a waiver be signed and no work for utilities could take place for 10 years after the improvement, on a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn;

Victorian Drive from Emstan Hills Road to Maryland Avenue on a motion by Karas, seconded by DeHahn; and

sidewalk on Lathrop Avenue from 1703 Lathrop Avenue along Monroe Avenue; and, sidewalk on West Boulevard from 16th Street to Wright Avenue, a motion was made by Karas, seconded by DeHahn, to approve sidewalk installation from 15th Street to 16th Street;

The Committee deleted the paving of Hillcrest Circle from Wright Avenue to the cul-de-sac on a roll call vote, that passed three to one, Karas, DeHahn and Anderson, Aye; Coe, Naye;

On a motion by Coe, seconded by DeHahn, to approve Oakes Road, on a roll call vote, members voting Aye, Coe and DeHahn; Naye, Anderson, Karas. Vote was tied at 2-2 and Alderman Hart voted Naye to break the tie. Approval was defeated 2-3. Karas then made a motion to defer this item, seconded by DeHahn, to see if this project could be delayed a few years, until the landfill was closed. Mt. Pleasant and the City Attorney would have to be contacted immediately to discuss this item.

On a motion by DeHahn, seconded by Karas, the Committee deleted the sidewalk at 2908 Indiana.

Deferred

Miscellaneous Business

Adjournment

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