



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg, Vice Chair Thomas Friedel,
Alderman Pete Karas, Alderman Sandy Weidner,
Alderman Aron Wisneski*

Monday, August 7, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

Call to Order and Roll Call

Alderman Friedel called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of the minutes for the July 24, 2006 meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [06-2301](#) Subject: Communication from the Municipal Judge announcing his resignation, effective August 13, 2006.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 08-07-06: The communication from the Municipal Judge announcing his resignation be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A
Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [06-2304](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney requesting that a portion of an invoice dated 12/17/04 to Downtown Racine Corporation Festival of Trees be written off. The Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be included in reference.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 08-07-06: The \$25,000 settlement offered on City Invoice #34191 be accepted as payment in full and the remainder of \$3,845 be written off against Account 108.000.1210, Civic Centre Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts Receivable.

Fiscal Note: \$3,845 will come out of Account 108.000.1210, Civic Centre Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts Receivable.

Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, and Donnie Snow, Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee. Donnie stated that the issues raised by Racine Corporation Festival of Trees' organization was the lack of service and theft. At the time, there were problems in the area of service. Compass' management has improved the area of service.
Recommended For Approval

3. [06-2248](#) Subject: A communication from the Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services requesting to accept a \$5,000.00 donation from Styberg Engineering to be utilized for the Mayor's Back to School/Stay in School program to purchase backpack and school supplies for the youth in Racine.

Recommendation from the Finance & Personnel Committee 08-07-06: The Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services granted permission to accept a \$5,000 donation from Styberg Engineering to be utilized for the Mayor's Back to School/Stay in School Program to purchase backpack and school supplies for the youth in Racine and that an

appropriate letter of thanks be submitted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Donnie Snow, Director of Parks Recreation and Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee. All funds will be utilized for backpack and school supplies.

Recommended For Approval

4. [06-2187](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development requesting the establishment of a tax increment district for the Pointe Blue redevelopment project.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of City Plan Commission on 7-26-06: Approval of the creation of Tax Increment District Number 14 for the City of Racine and the proposed project plan for the district.

Further, that the redevelopment project is consistent with City plans and programs.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 08-07-06: Approval of the establishment of Tax Increment District Number 14 for the City of Racine's Pointe Blue redevelopment project.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Joseph Heck, Assistant Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee. TID No. 14 is a "pay as you go" funding development. The revenue that is generated will be used by the developer to support some private market borrowing. His request is to create Tax Increment District No. 14 for the Pointe Blue redevelopment project.

Recommended For Approval

5. [06-2188](#)

Subject: Communication from the Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services requesting the creation of a Tax Increment Financing District to assist in the redevelopment of the site at 1014 Martin Luther King Drive.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of City Plan Commission on 07-26-06: That the Plan Commission recommends approval of the creation of Tax Increment District Number 15 for the City of Racine and the proposed project plan for the district.

Further, that the redevelopment project is consistent with City plans and programs.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 08-07-06: Approval of the establishment of Tax Increment District Number 15 and the proposed project plan for the property at 1014 Martin Luther King Drive.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Joseph Heck, Assistant Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee. M & I Bank has acquired an option on the property of the Homeward Bound Site formerly known as the Danish Home site. They want to develop 12 single-family homes with green space on the Martin Luther King Drive side of the property to act as a buffer between the street and homes. M & I is requesting the City to help in the redevelopment by creating the Tax Increment District No. 15 to clear the site, demolish the Homeward Bound

building, and to provide the underground utility services to the 12 individual parcels.
Recommended For Approval

6. [06-2183](#) Subject: Communication from Vincent Ruffolo of Superior Industrial Coating, Inc., submitting a request for the initial resolution regarding Industrial Development Revenue Bond Financing for Superior Industrial Coating, Inc." by the City of Racine in the amount of \$2,500,000.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-24-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 08-07-06: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Joseph Heck, Assistant Director of City Development, appeared before the Committee. His recommendation is to receive and file the item because Mr. Ruffalo is pursuing private financing.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [06-2311](#) Subject: Communication from City Administrator requesting to present a proposed processing fee for City Development bonds.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 08-07-06: The item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Stephen Nenonen, City Administrator, appeared before the Committee. His request is to establish a fee for processing various industrial development bonds. His recommendation is to utilize the fee structure from West Allis. The item will be deferred so that a survey can be obtained to compare fee structure from other cities in other states.

Deferred

8. [06-2271](#) Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Interim Finance Director submitting the second quarter 2006 Financial Statements.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 07-24-06: The item be deferred

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 08-07-06: The second quarter 2006 financial reports be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

David Brown, Interim Finance Director, appeared before the Committee.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Miscellaneous Business

None

A motion was made by Alderman Weidner and seconded by Alderman Wisneski that the Committee be convened in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and the Racine Professional Employees Association (R.P.E.A.) for 2006 - 2008.

Roll call taken: Ayes: Alderman Friedel, Weidner, Wisneski
Noes: None

Alderman Friedel then announced that the Committee would convene in closed session for the reason stated in the motion and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c).

Also present: Sylvia Coronado-Romero, Terry Parker, David Brown

9. [06-2309](#) Subject: Communication from the Director of Human Resources requesting, in closed session, present a summary of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and the Racine Professional Employees Association (R.P.E.A.) 2006-2008.

Recommendation: That the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and the Racine Professional Employees Association (R.P.E.A.) 2006-2008 be approved.

Fiscal Note: That the costs to the City will be in 2006, \$65,784.58; 2007, \$84,697.64; and 2008, \$87,873.80. Increases do not include potential savings from premium contributions and plan design changes.

Recommended For Approval

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2006 at City Hall, Room 103.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alderman Tom Friedel
Finance and Personnel Committee.**