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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg
Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II
Alderman Ronald Hart
Alderman Terry McCarthy
Alderman Dennis Wiser*

Monday, April 11, 2011

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order & Roll Call

PRESENT: 3 - James T. Spangenberg, Ronald D. Hart and Terry McCarthy

EXCUSED: 2 - Q.A. Shakoor, II and Dennis Wiser

Approval of Minutes for the March 21, 2011 Meeting.

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

1. [11-6059](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) A communication from the Executive Director of the Racine County Economic Development Corporation requesting an opportunity to discuss the City of Racine Entrepreneurship Initiative.

Recommendation of the Economic Development Committee on 2-14-11: Defer action on the Entrepreneurship initiative memo until the next Economic Development Committee meeting.

Recommendation of the Economic Development Committee on 3-22-11: Approve the Small Business Development Initiative and refer to other city committees (Redevelopment Authority and Community Development Committee) for funding.

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 4-4-11: That \$69,400.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund be used for the Entrepreneurship Initiative contract for 2011.

Further recommends, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

Further recommends, that the proposed agreement be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee of the Common Council for its review and approval.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the city's 2011 capital budget,

account no. 919.00.5610.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

4-11-11: Recommend the use of \$69,400 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the Racine Entrepreneurship Initiative and that the City Clerk and Mayor be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with RCEDC.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the city's 2011 capital budget, account no. 919.00.5610.

Attachments: [ED.Committee.Memo.2.14.11](#)
[Final.Plan.no.attachments](#)
[Metrics](#)
[RCEDC Agreement 001](#)
[RDA Resolution 11-04 \(RCEDC\)](#)

Brian O'Connel, Director of City Development, and Kristin Niemiec appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

2. [11-6237](#)

Subject:Communication from the Chief of Police, requesting to discuss the waiver of bidding requirements and sole-source procurement for the purchase of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) equipment and software.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

4-11-11: Authorize and direct the Purchasing Agent to waive formal bidding requirements and negotiate sole-source procurement for the purchase of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) equipment and software with Federal Signal of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this purchase is budgeted in account 274.000.5950.

Attachments: [LEGISTAR ID 11-6237_001](#)

Deputy Chief Schulz appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [11-6228](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Gary McCaske for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

4-11-11: The claim Gary McCaske, 1020 High St., Union Grove, 53182, requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$1,294.00 for a fence at 2819 Hamilton Ave. that was allegedly damaged by the

weight of the snow pushed against his fence during the blizzard on or about February 2-3, 2011 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [McCaske](#)

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to recommend denial of the claim.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [11-6241](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Julia LaPoint for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-11-11: The claim of Julia LaPoint, 1121 Cleveland Ave., 53405, requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$50,000.00 for alleged injuries when she stepped into a depression in the street in front of her home on or about May 20, 2010 be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [LaPoint_001](#)

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared to speak before the Committee to recommend denial of the claim.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [11-6227](#)

Subject: Communication from the Interim Commissioner of Public Works/Operations requesting authorization to apply for and accept two Focus on Energy Grants from WE Energies for upgrading light fixtures in the Lake Avenue and Shoop Parking Ramps. Grant Control No.s 2011-010 and 2011-011.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-11-11: Permission granted for the Interim Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to apply for and accept two Focus on Energy Grants from WE Energies for upgrading light fixtures in the Lake Avenue and Shoop Parking Ramps. Grant Control Nos. 2011-010 and 2011-011.

Fiscal Note: The estimated Lake Avenue Ramp project cost is \$47,655.00, with the grant in the amount of \$1,310.00. The estimated Shoop Ramp project is \$73,915.00, with the grant being in the amount of \$2,006.00. Funds for both projects are available in Account No. 106.987.5120, Ramp Improvements.

Attachments: [11-6227 - FOE](#)

Tom Eeg, Interim Commissioner of Public Works/ Operations, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [11-6238](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply and accept funds in the amount of \$175,140 from WE Energies, Fund for Lake Michigan for the Baseline Assessment of Water Quality in Support of the Root River Restoration Plan. (Grant Control #2011-012)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-11-11: Permission granted for the Public Health Administrator to apply for and accept funds in the amount of \$175,140 from WE Energies, Fund for Lake Michigan for the Baseline Assessment of Water Quality in Support of the Root River Restoration Plan. (Grant Control #2011-012)

Fiscal Note: There is no match required of the City.

Attachments: [Root River Water Assessment 2011.pdf](#)

Dr. Julie Kinzelman, research scientist, appeared to speak before the Committee about the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

7. [11-6232](#)

Subject: Communication from the Manager of Recreation & Cultural Services requesting permission to accept a \$1,000 donation for the Mayor's Back to School/Stay in School program.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-11-11: Permission granted to accept a \$1,000 donation from Butter Bud's for the Mayor's Back to School/Stay in School program and that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.

Fiscal Note: The donation will be used to purchase school supplies for City students.

Attachments: [11-6232 - Butter Buds Donation - Back to School Stay in School 2011](#)

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [11-6233](#)

Subject: Communication from the Finance Director requesting to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to discuss the State Board of Assessors Notice of Determination in the appeal of

Gorton Properties, LLC in regards to their 2010 assessment and resulting property tax bill.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 4-11-11: The 2010 Tax Levy for Gorton Properties, LLC., 1836 Oakdale Avenue, Tax Parcel No. 22898000, be reduced from \$19,980.27 to \$16,382.40 and that the resulting credit of \$3,597.87 plus interest be charged against Account 101.990.5930 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available for this credit. Other taxing jurisdiction's portions will be charged back when appropriate.

Attachments: [Gorton Properties appeal](#)

David Brown, Finance Director, appeared to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Ronald D. Hart, seconded by Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:32pm. The next scheduled meeting is at 5:00 pm on April 25, 2011 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Chairman
Finance and Personnel Committee**