



# 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*

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Tuesday, August 14, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### 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. Jeff Coe, 1st District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works; John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner/Engineering*

*Excused: Ald. Raymond DeHahn, 7th District;*

*Other Aldermen: Ald. Jim Kaplan, 4th District*

*Others: Jean Dehn; High Street Business Association members; Mercedes Dzindzeleta*

### Approval of Minutes for the July 31, 2007 Meeting.

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

1. [07-1019](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Alderman Weidner submitting a petition from the residents in Goold/Georgia/Wustum neighborhood requesting additional lighting on an existing pole.

*Jean Dehn appeared before the Committee and described problems with drugs, alcohol and vandalism in the street across from 2912 Goold Street and requested the light for safety reasons. She noted there is a light in an alley nearby that doesn't seem to be needed, but the street is poorly lit.*

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

**Deferred**

2. [07-1026](#)

**Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from St. Patrick Parish requesting to close Erie Street from Prospect Street to Colbert Street on September 2, 2007 for a parish event.

**Recommendation:** St. Patrick Parish be granted permission to close Erie Street, between Prospect Street and Colbert Street, on Sunday, September 2, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a parish picnic.

Further recommends that permission be granted 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 \$250.00 special event fee.

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.

*Rick Jones described the event and stated it would be subject to the usual stipulations.*

*On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the request subject to the usual stipulations.*

**Recommended For Approval**

3. [07-0978](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from James Pirk, 1637 Russet Street, requesting to change City Ord. 94.128 to raise weight restrictions on streets.

**Recommendation:** The communication be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** Not applicable.

*Rick Jones noted the weight limits were raised in 1999 from 6,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs. to accommodate larger trucks and SUV's, to help the Police Department identify which vehicles are overweight by license plate. A discussion ensued whether it was appropriate use to have tractors parked on local city streets.*

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

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

4. [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.

*Rick Jones requested the item be deferred.*

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

**Deferred**

5. [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**

*Rick Jones requested the item be deferred.*

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

**Deferred**

6. [07-0877](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 4th District requesting increased lighting on High Street between Douglas Avenue and N. Main Street.

**Recommendation:** That the request to increase lighting levels on High Street, between Main Street and Douglas Avenue, be approved at an estimated cost of \$5,500.00.

Further recommends that since this was not a budgeted item for 2007, that it be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for appropriate funding.

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

**8-27-07:** OPTION 1: Add \$5,500 to the 2008 Bonded Capital Projects and include with other street lighting upgrades. OPTION 2: Add \$5,500 to the capital outlay accounts of the 2008 Street Lighting budget in the General Fund. OPTION 3: Appropriate \$5,500 from account 987.590.5010, 2007 Bonded Capital Projects - Replace City Circuits. OPTION 4: Absorb \$5,500 in the overall 2007 Department of Public Works budget of \$12,760,000; specifically account 101.590.5550 Street Lighting - Repairs and Maintenance.

**Fiscal Note:** 2007 accounts currently have sufficient funds available. 2008 options must be funded through the budget process.

*Rick Jones noted some options regarding new lights. He noted this is a paving project in the 5 Year CIP and funds from the sewer revenue agreement, or perhaps a special assessment to install decorative lighting in the business district could be an option. He cautioned about spending a lot of money now increasing the wattage of the light fixtures, only to have some of that work be removed during the road reconstruction project in the next 2 or 3 years. John Rooney explained the cost associated with the lighting increase. He noted there are approximately 19 lights along the corridor that are 150 watt. One is 100 watt fixture and 17 of those fixtures are owned by WE Energies and 2 by the City. He noted the cost for WE Energies to upgrade is approximately \$300 per light and the cost for the city to upgrade is about \$250 a piece. He noted the total cost to be \$5,500 and no funding is available in the street lighting operations and maintenance budget for this type of change. In response to a question by Karas, Rick noted the use of existing CIP money is not appropriate, as this is an operating expense.*

*On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved upgrading 19 lights to 250 watt fixtures and to refer the item to Finance and Personnel for funding.*

**Recommended For Approval**

7.     [07-1003](#)     **Subject:** Communication from Landmark Credit Union requesting permission to install 2 access drives within the City's right-of-way at 3413 Rapids Drive.

**Recommendation:** That the communication be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** Not applicable.

*Rick noted this item can be handled administratively and can be received and filed.*

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

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

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.

*Rick Jones distributed estimates for the various paver, paving and curb and gutter options for College Avenue. He noted the high cost of replacing the existing pavers with new, or even salvaging the existing and replacing those with an improved base. He explained the assessment cost for such a project would range from \$300 to \$400 per front foot and does not expect residents would pay that much to have the street replaced with brick pavers. He offered a memo outlining a proposed policy that could be used to pay for the reconstruction of streets with brick or concrete pavers. He noted the memo is just a guideline and perhaps the item should be deferred for discussion by the Committee members. Alderman Anderson stated he wanted to bring this to the Committee's attention, so, at a time when the existing brick does fail on College Avenue, there will be a plan in place to replace it, if at all financially possible.*

*On a motion by Karas, seconded by Anderson, the Committee moved to defer the item.*

**Deferred**

9.     [07-0517](#)     **Subject:** To create an ordinance requiring occupancy permits for rental properties.

**Recommendation:** Defer

*Rick requested the item be deferred.*

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

**Deferred**

10.    [07-0611](#)     **Subject:** Communication from Sam Azarian Jr. wishing to discuss purchasing the Marquette Street municipal parking lot.

*Rick requested the item be deferred.*

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

**Deferred**

11.     [07-0776](#)     **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for the City to develop a policy regarding the sale of City owned properties.

*Rick requested this item be deferred.*

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

**Deferred**

12.     [07-1015](#)     **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works submitting the bid award for salt for ice control for the 2007-2008 winter season.

**Recommendation:** The bid of North American Salt Company for the purchase of 6,000 tons (more or less) of salt for ice control for the 2007-08 year, be accepted at their bid price of \$36.65 per ton delivered, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of this purchase be appropriated from Account 101.549.5250, Snow and Ice Control, Work Supplies.

**Fiscal Note:** The City of Racine's allotment of salt will be based upon 6,000 tons, and funds to make these purchases are budgeted in Account 101.540.5250, Snow and Ice Control, Work Supplies.

*Rick submitted the bid award for salt for ice control for 2007-2008 winter season.*

*On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the purchase of road salt from the County.*

**Recommended For Approval**

13.     [07-1033](#)     **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 50-07 (K7-058), City Hall Annex - Photovoltaic Generation System.

**Recommendation:** That the bids be received and filed.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer be authorized and directed to readvertise for this project.

**Fiscal Note:** Not applicable.

*Rick submitted the bids and noted one bidder did not bid on the alternate bid. Both bids were significantly high and outside the estimated budget for the project. He asked the item be received and filed and the Committee authorize the Commissioner to re-bid the project at a future time.*

*On a motion by Karas, seconded by Anderson, the Committee received and filed the communication and authorized the Commissioner to re-bid the project.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

14. [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.

*Rick requested the item be deferred.*

*On a motion by Karas, seconded by Anderson, the Committee deferred the communication.*

**Deferred**

15. [07-1034](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting Amendment No. 1 to State Contract 2440-08-00, Sixth Street, Grand Avenue to Main Street, HNTB Corporation, consultant.

**Recommendation:** That Amendment No. 1 to State Contract ID: 2440-08-00, Sixth Street, Grand Avenue to Main Street, HNTB Corporation, consultant, be approved in the amount of \$40,487.39, with the City's share being \$10,121.85.

Further recommend that funding to defray the cost of the City's share of these professional services be appropriated from Account 987.908.5080, Sixth Street - Main Street to Grand Avenue.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available as herein delineated.

*John submitted the amendment and described what it is for, environmental work, traffic studies and additional CAC meetings. The amendment is in the amount of \$40,487.39, with the City's share being \$10,121.85 and funding is available.*

*On a motion by Coe, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved the amendment. On a roll call vote, members voting Aye - Coe, Anderson, members abstaining, Karas. Motion passed 2 to 0.*

**Recommended For Approval**

16. [07-1035](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering, submitting a request for reduction of retainage on Contract 49-05 (K5-056), Lake Michigan

Pathway Construction, Phase II, Bane-Nelson, Inc., contractor.

**Recommendation:** That the retainage on Contract 49-05 (K5-056), Lake Michigan Pathway Construction, Phase II, Bane-Nelson, Inc., contractor, be reduced to \$5,000.00.

**Fiscal Note:** The amount of retainage is sufficient to cover the value of the remainder of the work on this project.

*John described the work remaining on the project and requested the retainage be reduced to \$5,000. The remaining work is to install interpretive signs on the project.*

*On a motion by Karas, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved reduction of retainage to \$5,000.*

**Recommended For Approval**

17. [07-0784](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a three-party agreement for the Design of Northwestern Avenue.

**Recommendation:** The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a three-party agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Strand Associates for the Design of Northwestern Avenue (STH 38) from Golf Avenue to Rapids Drive, at the not-to-exceed cost of \$145,704.56, which is funded 75%, or \$109,278.42, by the State of Wisconsin, and 25%, or \$36,426.14, by the City of Racine.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of these professional services are available in Account 987.908.5020, Concrete Pavement Replacement, Misc. Loc.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available as herein delineated.

*John explained the three-party agreement between WisDOT, the City of Racine and Strand Associates. The agreement is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$145,704.56, with the City's share being \$36,426.14, or 25% and funding is available.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

18. [07-0785](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a three-party agreement for the Design of State Street.

**Recommendation:** Long Term Deferral

*John noted the negotiations have not yet begun for the agreement and requested the item be placed on the long term agenda, as it probably will not be negotiated for the next*

*month or two.*

*On a motion by Karas, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved placing the item on the long term agenda.*

**Deferred**

19. [07-1038](#)

**Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting a revised Ohio Street Roundabout Feasibility Report for State Contract 2703-03-05, Ohio Street - 16th Street to 21st Street, Clark Dietz, Inc., consultant.

**Recommendation:** That the Roundabout Feasibility Report, as submitted by Clark Dietz, Inc., for the intersection of Byrd Avenue and Ohio Street which recommends the installation of traffic signals at this intersection, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** The construction of a signalized intersection was the most cost effective solution due to the need to purchase property for implementation of a roundabout.

*John submitted the report and noted signalization is being considered for the intersection of Ohio Street and Byrd Avenue. Several months ago an amendment was approved to have the consultant do a feasibility study to put in a roundabout instead of signals. The report is complete and DAAR Engineering, the Local Program Manager for WisDOT, has approved the report. The report indicated signals are the preferred alternative. He requested the Committee approve the report by Clark Dietz, Inc.*

*On a motion by Karas, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved the report.*

**Recommended For Approval**

**Miscellaneous Business**

**Adjournment**

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