



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Alderman Sandy Weidner,
Alderman Jeff Coe, Alderman Raymond DeHahn*

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

Members Present: Ald. Greg Holding, 11th District, Chairman; Ald. Ron Hart, 14th District; Ald. Sandy Weidner, 6th District; Ald. Jeff Coe, 1st District; Ald. Ray DeHahn, 7th District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works; Tom Eeg, Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Operations; John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering

Others: Ald. Michael Shields, 3rd District

Staff: Brian O'Connell

Others: Vivian Merlo; Don Linders, Vulcan Materials Company

Approval of Minutes for the July 28, 2009 Meeting.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the minutes were approved as printed.

1. [09-3951](#)

Subject: Communication from the Downtown Racine Corporation requesting to close portions of Main Street and Sixth Street for the 7th Annual Party on the Pavement on Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Res.09-1559)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: Permission be granted to the Downtown Racine Corporation to close Main Street from State Street to 7th Street and Sixth Street from Main Street to Grand Avenue, on Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the 7th annual "Party on the Pavement" event.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;
- B. Proof of liability insurance be filed prior to this event;
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor;

D. Sponsor shall notify all abutting property occupants 72 hours in advance of the event;

E. The sponsor shall be responsible for the signing of the necessary detours for the State Highway route; and

F. The sponsor shall pay a special event fee of \$700.00.

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 incurred on a regular shift basis to provide limited assistance to implement this event.

Rick read the request and noted the stipulations and the \$700 fee.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

2. [09-3935](#)

Subject: Communication from Preservation Racine requesting permission to close the 1700 block of College Avenue on Sunday, September 27, 2009, from 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the annual tour of Historic Homes. (Res.09-1560)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: Permission be granted to Preservation Racine to close College Avenue from 17th Street to 18th Street, on Sunday, September 27, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for a special event following the annual tour of Historic Homes.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;

B. Proof of liability insurance be filed prior to this event;

C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor;

D. Sponsor shall notify all abutting property occupants 72 hours in advance of the event;

E. The sponsor shall pay a special event fee of \$250.00.

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 incurred on a regular shift basis to provide limited assistance to implement this event.

Vivian Merlo appeared before the Committee and explained the event. Rick noted the stipulations and the \$250 fee.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

3. [09-3959](#)

Subject: Communication from Jerry Norphlet-Brantley, 2029 Case Avenue, submitting a petition to vacate the alley bounded by Jay Eye See Avenue, Twentieth Street, Case Avenue and Twentyfirst Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Residents appeared before the Committee displeased because the alley is being paved and felt they were not noticed properly. Rick read the chronological events regarding the request for the alley to be paved by residents back in 2007. The public hearing was held in 2008 as well as Common Council approval in 2008. He noted the work was placed on a 2009 contract for replacement. Alderman Shields questioned notices made by the City Clerks office as well as maintenance responsibilities by DPW and also noted he opposed the paving at the public hearing.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

4. [09-3890](#)

Subject: Communication from Vulcan Lands, Inc. proposing to donate 3.59 acres of real property to the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09 and 8-11-09: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Don Linders of Vulcan appeared and requested to donate 3.59 acres of land. He felt it was appropriate to donate it as parkland after meeting with his quarry advisory board. There was a discussion if the land would be needed by the Parks Dept. Rick noted Donnie Snow indicated they had no use for the land. There was also a discussion regarding the assessment that would be due on the property if Three Mile Road was ever paved.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [09-3701](#)

Subject: Communication from Neil Thorpe and Ramona Thorpe, as successors to A & N Enterprises, a partnership, offering the real property located at 901 Ninth Street to the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 06-30-09:
Received and filed

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-30-09, 7-14-09, 7-28-09 and 8-11-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 06-30-09:
The City Attorney be authorized to negotiate with the current owner of the property to pay any and all back taxes and fees that may appear on the current assessment for the property in exchange for the City of Racine taking possession of the subject property.

Fiscal Note: N/A

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Deferred

6. [09-3982](#)

Subject: Resolution 09-1552, of August 3, 2009, relating to the home weatherization and energy efficiency loan pilot program.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: That Resolution 09-1552, of August 3, 2009, relating to home weatherization and energy efficiency loan pilot program be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available as described in Resolution 09-1552.

Brian O'Connell explained the program and suggested a pilot to measure the success. Ald. Weidner did not think the program was inclusive enough. Brian noted the program needed some guidelines for federally required evaluation of energy efficiency community block grant funds.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Coe, the Committee moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-1552.

