



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

*Alder Jeff Coe  
Alder Mollie Jones  
Alder Olivia Davis  
Alder Amanda Paffrath  
Alder Melissa Kaprelian  
Alder Jeffrey Peterson  
Alder Maurice Horton  
Alder Marcus West  
Alder Terry McCarthy  
Alder Sam Peete  
Alder Mary Land  
Alder Henry Perez  
Alder Renee Kelly  
Alder Alicia Jarrett  
Alder Cory Sebastian*

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Monday, October 16, 2023

6:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

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### Special Meeting of the Common Council

The meeting will begin at 6:30PM or immediately following the CDA adjournment.

#### A. Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Horton and Jarrett

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag

*Mayor Mason led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

#### C. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes) October 3rd, 2023

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

**AYES:** 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Horton and Jarrett

#### D. Proclamations

[1019-23](#)

**Subject:** Domestic Violence Awareness

## E. Public Comments

*There were no people who appeared to speak before the Common Council.*

## F. Committee Reports

### Public Works and Services Committee Report, by Ald. Jones

[0956-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, to submit final payment for Contract 2022233 - Island Park Bathroom Upgrades, Rasch Construction & Engineering, Inc., Contractors.

#### **Recommendation of the Public Works and Services**

**Committee on 10.10.23:** That the work completed by Rasch Construction & Engineering, Inc., Contractors, on Contract 2022233 - Island Park Bathroom Upgrades be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract of \$312,541.21. Final Payment to include retainage.

**Fiscal Note:** Contract 2022233 was authorized under Resolution No.0012-23 dated January 17, 2023.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0957-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the City Engineer submitting the assessment rates established for 2024 Public Hearings for 2025 construction of Portland Cement Concrete paving and Curb and Gutter.

#### **Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on**

**10.10.23:** That the proposed special assessment rates established for 2024 Public Hearings for 2025 construction of Portland Cement Concrete Paving and Curb & Gutter be approved. See attached.

**Fiscal Note:** These rates are established such that the abutting property owner pays 100% of the cost of such street improvements.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0958-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the City Engineer, requesting approval to establish an easement across City-owned property at Southeast corner of Phillips Ave. and 16th Street, as requested by We Energies.

**Staff Recommendation to the Public Works and Services**

**Committee on 10.10.23:** That the request to establish an easement across City-owned property described above, be approved. Further that the Mayor, City Clerk, and necessary City staff be authorized to execute the easement document as requested by WE Energies.

**Fiscal Note:** \$30 Recording fee.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0960-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting a request to Amend a State/Municipal Agreement for State Project ID: 2703-05-02/72, Howe Street Bridge B51-067. (6th Street over Howe Street).

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on**

**10.10.23:** That the City be authorized and directed to sign the Amendment to the State/Municipal Agreement (SMA) for State Project ID: 2703-05-02/72, Howe Street Bridge B51-067. (6th Street over Howe Street).

**Fiscal Note:** The new estimated total cost of the project is \$389,000 for design and construction, with the City's share being \$78,600. This is an increase of \$5,000 for the design portion of the project (\$4,000 State/Fed and \$1,000 City). Funding for the City share will be provided from the 2024 - 2033 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0962-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, submitting Change Order No.1 to Contract 2023224 - Marquette Park Basketball Courts Upgrades, Bradford Contractors, Contractor.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on**

**10.10.23:** That Change Order 1 to Contract 2023224 - Marquette Park Basketball Courts Upgrades, Bradford Contractors, Contractor, be approved in the amount of \$836.00

**Fiscal Note:** Funding for this change order is available in the following Org-Object: 45050 57110 - Parks Land Improvements.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0963-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting a Three-Party Agreement with the City of Racine, WisDOT and GRAEF-USA, Inc. for an

Engineering Services Contract for State Project ID: 2703-05-01, 6th Street Bridge over Root River (P-51-0064) and State Project ID: 2703-05-02, 6th Street Bridge over vacated Howe Street (P-51-0067).

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10.10.23:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a professional services agreement with GRAEF-USA, Inc. and WisDOT.

