



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Alderman Sandy Weidner,
Alderman Jeff Coe, Alderman Raymond DeHahn*

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT

July 28, 2009

5:30 P.M.

Room 205, Council Chambers

PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE REVISED AGENDA

6:00 P.M.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ald. Gregory Holding, 11th District, Chairman; Ald. Ron Hart, 14th District; Ald. Jeff Coe, 1st District; Ald Ray DeHahn, 7th District; Tom Eeg, Asst. Commissioner/ Operations; John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner/Engineering

Others: Ald. Aron Wisneski, 12th District;

Staff: Brian O'Connell

Others: Jan Roland

Approval of Minutes for the July 14, 2009 Meeting.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the minutes as printed.

1. [09-3861](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Alderman Wisneski of the 12th District submitting a petition from the neighbors of the 700, 800 and 900 blocks of Lathrop Avenue regarding the lighting.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-14-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That the replacement of the six city-owned street lights with decorative lighting units be approved.

Further recommends that the item be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for funding.

Fiscal Note: The additional cost to convert these to decorative lighting units is \$16,000.00 with funding to be determined by the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Alderman Wisneski appeared with a request from his constituents expressing interest in decorative lighting on Lathrop Avenue. He noted other areas in the City have decorative lighting and asked this item be considered. John noted the cost of putting in the decorative lighting is approximately \$8,800 and the City of Racine would be required to buy all the concrete poles, as they cannot be returned to the manufacturer, which would result in another \$7,200. John noted if that is what the Committee wishes to do, they should refer the item to Finance for funding.

On a motion by Coe, to receive and file the item. The motion died, as there was no second. On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the item and referred to Finance Committee. On a roll call vote, members voting Aye, Hart and DeHahn, members voting Nay, Coe, motion passed two to one.

Recommended For Approval

2. [09-3890](#)

Subject: Communication from Vulcan Lands, Inc. proposing to donate 3.59 acres of real property to the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Tom read the request and noted the Parks Dept. may have some interest, however if the land was accepted the assessable portion of the Three Mile Road project to Vulcan Materials would not be allowed and the City would have to bear the cost. Ald. Coe indicated stated he would like to see what the Parks Dept. says about the property.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Dehahn, to receive and file. On a roll call vote, members voting Aye; Hart, DeHahn; members voting Nay; Coe.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

3. [09-3701](#)

Subject: Communication from Neil Thorpe and Ramona Thorpe, as successors to A & N Enterprises, a partnership, offering the real property located at 901 Ninth Street to the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 06-30-09: Received and filed

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-30-09, 7-14-09 and 7-28-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 06-30-09: The City Attorney be authorized to negotiate with the current owner of

the property to pay any and all back taxes and fees that may appear on the current assessment for the property in exchange for the City of Racine taking possession of the subject property.

Tom requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

4. [09-3748](#)

Subject: Communication from Racine Habitat for Humanity requesting extension of sanitary sewer to serve 1501 West Street.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-30-09 and 7-14-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Brian O'Connell appeared before the Committee and noted that CDBG Grant money would not be eligible to extend the sanitary sewer to serve 1501 West Street.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by Coe, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [09-3757](#)

Subject: Communication from Racine Habitat for Humanity requesting the extension of the storm drain one block east on 10th Street from Lockwood Avenue to accommodate four houses that will be completed by the end of 2010.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-30-09 and 7-14-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That Racine Habitat for Humanity be granted permission to extend the storm drain one block east on 10th Street from Lockwood Avenue to accommodate four houses being built by Racine Habitat for Humanity.

Further recommend that this item be referred to the Community Development Committee for funding.

Fiscal Note: All costs associated with the extension of the storm sewer are the responsibility of Racine Habitat for Humanity.

Brian O'Connell noted the storm sewer to support existing homes and homes to be built on Lockwood Avenue may be eligible for CDBG funding. Jan Roland appeared before the Committee and asked the item be considered.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the request and refer the item to the CDBG Committee for funding.