Recommended For Approval

7. [09-3986](#)

Subject: Ordinance No. 17-09, of August 3, 2009, to create Section 90-33 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, relating to Special charges for repayment of energy efficiency improvement loans.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: That Ordinance No. 17-09, of August 3, 2009, relating to special charges for repayment of energy efficiency improvement

loans, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the ordinance.

Recommended For Approval

8. [09-4001](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting bids for Two (2) Truck Chassis' with refuse packers. (Res.09-1561)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 8-11-09: That the contract for Two (2) Truck Chassis, Heavy Duty, Low Entry, Dual Steer Cab w/25 Cubic Yard High Compaction Refuse Packer be awarded to Cumberland Servicenter, at their bid price of \$361,284.00 with trade-in of DPW 40031, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these services be appropriated from Account 101.400.5780, Licensed Vehicles, Solid Waste.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick submitted bids from the Purchasing Agent for two Truck Chassis with refuse packers.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the purchase.

Recommended For Approval

9. [09-3934](#)

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer regarding Neighborhood Watch's offer to perform public education as required by the City's recycling program. (Res.09-1562)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 8-11-09: That the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer be authorized and directed to utilize the resources of Neighborhood Watch to perform public education and program enhancements for the city's recycling program on a cost-by-hour basis.

Fiscal Note: Funds to cover the cost of these as-needed services are available in Account 289.000.5540, Public Education.

Rick noted there has been no education for the public regarding the City's recycling program with the elimination of the recycling coordinator several years ago in the budget. He noted he would like to contract with Neighborhood Watch for approximately \$100 per hour for targeted projects, that would include computer collection, updating brochures, and also information about new recycle carts.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

10. [09-3981](#)

Subject: Resolution No. 09-1543, of August 3, 2009, relating to street improvements:

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING

Gilson Street from Kearney Avenue to Coolidge Avenue;
Fleetwood Drive from Spruce Street to Knoll Place;
Kentucky Street from 17th Street to Victory Avenue;
Monroe Avenue from Republic Avenue to +/- 350 ft. North;
Alley bounded by Victory Avenue, 16th Street; Hayes Avenue, Grove Avenue;
Oregon Street from Washington Avenue to Lindermann Avenue;
Alley bounded by 4th Street, 5th Street; Main Street, Wisconsin Avenue.

SEWER AND WATER

Kentucky Street from 17th Street to Victory Avenue

SIDEWALK

Chicory Road - Northside fronting Dr. Jones Elementary School.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: That Resolution No. 09-1543, of August 3, 2009, be amended to delete:

SEWER AND WATER

Kentucky Street from 17th Street to Victory Avenue

SIDEWALK

Chicory Road from North side front Dr. Jones Elementary School

and, as amended , Resolution No. 09-1543, of August 3, 2009, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: Funds will be appropriated in the 2010 C.I.P. for these street improvements, and special assessments will be paid by the abutting property owners for the street improvements.

John went down the list and the Committee approved Gilson Street on a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner. The Alley was approved on a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner. Kentucky Street was approved for the paving on a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner and deleted the laterals. Oregon Street was approved on a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner. Monroe Avenue was deleted on a motion by Hart, seconded by Weidner, with Coe and DeHahn, voting Nay and motion failed on a tie vote. It was approved on a motion by Coe, seconded by DeHahn, with Ald. Holding voting Aye. It passed 3 to 2. Fleetwood Drive was approved by Weidner, seconded by Coe. Fourth Street alley was approved by Weidner, seconded by Coe. The Chicory Road sidewalk was deleted on a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the resolution as amended.

Recommended For Approval

11. [09-4006](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer regarding bids on Contract 51-08(09) (K8-059), City Hall Exterior Renovations. (Res.09-1563)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: That Resolution 09-1488, of July 7, 2009, be rescinded.

Further recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a contract with RAM Construction Services of MI, Inc., Livonia, MI, at their base bid price of \$109,320.00 plus Alternates #1 and #2, for a total contract of \$171,526.00, they being the second lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommend that the bid bond of Arnie Christiansen Mason Contractor, LLC be retained by the City of Racine to cover damages caused by this contractor's failure to enter into a contract.