**Fiscal Note:** Per the approved State Municipal Funding Agreement, funding for this project is an 80% cost share by WisDOT and a 20% cost share by the City of Racine, plus 100% City costs over the funding cap specified. Funding for the project is appropriated in the 2024-33 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

#### **Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. Peete**

[0947-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Peete on behalf of the Interim Chief of Police, requesting to appoint a City of Racine Humane Officer.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-2023:** To approve the appointment of a City of Racine Humane Officer.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0948-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, requesting the appearance of Roberta Schulz, agent for Roberta located at 322 Sixth St, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern. (1st District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-2023:** That the item be referred to the City Attorney's Office for further disciplinary actions if the liquor license is not surrendered to the City by Friday, October 13, 2023.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0949-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, on behalf of the

Public Safety and Licensing Committee, requesting the appearance of Michael Henes, agent for Hi-O Inc located at 1816 Seventeenth St, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern. (3rd District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-2023:** That the item be referred to the City Attorney's Office for further disciplinary actions if the liquor license is not surrendered to the City by Friday, October 13, 2023.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

[0966-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, requesting any consideration, any formal expression of concern, or other actions pursuant to the police report.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-2023:** To request the appearance of 509 Social Lounge located at 509 6th St., Micah Tharpe, Agent for a Formal Expression of Concern.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

#### **Transit Commission Report, by Ald. Jones**

[0944-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 2024 contract for RYDE Racine transit service in the Village of Caledonia, Village of Mount Pleasant, and Village of Yorkville.

**Recommendation of the Transit Commission:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the 2024 contract for RYDE Racine transit service in the Village of Caledonia, Village of Mount Pleasant, and Village of Yorkville.

**Fiscal Note:** Contracts will provide \$590,000 in revenue.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.

#### **Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board Report, by Ald. McCarthy**

[0968-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alderman Coe on behalf of Racine Revitalization Partnership (RRP), requesting the use of HOME CHDO reserve funds and HOME Grant funds in the amount of \$436,000 for the purpose of building two new homes at the corner of Twelfth Street and Highland Ave. by Racine Revitalization Partnership.

**Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 10-09-23:** That the Common Council approve a grant of up to \$436,000 from HOME to fund the RRP project.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient HOME Funds to cover both grants to facilitate the development of both new homes. Program income received will be redirected back into the HOME Fund.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0969-23](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alderman Coe on behalf of Racine Revitalization Partnership (RRP), to accept the recertification of Racine Revitalization Partnership (RRP) as the City's CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) and to release CHDO Reserve and Operating funds from FY20 and FY21 to the organization.

**Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 10-09-23:** That the Common Council approve the request to use HOME funds for Operating and Reserve allocations.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient HOME funds to approve the above-requested allocations for Racine Revitalization Partnership.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent.**

#### **Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. McCarthy**

[0990-23](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of Tom Molbeck, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, to close off Monument Square Drive from 6:00 am-4:00 p.m. on October 21, 2023 for the annual Monument Mash.

**Staff Recommendation:** That the closure be approved as per Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services request.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Jones, that this**

**Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

**ABSENT:** 2 - Horton and Jarrett

0992-23

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Human Resources Benefits Manager, to authorize and approve the City of Racine to join with its partner agencies Racine County (County) and Racine Unified School District (RUSD) in executing a one (1) year renewal amendment with Ascension Wisconsin Employer Solutions for the Racine Employee Health and Wellness Center.

**Staff Recommendation:** That the Human Resources Benefits Manager be authorized to execute the amendment on behalf of the City of Racine.

**Fiscal Note:** The full cost for year four of the Ascension contract is \$918,226. The City of Racine is obligated to cover 26% of these costs totaling \$238,739 for year four. Variable costs for the City are estimated to be \$100,000 for year four, bringing the total cost to \$338,739. Funds will be proposed in the 2024 insurance budget 70312 52155.

**A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder West, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 12 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez and Kelly

**ABSENT:** 2 - Horton and Jarrett

**ABSTENTIONS:** 1 - Sebastian

**G. Council Vote on Consent Agenda (Communications, Committee, Reports, Resolutions)**

**A motion was made by Alder Terry McCarthy, seconded by Alder Sam Peete, that this be Considered as Reported Adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 13 - Coe, Jones, Davis, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Kelly and Sebastian

**ABSENT:** 2 - Horton and Jarrett

**H. Common Council Announcements**

**Announcements are limited to recognition of City residents and employees, memorials, and non-political community events. Discussion of matters related to governmental business is prohibited.**

## **I. Adjourn**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P.M. by Alder West*

*The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday, November 07, 2023.*

*ATTEST: TARA MCMENAMIN*

*CITY CLERK*