



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Ronald D. Hart, Vice Chair Thomas M. Sollman
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Raymond DeHahn
Alderman Keith Fair*

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Ald. Ron Hart, 14th District, Chairman; Ald. Thomas Sollman, 15th District, Vice-Chairman; Ald. Robert Anderson, 2nd District; Ald. Keith Fair, 1st District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works; Tom Eeg, Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Operations; John Rooney, Assist. Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering

Excused: Ald. Ray DeHahn, 7th District

Others Present: Dave Blank, RCCVB; RPD

Approval of Minutes for the March 13, 2007 Meeting.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the minutes as printed.

1. [07-0234](#) **Subject:** Communication from the High Street Association requesting that higher wattage lights be installed on High Street between Douglas Avenue and Main Street.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

John Rooney referred to a presentation showing all the street lighting on the corridor. He noted the corridor has approximately 32 street lights varying in wattage from 250 to 100. He noted the majority of the corridor is lit with 150 watt sodium light fixtures and the spacing is adequate based on design criteria. He requested that no upgrades be made at this time. Alderman Fair questioned the level of street lighting needed to provide a comfort level and spoke of certain dark spots on public right-of-ways and John noted that it is inherent with City street lighting to have dark spots. There is a cost trade off for the amount of light on the corridor that is minimal and what is desired by some.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [07-0327](#) **Subject:** Communicaton from the Aldermen of the 5th District and 11th District wishing to discuss the possibility of installing and leasing of conduit

to carry fiber optic cable for other companies.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick read the request and noted there is no funding for this type of capital improvement and there are no agreements in place for any businesses to lease the conduit. He noted in the absence of the aldermen and the lack of funding, the item should be deferred until the next meeting.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

3. [07-0333](#) **Subject:** Communication from Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau requesting to use city right-of-way for The Racine.org Running Festival on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

Also refer to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation: Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau be granted permission to use city right-of-way on Saturday, April 28, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event.
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to communicate with the U. S. Coast Guard requesting permission to close the Main Street Bridge to boat traffic from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on that date.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Dave Blank appeared before the Committee to discuss the festival. He noted the races will consist of a one mile, 5K, 13.1 mile and 30K run. They expect about 300-400 participants and the races would start about 8:00 a.m. and be done by noon. Blank noted the race is planned to start at Monument Square. Racine Police Department commented Main Street would have to be closed for at least two blocks to move the runners off Monument Square into the northbound right side lanes to start the races. The Committee discussed staging the runners near the Laurel Clark Fountain and moving them up Sam Johnson Parkway to Main Street, as to prevent the Main Street closure. The Police Department concurred and indicated officers would be placed at key intersections to stop traffic momentarily, to allow the runners to cross the street and didn't

foresee any reason to close any roads. It was agreed the start location would be moved and no road closures would be necessary for the event.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded Fair, the Committee approved the event with the usual stipulations.

Recommended For Approval

4. [07-0360](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer regarding the Harley Owners Group Parade.

Recommendation: Permission be granted to the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau to use city right-of-way for the Wisconsin State Harley Owners Group Rally to be held on Saturday, August 18, 2007, starting at 9:00 a.m., and to close the following streets:

Washington Avenue from the city limits to Junction Avenue
14th Street from Junction Avenue to Main Street
Main Street from 14th Street to 11th Street
11th Street from Main Street to Pershing Park Drive
Pershing Park Drive from 11th Street to the Festival Park

Further recommends that this permission is granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event;
- C. Any overtime cost and equipment and material loss incurred by any department in the assistance of this event shall be charged to the sponsor;
- D. Sponsor shall be responsible for all traffic control and detour signage during the event.
- E. Sponsor shall pay a \$2,850.00 special event fee.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance in the interest of public safety to implement this event in accordance with these stipulations.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs to the various city departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Rick noted the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau is requesting the use of city right-of-way for the parade. Rick noted in the previous meeting, funding was not available to allow for the road closure. Funding is now in place and the event can be approved. He asked Dave Blank to provide the City with the necessary location for barricades.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the request subject to the usual stipulations.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-0281](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting correspondence from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding heated sidewalks for the Sixth Street project.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick read letters from Robert Schmidt of WisDOT, indicating the heated sidewalk violated state statute and would not be incorporated in the project. He also read a memo from the City Attorney, noting the City cannot preempt the State's laws regarding the use of radiant heat to heat sidewalks. He noted both communications indicate heated sidewalks are not allowed unless there is a change in law by the State Legislature.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Anderson, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

6. [07-0283](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a proposal from HNTB Corporation for an engineering feasibility study including cost estimates for the heating of sidewalks for the Sixth Street project.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Further recommend that the heated sidewalks be eliminated from the Sixth Street Reconstruction project.

Fiscal Note: Current state law prohibits the heating of sidewalks for the purpose of clearing snow.

Rick submitted a proposal for an engineering feasibility study to include cost estimates of the heated sidewalks on Sixth Street. He noted that by Resolution No. 07-0022 of February 6, 2007, he was authorized to submit proposals for additional professional services which require further study, and to conduct public hearings for those items required by City assessment policy. He noted the criteria for the additional items requested by the Historic Sixth Street Associations master plan had to have adequate funding and not violate any federal, state, or local law, rule or regulation and be supported by a plurality of property owners, business operators and residents on Sixth Street. The proposal is in the amount of \$34,935 and there are no funds available. If the Committee wants to proceed they need to refer the item to Finance for funding. There was a discussion on the legality on installing heated sidewalk.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Anderson, the Committee received and filed the request. On a roll call vote, members voting Aye: Sollman, Anderson; Nay: Fair Motion passed 2 to 1.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [07-0345](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 15-07 (K7-018), Racine Public Library Interior Remodeling.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick requested the bid results be deferred for the Library to come up with additional funding to award the contract.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

8. [07-0346](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 10-07 (K7-010), Gaslight Drive Renovations (R1).

Recommendation: Contract 10-07 (K7-010), Gaslight Drive Renovations (R1), be awarded to Cornerstone Pavers, LLC, Racine, WI, at their bid price of \$230,417.42, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$204,000.00 - Account 973.000.5960, State & Main TIF 13

\$ 26,417.42 - Account 986.908.5010, Concrete Pav. Misc. Loc.

\$230,417.42 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick submitted bid results and recommended awarding a contract to Cornerstone Pavers, LLC, they being the lowest responsible bidders with a bid price of \$230,417.42.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved awarding the contract to Cornerstone Pavers and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Award of Bid

9. [07-0347](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 19-07 (K7-022), CCTV Services and Manhole Inspection.

Recommendation: Contract 19-07 (K7-022), CCTV Services and Manhole Inspection, be awarded to National Power Rodding Corporation, Chicago, IL, at their bid price of \$382,481.40, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works

project be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$217,855.39 - Account 104.987.5420, Storm Sewers, Misc. Loc.
\$ 20,000.00 - Account 986.907.5310, Sanitary Sewer, Var. Loc.
\$ 12,538.73 - Account 986.907.5320, Sanitary Sewer, Var. Loc.
\$132,087.28 - Account 987.907.5310, Sanitary Sewer, Var. Loc.
\$382,481.40 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick Jones submitted bid results and recommended a contract be awarded to National Power Rodding at their bid price of \$382,481.40, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Anderson, the Committee approved awarding a contract to National Power Rodding and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Award of Bid

10. [07-0348](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 20-07 (K7-023), Local Road Improvement Program.

Recommendation: Contract 20-07 (K7-023), Local Road Improvement Program, be awarded to Cornerstone Pavers, LLC, Racine, WI, at their bid price of \$381,632.45, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$110,156.00 - Account 987.908.5030, LRIP Fourth Street
\$ 61,535.00 - Account 987.908.5040, LRIP Twelfth Street
\$ 18,632.08 - Account 104.987.5420, Storm Sewers-Misc. Loc.
\$ 25,000.00 - Account 986.600.5010, Traffic Signal Replacement
\$ 8,000.00 - 2007 Water Main Construction
\$158,309.37 - State of Wisconsin LRIP Grant
\$381,632.45 - Total

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Rick submitted bid results and recommended a contract be awarded to Conerstone Pavers at their bid price of \$381,632.45, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved awarding a contract to Cornerstone Pavers and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Award of Bid

Miscellaneous Business

11. [07-0367](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Change Order No. 1 to Contract 43-06 (K6-046), Curtain Wall Replacement at Racine Public Library, J.F. Cook Co., Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: Change Order No. 1 on Contract 43-06 (K6-046), Curtain Wall Replacement at Racine Public Library, J.F. Cook Co., Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$2,271.48.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 255.000.5760, Building Improvements-Library.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg submitted the change order and explained it's for the replacement of the existing steel support areas of the library windows. It's in the amount of \$2,271.48 and funding is available.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

12. [07-0381](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Change Order No. 3 on Contract 44-06 (K6-047), Upgrade Temperature and HVAC Controls at Community Centers, Johnson Controls, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation: Change Order No. 3 on Contract 44-06 (K6-046), Upgrade Temperature and HVAC Controls at Community Centers, Johnson Controls, Inc., contractor, as submitted, be approved in the amount of \$11,828.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from the following accounts:

\$ 9,289.00 - Account 987.640.5010, Tyler Domer BAS
\$ 2,539.00 - Account 987.660.5010, MLK BAS.
\$11,828.00

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom Eeg explained this change order is for upgrading Variable Air Volume boxes and three-way liquid mixing valves on the heating system. The change order is in the amount of \$11,828 and funding is available.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Fair, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

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