Further recommends that funds for this public works project are available in the following accounts:

\$ 51,191.03 - Account 987.100.5020, City Hall Tuckpointing
\$120,334.97 - Account 989.100.5020, City Hall Tuckpointing
\$171,526.00 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick noted the bids should be awarded to the second lowest bidder and the bid bond of Arnie Christiansen should be retained in the approximate amount o \$6,000 and he recommended the next lowest responsible bidder.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the second lowest bidder.

Recommended For Award of Bid

12. [09-3977](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 01-08 (K8-001), 2008 Sewer Asset Management Services, AECOM, consultant. (Res.09-1564)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: The professional services provided by AECOM under Contract 1-08 (K8-001), 2008 Sewer Asset Management Services, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of

\$160,142.08.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 07-0560, dated December 17, 2007.

John explained the consultant has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$160,142.08.

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

Recommended For Approval

13. [09-3998](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 32-08 (K8-036), 2008 Storm and Sanitary Sewer Lining, Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc., contractor. (Res.09-1565)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: The work done by Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc. under Contract 32-08 (K8-036), 2008 Storm and Sanitary Sewer Lining, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$677,322.90.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 08-0879, dated June 17, 2008.

John explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$677,322.90.

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

Recommended For Approval

14. [09-3980](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 35-08 (K8-039), Professional Services - Racine Water Quality Feasibility Study, AECOM, consultant. (Res.09-1566)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: The professional services provided by AECOM under Contract 35-08 (K8-039), Professional Services - Racine Water Quality Feasibility Study, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$29,099.81.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 08-0765, dated April 14, 2008.

John explained the consultant has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$29,099.81.

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

Recommended For Approval

17. [09-3991](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/ Engineering submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 40-08 (K8-046), 2008 Sidewalk Replacement, Phase II, A.W. Oakes & Son, contractor. (Res.09-1567)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: That Change Order No. 1 on Contract 40-08 (K8-046), 2008 Sidewalk Replacement, Phase II, A.W. Oakes & Son, contractor, as submitted, be approved in the deduct amount of \$98,213.48.

Fiscal Note: Change Order No. 1 will result in a decrease in contract price.

John explained the change order is a rectifying change order in the credit amount of (98,213.48).

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

15. [09-3992](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 40-08 (K8-046), 2008 Sidewalk Replacement, Phase II, A.W. Oakes & Son, contractor. (Res.09-1568)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: The work done by A.W. Oakes & Son under Contract 40-08 (K8-046), 2008 Sidewalk Replacement, Phase II, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$349,786.52.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 08-0924, dated July 15, 2008.

John explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$349,786.52.

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

Recommended For Approval

16. [09-3978](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 47-08 (K8-055), Racine-Colonial Park Streambank, AECOM, consultant.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: The communication be received and filed as it was previously approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John explained this item had been approved under Item #09-3819 at the June 30 PW&S Committee meeting and approved by Common Council on July 7, 2009. Rick noted this can be considered informational only and no action is required.

Received and Filed

18. [09-3993](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/ Engineering submitting Change Order No. 2 on Contract 09-09 (K9-009), 2009 Concrete Street Reconstruction, LaLonde Contractors, Inc. (Res.09-1569)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-11-09: That Change Order No. 2 on Contract 9-09 (K9-009), 2009 Concrete Street Reconstruction, LaLonde Contractors, contractor, be approved in the amount of \$130,773.88.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$101,824.60 - Account 989.908.5020, Conc. Pvmt. Repl. Misc. Loc.
\$ 9,984.28 - Account 988.908.5020, Conc. Pvmt. Repl. Misc. Loc.
\$ 18,965.00 - Account 104.900.5420, Storm Sewer, Misc. Loc.
\$130,773.88 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John explained Change Order No. 2 if for additional work encountered during construction. It is in the amount of \$130,773.88 and funding is available.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

1. John noted S. Memorial Drive from Chicory Road to the north of Brentwood Drive city limits was approved under ARRA Stage 3 by Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation. He noted those plans, specs and estimates have to be turned into WisDOT by December 1, 2009, for 2010 construction.
2. John noted the Seventh Street Public Information Meeting No. 2 was being held on Wednesday, August 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 at Memorial Hall and invited Committee members to attend.
3. John noted Douglas Avenue (STH 32) from Goold Street to Three Mile Road was

to be reconstructed in its entirety. He noted he met with WisDOT officials the previous week and the consultant and determined the most appropriate rehab for the project after pavement analysis was total reconstruction.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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