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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II
Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy
Ronald D. Hart
Dennis Wiser
Edward E. Diehl

Monday, February 10, 2014

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 106

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Q.A. Shakoor, II, Terry McCarthy, Ronald D. Hart and Edward E. Diehl
PhD
EXCUSED: 1 - Dennis Wiser

Approval of Minutes for the January 27, 2014 Meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

1. [14-9781](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Executive Director of the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) requesting approval of the 2014 general contract for economic development services. (Res. No. 14-0062)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-10-14: To approve the 2014 general contract for economic development services with an amendment outlining goals for 2014.

Fiscal Note: \$69,000 is budgeted in 2014 in account 101.150.5630, Economic Development, to fund the contract.

Attachments: [10.14.13CITY OF RACINE General 2014 CONTRACT Draft-1 2013 YE Racine.GED Contract](#)

Gordon Kacala, Executive Director and Laura Million, Business Resource Manager, Racine County Economic Development Corporation appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

2. [14-9767](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Review of the 2014 Launch Box Contract for the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC). (Res. No. 14-0063)

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 2-3-14: That the Authority supports the use of \$99,930.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the Launch Box small business development initiative contract for 2014.

Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with Gateway Technical College.

Fiscal Note: Total cost is \$113,930.00. City's contribution is \$99,930.00 and funds are available in the City's 2014 capital budget under account 919.000.5612. Outside grant funds to Gateway total \$14,000.00 from Racine County.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-10-14: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement with Gateway Technical College for the Launch Box small business development initiative contract for 2014.

Fiscal Note: City's contribution is \$99,930.00 and funds are available in the City's 2014 capital budget under account 919.000.5612.

Attachments: [012814 Memo Transfer of Launch Box Program to GTC 2014.LB.IGRS.Contract.GTC.Final 4th.Qtr.Chart](#)

Gordon Kacala, Executive Director and Kristin Niemiec, Launch Box Manager, Racine County Economic Development Corporation appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Acceptance. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [14-9766](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of the 2014 Brownfields Services Contract for the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC). (Res. No. 14-0064)

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 2-4-14: That the Authority supports the use of \$66,650.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the renewal of the RCEDC brownfields initiative contract for 2014.

Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the city's 2014 capital budget under account 919.000.5611.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-10-14: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the

agreement with RCEDC.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the city's 2014 capital budget under account 919.000.5611.

Attachments: [2013 City of Racine Brownfield Grants Cheat Sheet](#)
[2014 CITY OF RACINE BROWNFIELDS CONTRACT \(FINAL\)](#)
[City of Racine 2013 Contract Activities Highlight](#)

Gordon Kacala, Executive Director and Karen Frost, Marketing and Redevelopment Specialist, Racine County Economic Development Corporation appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Acceptance. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [14-9769](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request from the Assistant Director of City Development seeking authorization to commit matching funds for the implementation efforts related to the plan titled "RootWorks - Revitalizing Racine's Urban River Corridor, Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan."

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 2-3-14: That the Authority supports the use of \$40,000.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund to assist the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) in its role as lead partner in the implementation of the Plan.

Further, that the Common Council continue use of Sewer Agreement funds to assist the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) in its on-going role as lead partner in the implementation of the Plan.

Fiscal Note: The City's funds of \$40,000.00 leverages an additional \$85,000.00 from outside grant sources to support implementation efforts of the Plan. Funds are available in the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-10-14: Defer the item to the February 24, 2014 Finance & Personnel Committee meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Matthew Sadowski, Assistant Director/Principal Planner, Department of City Development, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [14-9743](#)

Subject: Amendment to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Agreements (Res. No. 14-0065)

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 1/28/14: That Mayor Dickert and the City Clerk be authorized to sign amendments to the Household Hazardous Waste Agreement with participating communities.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-10-14: To authorize Mayor Dickert and the City Clerk to sign amendments to the Household Hazardous Waste Agreement with participating communities.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [hww amendment 4.pdf](#)

Keith Haas, General Manager Wastewater, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [14-9748](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, requesting to extend the agreement with Tuesday Optimist to provide food and beverage concession service to the public at various City park locations. (Res. No. 14-0066)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-10-14: To authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, to extend the agreement with Tuesday Optimist to provide food and beverage concession service to the public at various City park locations.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Tuesday Optimist - Extension](#)

Tom Molbeck, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [14-9749](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting permission to apply for and accept \$2,500.00 in grant funds from SC Johnson to support the GED program. (Res. No. 14-0067)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-10-14: To authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, permission to apply for and accept \$2,500.00 in grant funds from SC Johnson to support the GED program.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Apply Accept SCJ Grant Funds - GED Cntrl 2014-001](#)

Tom Molbeck, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [14-9762](#)

Subject: Communication submitting the claim of Racine Joint Venture II LLC, based on the alleged excessive 2013 real estate assessment and taxes for properties located at 5502 and 5700 Durand Avenue, for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-10-14: The claim of Racine Joint Venture II LLC, based on the alleged excessive 2013 real estate assessment and taxes for properties located at 5502 and 5700 Durand Avenue, be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [regency mall 2013 001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

9. [14-9768](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Mary Strong for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-10-14: The claim of Mary Strong for alleged damages to her door arising from the execution of a search warrant at her residence on or about December 4, 2013, be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [strong 001](#)

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to speak on

the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman McCarthy and seconded by Alderman Hart that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(c) and (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss strategy regarding upcoming contract negotiations with the City's labor unions.

Roll Call taken:

Ayes: Alderman Shakoor II, McCarthy, Hart and Diehl

Noes: None

The Chairman then announced that the Committee would convene in closed session for the reason stated in the motion and pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sec. 19.85 (1)(c) and (e).

Also present: David Brown, Finance Director; Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney; Thomas Friedel, City Administrator; Terry Parker, Human Resources Manager; Gina Greco, Benefits Coordinator; Rae Anne Beaudry, Horton Group.

10. [13-9101](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Aldermen of the 9th and 11th Districts requesting that staff develop a cafeteria benefits plan including vacation and sick time, providing flexibility to employees and cost certainty to the City, for review by the Finance and Personnel Committee by March 2014 with implementation in the Employee Handbook and all contracts effective January 1, 2015.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 2-10-14: To receive and file the item.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2014 at City Hall Room 106.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Ald. Q.A. Shakoor II, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee**