



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

*President Kathy DeMatthew, Vice President Mike Andreasen, Secretary John Engel,
Mayor John Dickert, Robert Pucely, Ronald Keland, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Alderman
James T. Spangenberg, Michael Staeck, John Hewitt,
Daryl Lynaugh, Robert Lui, Thomas Bunker, Victor Puente, Thomas Friedel*

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, A. Wheeler, R. Gilbreath, R. Pace, S. Cryer, M. Klimek, M. Olson

PRESENT: 8 - John Dickert, Ronald D. Hart, Robert Pucely, Ronald Keland, John Hewitt, Robert Lui, Victor Puente and Kathy DeMatthew

EXCUSED: 5 - Michael Staeck, Daryl Lynaugh, Thomas Friedel, Mike Andreasen and John Engel

2. Approval of Minutes for the September 2009 Meeting

A motion was made by John Hewitt, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [09-4306](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for September 2009 Totaling \$1,224,840.34

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Alderman James T. Spangenberg, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [09-4307](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Michigan Boulevard Lift Station Project
- B) 15th Street and Lathrop Avenue Interceptor
- C) Update on the Interceptor System-Wide Optimization Study

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [09-4308](#)

Subject: Request from Foth for Sanitary Sewer Extension within the Cliffside Park Campground in the Village of Caledonia

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that Civil Engineer, Chad Regalia, has reviewed the sewer extension request from Foth and recommends approval.

A motion was made by Robert Pucely, seconded by John Hewitt, that this be

Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [09-4309](#)

Subject: Submission of Rates for Laboratory and Pretreatment Services for 2010

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager distributed a chart showing the 2010 proposed pretreatment monitoring charges. He noted that these fees are calculated by the Laboratory Director annually.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Mayor John Dickert, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [09-4313](#)

Subject: Auditing Service Proposals to Perform 2009 Audit

Recommendation: Approve the use of Clifton-Gunderson LLP to perform 2009 audit

The General Manager noted that the Wastewater Utility received two proposals for auditing services for 2009. One quote was from Baker, Tilly, Virchow, Krause LLP and the other proposal was from Clifton-Gunderson LLP. The General Manager recommended using Clifton-Gunderson LLP because the Utility has used their services in the past few years, therefore having extensive knowledge of the Utility's business, and also for the fact that they are located in the City of Racine.

A motion was made by John Hewitt, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Approved in the amount of \$34,000.00 for both the Water & Wastewater Utilities combined with the stipulation that Clifton-Gunderson LLP perform their services in a more timelier manner than in the past. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [09-4316](#)

Subject: Wisconsin Clean Sweep Grant Application for 2010

Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to apply for the Wisconsin Clean Sweep Grant for 2010

The General Manager received a Clean Sweep grant from the State of Wisconsin for 2010. He requested authorization to enter into said agreement for the purpose of securing monies from the State for Racine's Household Hazardous Waste program. It was noted that the State has a maximum of \$19,000.00 available for this grant for 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman James T. Spangenberg, seconded by Mayor John Dickert, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

9. [09-4216](#)

Subject: Authorization of the General Manager to take the necessary steps to amend the Sewer Agreement, Section 3.5, Minor Unplanned Upgraded Sewer Service Facilities, to increase annual capital expenditures without a Cost of Service study (This item was unanimously approved at the Technical Advisory Committee on October 20, 2009.)

Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to take the necessary steps to amend Section 3.5 of the Racine Area

Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer Service, Revenue Sharing, Cooperation and Settlement Agreement

The General Manager distributed a draft amendment to the Racine Area Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer Service, Revenue Sharing, Cooperation and Settlement Agreement. This amendment includes a section stating that the Wastewater Commission may recover the capital costs of minor unplanned upgraded sewer service facilities totaling less than \$2,000,000.00 per budget year for 2009, through sewer service rates. Also, the SSR Parties must be given written notice of any decision to treat capital costs as existing capital costs pursuant to Section 3.5 of subject agreement. The General Manager requested authorization to send letters to the SSR Parties for approval to move forward with this change in the agreement.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Robert Lui, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

CLOSED SESSION

It is the intent that the Wastewater Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) and (e) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations regarding Local 2807 AFSCME, AFL-CIO. It is also the intent that open session will follow closed session.

10. [09-4310](#) **Subject:** Local 2807 Union Negotiations Update (Mark Olson invited to the meeting)

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager updated the Commission on the Local 2807 Union negotiations and mediation.

Received and Filed

OPEN SESSION

11. [09-4311](#) **Subject:** Local 2807 Union Contract Settlement

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Mayor John Dickert, seconded by Victor Puente, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

12. **Other Business**

No other business to report.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor John Dickert made a motion, seconded by Robert Pucely, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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