



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Works and Services Committee

Chairman Terry McCarthy
Vice Chair Jason Meekma
Mollie Jones
John Tate II
Sandy Weidner

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: 3 - Jason Meekma, John Tate II and Sandy Weidner

EXCUSED: 2 - Terry McCarthy and Mollie Jones

Also Present: Mark Yehlen, Tom Eeg, John Rooney, Alderwoman Larrin, Alderman Smetana, Alderwoman Lemke, Tom Karkow, Patrick Leary, Michael Hermann, Alfred Hermann, Darryl Sturino

Approval of Minutes for the July 25, 2017 Meeting.

The minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

[721-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Darryl Sturino, Sturino Funeral Home - 3014 Northwestern Avenue, requesting to acquire excess right-of-way from the City of Racine, for a small parcel of land adjoining their property.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 08-08-17: Defer

John Rooney stated he needed to determine if an easement was needed for utilities and then it would go to the City Plan Commission to vacate the roadway.

Motion made by Weidner, seconded by Tate to approve vacation of right-of-way and authorize the City Engineer to draw up legal description and easement. Further recommended it be referred to the City Plan Commission. Passed unanimously.

*** (Following an Engineering Department investigation, utilities were found in the portion of right-of-way, necessitating further consideration by the Public Works and Services Committee. Item is deferred until the August 29, 2017 Public Works and Services Committee meeting.)*

Deferred

[723-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 6th District, on

behalf of Al Hermann, requesting the street light removed from 1926 Prospect Street be reinstalled.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 08-08-17: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mark Yehlen outlined the details of this request and his recommendation.

Mr. Hermann stated there has been more crime in the area since the light was removed.

Alderwoman Weidner stated she favored this light installation and she felt the previous budget cut for street lighting impacted more areas than needed.

Motion made by Weidner to approve. No second.

Alderman Tate stated he didn't second the motion as he didn't want to show favoritism in specific areas. He stated we should review the policy to determine if it properly addresses safety needs in areas.

Motion made by Tate, seconded by Meekma to receive and file. Members voting aye: Tate, Meekma

Members voting naye: Weidner

Motion passed 2:1

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[722-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief Building Inspector requesting the deletion of Chapter 22, Article XII - Electricians, in order to comply with changes in current State law.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 08-08-17: That the City Attorney's office draft the ordinance to amend Chapter 22 to delete Article XII - Electricians.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Tom Eeg stated the electrician licensing details are now covered by State Code, so the City no longer needs Municipal Code.

Motion made by Weidner, seconded by Tate to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[83-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderwoman of the 15th District requesting to discuss sump pump discharges on Ruby Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 02-14-17: Defer until the July 25, 2017, Public Works and Services Committee meeting to perform a review of the situation.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 08-08-17: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Lemke outlined the citizen concerns for Ruby Avenue. She stated there is still standing water at this location.

John Rooney outlined the details on this matter. He stated sump discharges cause comparable water and ice issues on other roadways. He discussed the options available to remedy the situation on Ruby Avenue at the cost of the abutting property owners.

Alderman Lemke requested that the curb and gutter be replaced by the 2 properties that were damaged by a snow plow.

Mark Yehlen stated if the property owners replace their failed driveways, the City will pay for curb and gutter repairs if required to correct subsidence issues.

Motion made by Weidner, seconded by Tate to receive and file. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[753-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations wishing to discuss the acceptance of a donation of RSW Street Light Luminaires from Cree Lighting.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 08-08-17: That the City accept the donation of RSW Street Light Luminaires from Cree Lighting and that a letter of thanks be sent to them.

Fiscal Note: Estimated value of the donation of RSW Street Light Luminaires is \$2,160.00.

Tom Eeg outlined the details of the request.

Motion made by Weidner, seconded by Tate to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[767-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Change Order No. 2 on Contract 20170018, Festival Hall - New Outdoor Stage, Absolute Construction Enterprises, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 08-08-17: That Change Order No. 2 on Contract 20170018, Festival Hall - New Outdoor Stage, Absolute Construction Enterprises, Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$9,951.12.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of the change order be appropriated from Org-Object 60622-57110, Festival Park-Building Improvements.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg outlined the details of the change order.

Motion made by Tate, seconded by Weidner to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

Public Comment

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

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