



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Wastewater Commission

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Secretary Brian Anderson, Mayor Gary Becker
Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Michael Staeck, Roberto Garza
Robert Pucely, Richard Anderson, Ronald Keland, Kathy DeMatthew
Jeff Pellegrum, Mike Andreasen, Daryl Lynaugh, John Hewitt*

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHER PRESENT: Keith Haas, Mike Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, N. Erlandson, R. Gilbreath, R. Pace, A. Wheeler, K. Wanggaard, M. Klimek, J. Kunz, Ald. Wisneski, Ald. Mozol

PRESENT: 10 - Thomas Friedel, Michael Staeck, Ronald Keland, Kathy DeMatthew, Jeff Pellegrum, John Hewitt, Gary Becker, Brian Anderson, Daryl Lynaugh and Robert Lui

EXCUSED: 5 - Ronald D. Hart, Roberto Garza, Robert Pucely, Richard Anderson and Mike Andreasen

2. Approval of Minutes for the July 2007 Meeting

Commissioner Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners held on Tuesday, July 31, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

3. [07-1087](#)

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Wastewater Finance Committee held on August 23, 2007

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Wastewater Commissioners Finance Committee held on Thursday, August 23, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

4. [07-1045](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for July 2007 totaling \$1,297,741.12

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Lui made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the budget expenditures for July 2007 totaling \$1,297,741.12. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

5. [07-1046](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A. Grove Ave. Storage Basin - Mike Gitter
- B. Report from CVMIC Regarding Update on Safety Policies - Mike Gitter
- C. Update on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site Improvements - Keith Haas
- D. Update on Request from Raymond to Join the Sewer Agreement - Keith Haas
- E. Report of August 19, 2007 Bypassing and Back-ups - Keith Haas

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

6. [07-1069](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 12th District regarding sewer problems in the 100 block of Virginia Street during heavy rains.

Also refer to the Water and Wastewater Commission

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 8-28-07:

Receive and File

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Commission on 8-28-07: Defer

Alderman Wisneski represented several residents living on the 100 block of Virginia St. which had sewer back-ups in their basements due to the recent heavy rains. He stated that several people in this area had damage to the contents of their basements and were looking to the Wastewater Utility for help to relieve the sewer back-up problems.

Commissioner Staeck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to receive and file the communication from Alderman Wisneski regarding sewer back-ups on the 100 block of Virginia Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [07-1080](#) **Subject:** Professional Services Contract with Earth Tech to Investigate Sewer System Deficiencies and Feasible Solutions for Mitigation of Basement Back-ups - Jim Kunz invited to the meeting

Recommendation: Approve

Mr. James Kunz from Earth Tech submitted a professional services contract to investigate sewer system problems and possible solutions to handle basement sewer back-ups. Mr. Kunz was present to explain that the reason for the back-ups in the area of Virginia St. was because they were in a low-lying area of the city. He went on to say that Earth Tech would evaluate the areas of Virginia Street and Michigan Boulevard and make recommendations for fixing the sewer back-up situations. He noted that the estimated cost of the investigation would be \$16,000.00.

Commissioner Lui made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the

proposed professional services contract submitted by Earth Tech for the purpose of investigating sewer system deficiencies and feasible solutions for mitigation of basement back-ups. Furthermore, that this study is not to exceed \$20,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

8. [07-1088](#) **Subject:** Change Order No. 1 on Contract A-07, Grove Avenue Storage Basin, C. D. Smith Construction Company (contractor)

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted Change Order No. 1 on Contract A-07 in the amount of \$6,030.00 and recommended approval.

Commissioner Hewitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve Change Order No. 1 on Contract A-07, Grove Avenue Storage Basin, C. D. Smith Construction Company (contractor), bringing the total contract amount to \$2,963,030.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

9. [07-1048](#) **Subject:** Update on submission of revised Exhibits E1 through E11 of the Racine Area Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer Service, Revenue Sharing, Cooperation and Settlement Agreement to the parties of the agreement

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager noted that there were no calls received back from the outlying communities who are party to the Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer, Revenue Sharing, Cooperation and Settlement Agreement regarding the revised Exhibits of the Agreement. Therefore, revised exhibits have been distributed to the parties of the agreement.

Commissioner Staeck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lui, to receive and file this item. The motion passed unanimously.

Received and Filed

10. [07-1079](#) **Subject:** Revise Municipal Code, Section 98-151, General Sewer Use Requirements, Zinc Limits

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 8-28-07: Adopt modifying "zinc - mg/l liter" from 8.2 to 8.4 under Section 98-151, General Sewer Use Requirements, Zinc Limits of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine.

The General Manager noted that the Utility requested to make a change in Section 98-151, General Sewer Use Requirements, Zinc Limits, of the City of Racine Municipal Codes. He noted that the change would be modifying the mg/l liter of zinc from 8.2 to 8.4. The City Attorney will introduce a draft ordinance to the Common Council to initiate the change.

Recommended For Adoption

11. [07-1081](#) **Subject:** Use of Household Hazardous Waste Funds for a Pharmaceutical Collection for Racine and Sturtevant Residents on "Make-A-Difference" Day

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager requested authorization to use up to \$5,000.00 from the Household Hazardous Waste funds for pharmaceutical collection for Racine and Sturtevant residents on "Make-A-Difference" Day. The General Manager will report back to the Commission after the event.

Received and Filed

12. [07-1047](#) **Subject:** Submission of the 2008 Proposed Operations & Maintenance Budget and the Proposed 2008-2012 Capitol Improvement Plan

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager made note to the Commissioners to call him if they have any questions regarding the 2008 Proposed Operations & Maintenance Budget and the Proposed 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Plan.

Received and Filed

13. Other Business

No other business to report.

14. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Lui made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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