



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg  
Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II  
Alderman Ronald Hart  
Alderman Terry McCarthy  
Alderman Dennis Wiser*

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Monday, March 21, 2011

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### Call to Order and Roll Call

#### Approval of the minutes for the March 7, 2011 meeting.

**PRESENT:** 4 - Q.A. Shakoor, II, Ronald D. Hart, Terry McCarthy and Dennis Wiser

**EXCUSED:** 1 - James T. Spangenberg

1. [11-6177](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Clerk requesting to raise the advertising fee and record check fees for various licenses issued through the Clerk's Department.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 3-21-11:** Permission be granted to raise the advertising and record check fees for various licenses issued through the Clerk's Department.

**Fiscal Note:** Advertising fee for Liquor License applications from \$25.00 to \$40.00 and Liquor License requiring record checks to be raised \$15.00 to cover the record check processing fee for the following: Operator's (Bartender's License) \$90.00; Public Passenger Business License \$65.00; Public Passenger Drivers \$35.00; Temporary Class "B" picnic \$25.00; Massage Establishment Business \$190.00; Non-Registrant Massage Therapist \$75.00; Towing License \$115.00; Pawnbroker \$225.00 and Second Hand Article/Jewelry Dealer \$77.50.

**Attachments:** [3-10-11 fee change request.](#)

*Q.A. Shakoor II, Alderman of the 8th District and Acting Chairman of the Finance & Personnel Committee, discussed the item because Janice Johnson-Martin, City Clerk, was unavailable to attend. Shakoor stated that the current fees do not cover the cost for the listed licenses.*

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

2. [11-6191](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Finance Director requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss the

State of Wisconsin Tax Appeals Commission's settlement with Cross Industrial Equipment Company regarding 2008 assessment and resulting property tax bill.

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

**3-21-11:** The 2008 Tax Levy for Cross Industrial Equipment Company, Inc., 1600 Layard Ave., Tax Parcel No. 18098000, be reduced from \$13,392.92 to 11,458.75 and that the resulting credit of \$1,934.17 plus interest be charged against Account 101.990.5930 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available for this credit. Other taxing jurisdiction's portions will be charged back to them when appropriate.

**Attachments:** [Cross Industrial Equipment](#)

*David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.*

**A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wisner, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

3. [11-6192](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Finance Director requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss the State Board of Assessors Notice of Determination in the appeals of Great Northern Corporation regarding 2010 assessment and resulting property tax bill.

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

**3-21-11:** The 2010 Tax Levy for Great Northern Corp., 1800 South Street, Tax Parcel No. 21249014, be reduced from \$156,548.72 to \$134,887.28 and that the resulting credit of \$21,661.44 plus interest be charged against Account 101.990.5930 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds available for this credit. Other taxing jurisdiction's portions will be charged back them when appropriate.

**Attachments:** [Great Northern Corp.](#)

*David Brown, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.*

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

4. [11-6136](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Racine Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps requesting the waiver of fees for rental of Pershing Park and permission for two scout troops to camp at Pershing Park over the Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, 2011.

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

**3-21-11:** Recommend that fees charged to the Racine Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps for the use of Pershing Park for their "Healing Field of Flags" event to be held over Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, 2011, be reduced to 50% of the published rate. Further recommend that permission be granted for two Scout troops to camp overnight on the park grounds during the event.

**Fiscal Note:** The current fee is \$300 a day and will be reduced to \$150 with an additional \$350 deposit. The Racine Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps will take care of the security fees.

**Attachments:** [11-6136 - Racine Scouts Pershing Park](#)

*Adrea Birbilis, Manager of the Racine Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps., appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. They will be hosting a Healing Field of Flags at the Pershing Park for a better community awareness of the group and raise money for brass instruments. Tom Molbeck Manager of Recreation and Cultural Services stated that the Item will be going to the Board of Parks & Recreation and believes it will be approved.*

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

5. [11-6200](#)

**Subject:Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Deputy City Attorney and the Human Resources Manager submitting for consideration a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and AFSCME Local 67-A (Crossing Guards) covering the years 2011-2012.

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

**3-21-11:** To approve the negotiated collective bargaining agreement between the City of Racine and AFSCME Local 67-A (Crossing Guards) covering the years 2011-2012.

**Fiscal Note:** Based on a regular school year consisting of 36 weeks, 6 weeks of summer school and the WRS status of current crossing guards, the approximate 2011 cost to the City in salaries will be \$2,580 offset by reductions in WRS contributions of \$5,320 for a net savings of \$2,740; the approximate 2012 cost to the City in salaries assuming a 1.6% CPI increase will be \$1,960 offset by reductions in WRS contributions of \$7,205 for a net savings of \$5,245.

*Scott Letteney, Deputy City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.*

**A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Dennis Wiser, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

6. [11-6137](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Manager of Recreation and Cultural Services requesting approval to solicit advertising at Horlick Athletic Field's baseball diamond and football field.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 3-21-11:** Permission be granted for the Manager of Park & Recreation and Cultural Services to solicit advertising at Horlick Athletic Field's baseball diamond and football field.

**Fiscal Note:** The baseball field advertising fee is anticipated to be \$250 with a \$175 banner fee and the football field advertising fee is anticipated to be \$330 with a \$175 banner fee. All revenues to be placed in the Park and Recreation Departments General Fund revenue accounts.

**Attachments:** [11-6137 - Advertising at Horlick Field](#)

*Tom Molbeck, Manager of Park & Recreation and Cultural Services, appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. The Committee recommends that the fees be higher and funds coming in should go to the Park & Recreation and Cultural Services' general fund.*

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

### Adjournment

**There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2011 at City Hall, Room 301.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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