Recommended For Approval

6. [09-3925](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development requesting to establish a home weatherization and energy efficiency loan pilot program. (Res.09-1552 and Ord.17-09)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That an ordinance be introduced to establish a home weatherization and energy efficiency loan pilot program.

Fiscal Note: Loans established under this program shall be repaid through a special charge against the property.

Brian O'Connell noted usually second mortgages are required for energy projects, however, he noted with this new program and new State law, a special charge similar to a special assessment could be used for energy improvements and asked an appropriate ordinance be drafted to allow this.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved creating an ordinance for this program.

Recommended For Approval

7. [09-3809](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 7th District requesting to expand the low and moderate income loan program to include property owners receiving sidewalk replacement orders. (Res.09-1534)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-14-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That the low and moderate income loan program be amended to include property owners receiving sidewalk replacement orders with an estimated cost of \$500.00 or more.

Fiscal Note: The minimum sidewalk replacement cost under this program is \$500.00 with a maximum repayment term of 10 years.

Brian O'Connell appeared before the Committee and noted that a \$185 loan processing fee would be required for the overhead for a ten year loan for low to moderate income residents, with a minimum of \$500. Ald. Wisneski commented that perhaps giving money as a match for sidewalk improvements to lower moderate income residents would be more appropriate.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the low income

loan program. On a roll call vote, members voting Aye; Hart, DeHahn, members voting Nay; Coe. Motion passed 2 to 1.

Recommended For Approval

8. [09-3948](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering, on behalf of AECOM, Inc., to present streetscaping plans and roundabout animation at the Public Official's Meeting #2 for Seventh Street from Marquette Street to Main Street, State ID #2440-07-00.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Boris Velusic from AECOM appeared before the Committee to present the streetscaping plans and roundabout video animation for Seventh Street in advance of the public information meeting, being held in August, 2009.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee received and filed the communication.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

9. [09-3928](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer wishing to discuss performance contracting as allowed by State Statute 66.0133, Energy Saving Performance Contracting. (Res.09-1535)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer be authorized and directed to publish a "Notice of Intent to Award a Performance Contract" for the installation of Phase II of the solar energy project at the City Hall Annex, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 66.0133, Energy Saving Performance Contracting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Tom explained the program.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee authorized the City to publish the required notice, which allows municipalities to enter into Performance Contracts with qualified firms for energy conservation and facilities improvement measures.

Recommended For Approval

10. [09-3940](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting bid results on Contract 52-09 (K9-053), Window Replacement at City Hall Annex. (Res.09-1536)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 7-28-09: That Contract 52-09 (K9-053), Window Replacement at City Hall Annex, be awarded to Softer Lite Window Company, Waukesha, WI, at their Base Bid price of \$28,980.00, plus Alternate Bid #2 in the amount of \$24,470.00 and Alternate Bid #3 in the amount of \$9,295.00, for a total contract amount of \$62,745.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this public works project be appropriated from Account 989.200.5020, Annex-Stairwell Windows.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom submitted bid results and recommended we enter into a contract with Softer Lite Window Company, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved entering into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder.

Recommended For Award of Bid

11. [09-3941](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations requesting permission to apply for Focus on Energy Grants for insulating the Solid Waste Garage and installing LED lighting at 7 facilities. (Res.09-1537)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

on 7-28-09: That the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations be authorized and directed to submit and accept Focus on Energy Grants for LED Lighting at McMynn Parking Ramp, Grant Control #2009-33, Equipment Maintenance Garage, Grant Control #2009-34; Street Maintenance Garage, Grant Control #2009-35; Traffic Field Office, Grant Control #2009-36; Fire Station 1, Grant Control #2009-37; City Hall Exterior, Grant Control #2009-38; and City Hall Annex Exterior, Grant Control #2009-39; and Building Insulation at the Solid Waste Garage, Grant Control #2009-40. The total cost of these grants is \$19,067.00 and are being funded through the 2009 Capital Improvement Program and Federal Stimulus Program.

Fiscal Note: These projects are being funded through the 2009 Capital Improvement Program and Federal Stimulus Program.

