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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Marcus West
Vice Chair Maurice Horton
Alder Olivia Turquoise-Davis
Alder Mary Land
Alder Terry McCarthy

Monday, May 13, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Chair West, Turquoise-Davis, Land and McCarthy

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair Horton

Approval of Minutes for the April 29, 2024 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder West, to Approve the minutes.

[0423-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Fire Chief, requesting the Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director and Fire Chief be authorized to accept the City of Racine portion of the Wisconsin Emergency Management State Urban Search and Rescue Emergency Services contract for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Grant Control Number 00573.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director and Fire Chief be authorized to accept and sign the Wisconsin Emergency Management State Urban Search and Rescue Emergency Services contract for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Grant Control Number 00573.

Recommendation of the Common Council on 05-21-2024: That the item be referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-2024: To Approve.

Fiscal Note: The City will receive reimbursement for training and services rendered under the agreement. Soft match on the part of the city is under \$20,000 annually and is covered in the fire department budget.

Fire Chief Hansen, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Davis, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0426-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the MIS Director, requesting permission to apply for the 2024 Capital Project Fund Digital Connectivity and Navigators Program Grant. Grant Control #00572.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the request to apply for the 2024 Capital Project Fund Digital Connectivity and Navigators Program Grant be approved. Grant Control #00572.

Fiscal Note: If awarded, we expect to receive \$550,000. No match required.

MIS Chief Information Officer Edwards, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0421-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Finance Director, requesting approval of a resolution designating the Finance Director as the official authorized to declare official intent to reimburse capital expenditures made prior to a tax-exempt borrowing.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the resolution be adopted designating the Finance Director as the official authorized to declare official intent to reimburse capital expenditures made prior to a tax-exempt borrowing.

Fiscal Note: Authorization would allow spending of capital borrowing funds as authorized by the Common Council in the annual budget.

Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0425-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Finance Director, requesting authorization to carry forward various budget items from 2023 to 2024.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the resolution authorizing 2023 to 2024 budget carryovers be approved.

Fiscal Note: These are budget carryovers for commitments that were

existing, encumbered and funded in prior years as well as projects that have spending periods over one year in length. There is existing funding in place for this action.

Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Davis, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0424-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Clerk, requesting to republish the official newspaper request for bids for the City of Racine official newspaper, due to lack of bids submitted during the first official bid notice.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the bid be re-noticed, accepted, and the City Clerk report back to the Common Council on the lowest responsible bidder.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0436-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the City Clerk, requesting Ord. 0001-24 Ward Boundary Modifications Following 2024 Redistricting, be adopted.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Estimated cost around \$1.00 per voter/ \$1,000.00 total for mailer to voter about new ward number.

Assistant City Attorney Pomplin, and Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Davis, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0392-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Cynthia L. Knapp-Finley for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Land, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0393-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Paul Anderson for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Land, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0394-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Sheila Edwards for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Davis, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0395-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Marsheena McWhorter for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Land, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0398-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Maria Martinez (1122 Metron Ct) for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Land, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0399-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Maria Martinez (MLK Dr) for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Davis, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(g) to discuss strategy for litigation in which the City of Racine is or is likely to be involved.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder West, to go into Closed Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chair West, Turquoise-Davis, Land and McCarthy

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair Horton

[0431-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney present a proposed settlement for the workers compensation and duty disability claims of Steven Beal.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: To approve the settlement as presented.

Fiscal Note: Indemnity payment of \$110,000 to Officer Beal; certification by City of Duty Disability application once filed by Officer Beal; Continued health insurance per City policy with reimbursement of \$16,000 for out of

pocket medical expenses and a hold harmless against the health plan reimbursement/subrogation interest, and for any unpaid expenses, the City reserves the right to process those bills under health insurance, or request a bill review or negotiate with the providers. The indemnity payment and out of pocket expenses shall be paid from Account 11201 51400, Workers Compensation.

Finance Director Fischer, and Compensation Insurance Attorney Christopher Behrens, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0430-24](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney present a proposed settlement for the litigation in the matter of Anderson v. City of Racine, Racine County Case No. 2022CV347.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-13-2024: To approve the settlement in Anderson v. City of Racine, Racine County Case No. 2022CV347, as presented.

Fiscal Note: \$12,000.00 would be paid from Account No. 11202 53500, Judgment and Claims.

Assistant City Attorney Pomplin, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

Open Session

The Finance and Personnel Committee will return to open session and may take action on any item discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder West, to go into Open Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chair West, Turquoise-Davis, Land and McCarthy

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair Horton

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder West, Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee