



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works and Services Committee

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

Members Present: Ald. Greg Holding, Chairman, 11th District; Ald. Sandy Weidner, 6th District; Ald. Jeff Coe, 1st District; Ald. Ray DeHahn, 7th District; Richard Jones, Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer; Tom Eeg, Assistant Commissioner/Operations; John Rooney, Asst. Commissioner/Engineering

Others: Ald. David Maack, 5th District;

Staff: Rick Heller, Chief Building Inspector; Lt. Dobbs, Racine Police Dept.

Others: Bob Olson; Devin Sutherland; Angel Georgian; Ellen Christensen

Approval of Minutes for the October 14, 2008 Meeting.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by DeHahn, the minutes were approved as printed.

1. [08-2789](#)

Subject: Communication from the Downtown Racine Corporation requesting permission to close city streets for the annual Holiday Parade on November 8, 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: Permission be granted to the Downtown Racine Corporation to close Ontario Street, State Street between Erie Street and Main Street, Main Street between State Street and Sixth Street, and Sixth Street between Main Street and City Hall, on Saturday, November 8, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., for their annual Downtown Holiday Parade on the following conditions:

- 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;
- D. Sponsor shall notify all abutting property occupants 72 hours in advance of the event.
- E. The sponsor shall be responsible for the signing of the necessary detours for the State Highway route.
- F. The sponsor shall pay a \$750 special event fee.

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

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs incurred on a regular shift basis to provide limited assistance to implement this event.

Devin appeared before the Committee and explained this is an annual request and the same route.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the request subject to the usual stipulations.

Recommended For Approval

2. [08-2735](#) **Subject:** Communication from Mike Matson requesting permission to install an awning over city right-of-way at 107 Fourth Street.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-14-08 and 10-28-08: Defer

Rick requested this item be deferred.

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

Deferred

3. [08-2782](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District submitting the request of the HVMPA (Horlick Music Department) to place banners, flags and signs, including a permanent digital sign at 2119 Rapids Drive to advertise upcoming events.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick noted this request is administrative in nature and some items were to be considered at the Planning Commission and requested it be received and filed.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

4. [08-2760](#) **Subject:** Communication from Angel Georgian opposing the alternate street parking restrictions and would like to air her concerns regarding this matter.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Angel Georgian appeared before the Committee and expressed her opposition to alternate street parking, except for winter. She believes it is geared toward the inner city and lower income areas and spoke in favor of having a 7 day a week alternate side parking restriction only during the winter months. Rick indicated the City receives a 6% credit for Total Suspended Solids reduction with alternate side parking for street sweeping measures. The City needs to achieve 20% by 2008 and 40% by 2013 to be in compliance with the NPDES Permit. He also noted the importance of alternate side parking for leaf collection, snow removal and the Police Department to identify abandoned vehicles. Ald. Coe suggested changing the alternate side parking restrictions would create a nuisance with abandoned vehicles and Ald. DeHahn noted it was needed for street maintenance.

Weidner made a motion to eliminate alternate side parking, except for the winter months, receiving no second, the motion died.

On a motion by Coe, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee moved to receive and file the communication. On a roll call vote, members voting Aye: Coe, DeHahn; members voting Nay: Weidner. Motion passed 2 to 1.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [08-2811](#)

Subject: Communication from Globe Contractors, Inc. requesting an extension of time for use of the Michigan Boulevard Parking Lot in connection to City of Racine projects.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: That the agreement to utilize the Walker site, which was approved through Resolution 08-0666 dated March 4, 2008, and amended through Resolution 08-0909, be amended with the following condition:

1. That the date be extended to June 1, 2009.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Bob Olson appeared and requested to extend the time to store his material. He is currently working for the City as a subcontractor and would like to continue to use the location under the same conditions of the 30-day order to remove if necessary.

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

Recommended For Approval

6. [08-2783](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief Building Inspector wishing to discuss proposed changes to the Electrical Ordinance.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: That the Electrical Code be updated by amending the following sections of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, as recommended:

Sec. 18-671. Residential electrical wiring work.
Sec. 22-381. License or permit required.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick Heller appeared and noted the changes to the electric ordinance, clean up the code to be in compliance with the National Electric Code and WE Energies.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the ordinance change.

Recommended For Approval

CLOSED SESSION

THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, PURSUANT TO SEC. 19.85(1)(E), WIS. STATS.

7. [08-2784](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer requesting to meet with the Public Works and Services Committee in closed session regarding a settlement agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad for repairs to the Mound Avenue railroad bridge.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: Defer

Rick requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM.

8. [08-2792](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer wishing to discuss the debarment of a contractor from City of Racine public works projects.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: That the City proceed to hold a due process hearing on the potential debarment of John's Concrete, Inc. from bidding on public works contracts in accordance with Section 46-40, Debarment, of the Municipal Code.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick explained the due process for the debarment of John's Concrete. He noted the prevailing wage complaints on several contracts and some of the underpayments of wages would have resulted in John's Concrete not being the successful low bidder on

City projects as well.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved the due process of debarment for John's Concrete.

Recommended For Approval

9. [08-2827](#) **Subject:** Ordinance No. 14-08 to repeal and recreate Sec. 114-693 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Accessory buildings and structures - Height limitations.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: That the item be referred to the City Plan Commission.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Rick requested this ordinance be referred to the City Planning Commission.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee referred the item to the City Plan Commission.

Referred to the City Plan Commission

10. [08-2826](#) **Subject:** Ordinance No. 15-08 to amend Sec. 81-123(b) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Sidewalks - required widths.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: That Ordinance No. 15-08 to amend Sec. 81-123(b) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Sidewalks - required widths, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

John requested this ordinance change be adopted, per the request to change sidewalk minimum widths on Ohio Street as discussed at the last meeting.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved adoption of the ordinance.

Recommended For Approval

11. [08-2770](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting final payment on Contract 41-06 (K6-043), PS - Const. Mgmt. Southside Industrial Park Infrastructure, Earth Tech/AECOM, consultant.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-14-08: That the professional services provided by Earth Tech/AECOM under Contract 41-06 (K6-043), PS - Const. Mgmt. Southside Industrial Park Infrastructure, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$194,218.56.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution 7182 of August 15, 2006.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: Defer

John requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

12. [08-2828](#)

Subject: Resolution 08-1051, relating to a request for final payment on Contract 41-06 (K6-043), Southside Industrial Park Infrastructure, Earth Tech/AECOM, consultant.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-14-08: Defer

John requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

13. [08-2764](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 10-07 (K7-010), Gaslight Drive Renovations (R1), Cornerstone Pavers, contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-14-08 and 10-28-08: Defer

John requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

14. [08-2763](#)

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/ Engineering submitting Change Order No. 3 on Contract 12-07 (K7-012), 2007 Asphalt Paving, C.D.B.G., Payne & Dolan, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-14-08 and 10-28-08: Defer

John requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

15. [08-2765](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 12-07 (K7-012), 2007 Asphalt Paving, C.D.B.G., Payne & Dolan, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-14-08 and 10-28-08: Defer

John requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

16. [08-2766](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 20-07 (K7-023), Local Road Improvement Program, Cornerstone Pavers, contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-14-08 and 10-28-08: Defer

John requested this item be deferred.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee deferred the item.

Deferred

17. [08-2629](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 50-07 (K7-058), City Hall Annex - Photovoltaic Generation System, Magaw Electric Construction, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 9-30-08 and 10-14-08: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: That the work of Magaw Electric Construction, Inc., under Contract 50-07 (K7-058), City Hall Annex - Photovoltaic Generation System, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$341,934.00, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution No. 07-0482, dated November 6, 2007.

Rick explained the contractor has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$341,934.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved final payment.

Recommended For Approval

18. [08-2800](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting a PECFA reimbursement for underground storage tank remediation at 1420 State Street.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: The City of Racine received an additional check in the amount of \$6,238.06 for underground storage tank remediation at 1420 State Street.

Tom submitted a PECFA reimbursement for 1420 State Street.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee accepted the reimbursement.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

19. [08-2825](#) **Subject:** Res. 08-1075, dated October 21, 2008, regarding alley and street improvements at:

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVING

Hillcrest Circle from Wright Avenue to cul-de-sac

Alley - Washington Avenue to 16th Street; Packard Avenue to Phillips Avenue

BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVING

Kings Circle from Oakwood Drive to cul-de-sac

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: That Resolution No. 08-1075, of October 21, 2008, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: Funds will be appropriated in the 2009 C.I.P. for these alley and street improvements, and special assessments will be paid by the abutting property owners for the improvements.

John reviewed the results of the public hearing. All three streets were approved.

On a motion by Weidner, seconded by Coe, the Committee approved Kings Circle, Hillcrest Circle and the Alley for paving.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous Business

Adjournment

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