Tom requested authorization to submit and accept Focus on Energy Grants for eight projects. He noted the total of the grants is \$19,067.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the request.

Recommended For Approval

12. [09-3938](#) Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Amendment No. 2 to Contract 36-07 (K7-042), Professional Services - City Hall Renovations - Phase II, ARC Architectural Group LLC, consultant. (Res.09-1538)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That Amendment No. 2 to Contract 36-07 (K7-042), Professional Services-City Hall Renovations, Phase II, ARC Architectural Group, LLC, consultant, as submitted, be approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,100.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of these professional services be appropriated from Account 988.100.5010, City Hall-Facility Plan Implementation.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom submitted Amendment No. 2 to Contract 36-07 (K7-042), Professional Services - City Hall Renovations, Phase II in the amount of \$3,100. The amendment is for revising the design of office signs windows and blinds and revisions to the HVAC design on the first floor to cover future renovations.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the amendment and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement.

Recommended For Approval

13. [09-3852](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Change Order No. 6 on Contract 53-08 (K8-061), City Hall Renovations, Phase II (R1), Absolute Construction Enterprises, Inc. (Res.09-1539)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That Change Order No. 6 on Contract 53-08 (K8-061), City Hall Renovations, Phase II (R1), Absolute Construction Enterprises, Inc., contractor, be approved in the amount of \$30,943.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 988.100.5010, City Hall-Facilities Plan Implementation.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom submitted Change Order No. 6 to Contract 53-08 (K8-061), Absolute Construction Enterprises, Inc. The change order is for additional revisions to the work and is in the amount of \$30,943 and funding is available.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

14. [09-3939](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 32-09 (K9-033), Police Impound Lot Renovations (R1), Rasch Construction & Engineering, Inc., contractor. (Res.09-1540)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That Change Order No. 1 on Contract 32-09 (K9-033), Police Impound Lot Renovations (R1), Rasch Construction & Engineering, Inc. contractor, be approved in the amount of \$35,298.70.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of this change order be appropriated from Account 988.310.5060, Impound Lot.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Tom submitted Change Order No. 1 to Contract 32-09 (K9-033), Police Impound Lot Renovations in the amount of \$35,298.70. It is for additional revisions to the work.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the change order.

Recommended For Approval

15. [09-3923](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting the State/Municipal Agreement for Stage 2 Local ARRA 2010, State ID: 2703-02-03/73, Spring Street. (Res.09-1541)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a State/Municipal Agreement for Stage 2 Local ARRA 2010, State ID: 2703-02-03/73, Spring Street, from Fairway Drive to Blaine Avenue, for the not-to-exceed cost of \$384,633.00, which is funded \$382,633.00 through the State Highway Improvement Project and \$2,000.00 by the City of Racine.

Further recommends that funding for the City's portion be included in the 2010 Capital Improvement Program.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John requested the Committee approve the State Municipal Agreement for the Wisconsin DOT, Stage 2, ARRA Project for Spring Street. It is in the amount of \$384,633 and the City's share will be included in the 2010 CIP.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the agreement

and authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to sign the agreement.

Recommended For Approval

16. [09-3924](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering submitting the State/Municipal Agreement for Stage 2 Local ARRA 2010, State ID: 2703-02-02/72, N. Main Street. (Res.09-1542)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a State/Municipal Agreement for Stage 2 Local ARRA 2010, State ID: 2703-02-02/72, N. Main Street, from Goold Street to Melvin Avenue, for the not-to-exceed cost of \$602,490.00, which is funded \$600,490.00 through the State Highway Improvement Project and \$2,000.00 by the City of Racine.

Further recommends that funding for the City's portion be included in the 2010 Capital Improvement Program.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

John requested the Committee approve the State Municipal Agreement for the Wisconsin DOT, Stage 2, ARRA Project for N. Main Street. It is in the amount of \$602,490 and the City's share will be included in the 2010 CIP.

On a motion by Hart, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the agreement and authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to sign the agreement.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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