

City of Racine

Room 103, City Hall



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

4:15 PM

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City Plan Commission

*Mayor Gary Becker, John Dickert, Elaine Sutton Ekes,
Vincent Esqueda, Alderman Gregory Holding,
Howard Harper, Jud Wyant*

Assistant Chairman Wyant called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

PRESENT: John Dickert, Elaine Sutton Ekes, Vincent Esqueda, Gregory Holding, Howard Harper and Jud Wyant

EXCUSED: Gary Becker

*OTHERS PRESENT: Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development
Rick Heller, Chief Building Inspector
Matthew Sadowski, Principal Planner*

Approval of Minutes for the May 30, 2006 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Ekes, seconded by Commissioner Harper to approve the minutes, as distributed. Motion approved.

06-2057

Subject: Request of George A. Nicks Sr. to acquire Lot #3825-1 (1120 Eleventh Street) and combine it with his property at 1035 Washington Avenue.

Recommendation: That the sale of City owned property at 1120 eleventh Street is not in conflict with City Plans and programs.

Further, that this matter be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee

Fiscal Note: N/A

Director O'Connell located the property being the subject of a proposed acquisition, described its current use as a vacant lot, and reviewed surrounding parcel configurations and zoning.

Commission members discussed parcel configuration, size, and value.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ekes, seconded by Alderman Holding that this file be recommended for approval, subject to staff's recommendation. Motion approved.

06-2061

Subject: that the City of Racine authorize the Village of Mt. Pleasant to use condemnation pursuant to Ch. 32.05 Wis. Stats.

Recommendation: That the request by the Village of Mt. Pleasant to use condemnation is not in conflict with City Plans and programs.

Further, that the item be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Director O'Connell introduced the item, explained the brief history of the development of the Pike River watershed project and the need for the condemnation authorization. He explained that the condemnation addresses easement as well as land purchases to enable Mount Pleasant to implement the watershed plan.

A motion was made by Alderman Holding, seconded by Commissioner Esqueda that this file be recommended for approval, subject to staff's recommendation. Motion approved.

06-2081

Subject: Item 28 of 09-06-05. A communication from the Director of City Development and Chief Building Inspector requesting the development of aesthetic standards for the sidewalk cafe permit.

Recommendation: That the pamphlet entitled "City of Racine Sidwalk Cafes: Questions, Answers, Rules and Basic Guidelines" be utilized by City staff and the general public as a guide for the permitting of sidewalk cafes.

Further, that Article III, Division 3 of the Municipal Code be amended to replace the need for Plan Commission review with a need for review and recommendation by the Chief Building Inspector and Director of City Development.

Further, that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Director O'Connell reviewed the item, giving its history of development and intent.

Principal Planner Sadowski reviewed the pamphlet which was developed to establish aesthetic standards, and also to provide a summary of applicable ordinances, appropriate furniture types, and a typical site plan.

Alderman Holding requested that the appropriate and inappropriate furniture type be better clarified, and that examples of appropriate and inappropriate barriers be provided.

Motion was made by Alderman Holding, seconded by Commissioner Ekes to approve the first staff's recommendation. Motion was made by Commissioner Dickert, seconded by Commissioner Ekes to approve the staff's second and third recommendations. Motions approved.

Res.06-7051

ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROJECT

RESOLVED, that the project to acquire easement rights across Sam's Club

parking lot to serve the Household Hazardous Waste Facility project be approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney be authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to acquire this property interest, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all documents associated with this project.

FISCAL NOTE: Unknown at this time. Funding is available through the Wastewater Utility HHW project.

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Recommendation: Acquisition of easement rights across Sam's Club parking lot is not in conflict with City plans and programs.

Further, that the resolution be adopted.

Tom Bunker, Commissioner of Water and Wastewater Utility explained the need for the easement to gain access to the hazardous waste facility to be located on landfill property. He stated that the easement, which processes over property currently owned by Sam's Club, would eventually involve into a land purchase by the Water Wastewater Utility.

A motion was made by Alderman Holding, seconded by Commissioner Esqueda, that this file be recommended for adoption. Motion approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission and hearing no objections, Acting Chairman Wyant at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brian F. O'Connell, Secretary
Director of City Development*