



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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## Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman James T. Spangenberg, Vice Chair Thomas Friedel,  
Alderman Pete Karas, Alderman Sandy Weidner,  
Alderman Aron Wisneski*

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Monday, July 10, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 103

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### Call to Order and Roll Call

*Alderman Spangenberg called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.*

**PRESENT:** James T. Spangenberg, Thomas Friedel, Pete Karas, Sandy Weidner and Aron Wisneski

### Approval of Minutes for the June 26, 2006 meeting.

#### to Approve the Minutes

1. [06-2184](#) Subject: Communication from the Mayor requesting to apply for and accept a \$96,900.00 grant from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: Permission be granted to apply for and accept a \$96,900 grant with the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (Grant Control No. 2006-022) to be utilized for the Youth Gang Diversion Program.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

#### Recommended For Approval

2. [06-2191](#) Subject: Communication from Pastor Melvin D. Hargrove of Zoe Outreach Ministries requesting waiving or reductions in fees for the Cesar Chavez Community Center.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The item be deferred.

*Pat Mcmillian appeared before the Committee. Zoe Outreach Ministries is in the third year of sponsoring Christian basketball leagues. They have 14 teams that play Friday evenings throughout the summer months. They are currently paying \$66.00 per hour for the Chavez Center. More information was requested by the Committee.*

#### Deferred

3. [06-2168](#) Subject: The Public Health Administrator requesting permission to accept funding with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program in the amount of \$21,940 to be utilized for testing technology.

Please refer to the Board of Health.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$21,940 agreement with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (Grant Control No. 2005-042) to be utilized for testing technology.

Fiscal Note: 50% in-kind soft match required on the part of the city.

*Janelle Grammer appeared on the item. This Federal funding will be used for a part time summer intern to collect surface water samples on a daily basis. Dr. Kinzelman's time, equipment and occupancy will be used as the soft match.*

**Recommended For Approval**

4. [06-2030](#) Subject: Communication from the City Attorney submitting the claim of Dorothy Miller for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 06-26-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: The claim of \$350 will be settled.

*Dan Wright, Alderman Weidner and Alderman Wisneski spoke on the item. It was determined that the City should pay the claim of \$350. The amount of the claim is able to be handled administratively so Dan Wright recommended that the item be received and filed.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

5. [06-2183](#) Subject: Communication from Vincent Ruffolo of Superior Industrial Coating, Inc., submitting a request for the initial resolution regarding Industrial Development Revenue Bond Financing for Superior Industrial Coating, Inc." by the City of Racine in the amount of \$2,500,000.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The item be deferred.

*Joe Heck appeared on the item. Mr. Ruffalo has yet to submit information needed to proceed. Steve Nenonen mentioned that it would be a good idea for the City to look into the idea of charging a filing fee for parties requesting the City's participation in Industrial Revenue Bonds.*

**Deferred**

6. [06-2187](#) Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development requesting the establishment of a tax increment district for the Pointe Blue redevelopment project.

Also refer to City Plan Commission

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Joe Heck appeared on the item. he asked that the item be deferred until we are further along in the process.*

**Deferred**

7. [06-2189](#) Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development requesting permission to apply for a Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to help

fund the north side historical reconnaissance survey.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The Director of City Development be granted permission to apply for the Historic Preservation Subgrant through the Wisconsin Historical Society (Grant Control No. 2006-023) to be utilized for the north side historical reconnaissance survey.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the city.

*Joe Heck appeared on the item. The funds will be used to fund a study of historic buildings in a 10 to 12 block area north of Gould Street.*

**Recommended For Approval**

8. [06-2188](#) Subject: Communication from the Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services requesting the creation of a Tax Increment Financing District to assist in the redevelopment of the site at 1014 Martin Luther King Drive.

Also refer to City Plan Commission

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Joe Heck appeared on the item. NHS has a preliminary plan to raise the former Homeward Bound building, previously the Danish Old Peoples Home, and develop up to 12 single family homes. Action should be deferred on this item until the process is further along.*

**Deferred**

9. [06-2179](#) Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief Hansen requesting permission to accept a \$1,000 donation from the Racine Community Foundation to be utilized for the Racine Fire Department Public Education Fund. (Grant Control #2006-013)

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 07/10/06: That the Fire Chief be granted permission to accept \$1,000 donation from the Racine Community Foundation to be utilized for the Racine Fire Department Public Education Fund.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The Fire Chief be granted permission to accept \$1,000 donation from the Racine Community Foundation to be utilized for the Racine Fire Department Public Education Fund and that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared on the item. Funds will be used to spread fire prevention messages to the citizens of the City of Racine.*

**Recommended For Approval**

10. [06-2154](#) Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to accept a \$1,000 donation from the Racine Municipal Employees Credit Union to be utilized for the Racine Fire Department Public Education Fund.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 07/10/06: That the Fire Chief

be granted permission to accept \$1,000 donation from the Racine Municipal Employees Credit Union to be utilized for the Racine Fire Department Public Education Fund.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The Fire Chief be granted permission to accept \$1,000 donation from the Racine Municipal Employees Credit Union to be utilized for the Racine Fire Department Public Education Fund and that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared on the item. Funds will be used to spread fire prevention messages to the citizens of the City of Racine.*

**Recommended For Approval**

11. [06-1653](#) Subject: Communication submitted by Human Resources Director requesting to reclassify three (3) non-represented positions on the salary classification scale as GR-17. These positions would be Deputy Chief, Deputy City Attorney, and Assistant Commissioner of Public Works - Engineering.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 03-27-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 04-24-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The non-represented positions of Deputy Police Chief, Deputy City Attorney and Assistant Commissioner of Public Works - Engineering be reclassified from salary classification GR-18 to GR-17 with the stipulation that the Deputy Police Chief positions be held in abeyance until there is a vacancy.

Fiscal Note: The changes will not currently affect the City budget.

*Alderman Spangenberg spoke with the Mayor about this item. The new recommendation is to approve the item with the stipulation that the Deputy Police Chiefs positions be held in abeyance until they have been vacated by the incumbents.*

**Recommended For Approval**

12. [06-2190](#) Subject: Communication from the Interim Finance Director requesting to present the City of Racine's 2005 Financial Statements and the Transit System.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of 07-10-06: The item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*David Brown appeared on the item. Currently, only draft issues of the financial statements are available. Final statements will be available at the next meeting.*

**Deferred**

**Miscellaneous Business**

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