



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
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Public Works and Services Committee

*Chairman Ronald D. Hart, Vice Chair Thomas M. Sollman,
Alderman Robert Anderson, Alderman Raymond DeHahn,
Alderman Keith Fair*

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for the August 29, 2009 Meeting.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Anderson, the minutes were approved as printed.

1. [06-2412](#) **Subject:** Communication from Nathan Kroes, 2512 Rupert Boulevard, requesting a street light be installed in the 2500 block of Rupert Boulevard.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick Jones read the communication. Alderman Weidner requested the lighting be evaluated in the area due to problems with crimes and break-ins.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Anderson, the Committee deferred the item for study.

A motion was made by Communication Deferred

2. [06-2413](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 11th District requesting the installation of street lights in Georgetown.

Recommendation: Defer

Alderman Holding appeared before the Committee and requested lighting levels be evaluated on Princess, Duchess, Oakwood and Sovereign Drive in Georgetown subdivision. He noted the lack of lighting between intersections and noted there were some problems with crime in the area.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by Anderson the Committee deferred the item for study.

A motion was made by Communication Deferred

3. [06-2431](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Downtown Racine Corporation requesting to close portions of Main Street and Sixth Street for the 4th Annual Party on the Pavement on Saturday, October 7, 2006, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Recommendation: Permission be granted to the Downtown Racine Corporation to close Main Street from State Street to 7th Street and Sixth

Street from Main Street and Grand Avenue, on Saturday, October 7, 2006, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the 4th annual "Party on the Pavement" event.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;
- B. Proof of liability insurance 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; and
- F. The sponsor shall pay a special event fee of \$700.00.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited 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 Sutherland appeared before the Committee and requested the closure be approved. He noted they would bag the meters the night before and pay for the cost, and had no problem with the special event fee.

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

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval

4. [06-2463](#) **Subject:** Communication from Robert Matson, 2351-1/2 Mohr Avenue, requesting to review the alternate side street parking ordinance as it relates to Mohr Avenue.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Robert Matson appeared before the Committee and requested the alternate side parking be eliminated in the 2300 block of Mohr Avenue. He believes it is a hardship for moving vehicles back and forth on the street, particularly with the school parking restrictions that start in the morning. Rick Jones read the ordinance and noted one of the exceptions to lift the alternate street parking is if the street is within two blocks of a construction site.

He noted this street is four blocks from Kinzie Avenue and indicated staff had no flexibility with the issue. Alderman Weidner indicated she felt this is part of the construction area since local traffic has been re-routed through the area and she asked that this be considered. Rick noted it would take a change in the ordinance, and by the time the ordinance was changed, the construction work on Kinzie would be completed. Furthermore, he noted, the ordinance should not be changed for the exceptions and feels this is inappropriate to change the ordinance as it is written.

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

A motion was made by Communication Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [06-2464](#) **Subject:** Communication from Schubert Media Group, Inc. proposing the transfer of certain assets and assignment of lease held with the City from Schubert Media to Adams Outdoor Advertising.

Recommendation: The City of Racine accept the transfer of the lease agreement from Schubert Media Group, Inc. to Adams Outdoor Advertising.

Fiscal Note: There will be no impact on the revenues received for the transfer of City owned property for the placement of billboard advertising.

Rick Jones read portions of the lease agreement from Schubert Media Group to transfer assignment of the lease to Adams Outdoor Advertising. Rick Eggan appeared and requested the item be approved.

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

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval

6. [06-2398](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer recommending that the northern parcel of the Walker property be transferred to the Racine Water Utility and that the land transfer be recorded with the Register of Deeds.

Recommendation: The northerly portion of the Walker site which was designated for use by the Racine Water Utility be transferred from City ownership to Racine Water Utility ownership and that the legal description for the property be registered with the Register of Deeds office. Further recommends that the Racine Water Utility pay all costs associated with the transfer and registration of this property.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City of Racine to take these actions.

Rick Jones read the communication recommending transfer of the property to the Racine Water Utility and the land transfer be recorded with the Register of Deeds. He noted this is a requirement of the Wisconsin DNR. He indicated Racine Water Utility would pay any costs associated with the registering of the deed.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved the transfer.

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval

7. [06-2165](#) **Subject:** Vacation of north-south and east-west alleys in the block bounded by Washington Avenue, West Blvd., 13th Street and Grove Avenue.

Also refer to the City Plan Commission.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services: Defer

Rick Jones requested this item be deferred.

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

A motion was made by Communication Deferred

8. [06-2166](#) **Subject:** Partial vacation of the 700 block of Racine Street.

Also refer to the City Plan Commission.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services: Defer

Rick Jones requested this item be deferred.

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

A motion was made by Communication Deferred

9. [06-2167](#) **Subject:** Vacation of Reichert Court.

Also refer to the City Plan Commission.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services: Defer

Rick Jones requested this item be deferred.

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

A motion was made by Communication Deferred

10. [06-1822](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations submitting a proposal from HNTB for professional services for Railing Replacement at Memorial Hall and the Safety Building.

Recommendation: Defer

Rick Jones requested this item be deferred.

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

A motion was made by Communication Deferred

11. [06-2440](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting final payment on Contract 49-03 (K3-060), Professional Services for Relocation Services for Memorial Drive and Maiden Lane, HNTB, consultant.
- Recommendation:** The professional services provided by HNTB under Contract 49-03 (K3-060), Professional Services for Relocation Services for Memorial Drive and Maiden Lane, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$9,684.88 from funds heretofore appropriated.
- Fiscal Note:** This contract was approved by Resolution 5410, dated July 15, 2003.
- John Rooney explained the consultant has satisfactorily completed this work and is requesting final payment. He noted this project was started by Carl Kopps and completed by HNTB.*
- On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.*
- A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval**

12. [06-2461](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works submitting a request for final payment on Contract 26-06 (K6-027), HVAC System and Controls at City Hall, Johnson Controls, Inc., contractor.
- Recommendation:** The work done by Johnson Controls, Inc. under Contract 26-06 (K6-027), HVAC System and Controls at City Hall, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$42,493.00 from funds heretofore appropriated.
- Fiscal Note:** This contract was approved by Resolution 6782, dated December 5, 2005.
- Rick Jones noted the contractor has satisfactorily completed the contract and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$42,493.*
- On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approve final payment.*
- A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval**

Miscellaneous Business

- [06-2510](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from Fire Chief Steven Hanson requesting the City enter into an agreement with S.C. Johnson, Inc. that gives permission to the Racine Fire Department to conduct training exercises at 1428 and 1432 Racine Street.

Recommendation: The City enter into an agreement with S.C. Johnson, Inc. to allow the Racine Fire Department to conduct non-destructive and destructive training at 1428 and 1432 Racine Street.

Fiscal Note: The ability to conduct training exercises in actual residential property is a benefit to the Racine Fire Department. These buildings will be demolished by S.C. Johnson, Inc. after training is completed and the properties restored as green spaces.

Captain Kevin Bush appeared before the Committee and requested approval to use 1420 & 1422 Racine Street for purposes of fire training. He noted one would be used for a live burn, by permit from the DNR. He noted these two properties were acquired by S.C. Johnson and they will be razed after the training. In response to a question by Sollman, Captain Bush indicated any type of remediation or abatement needed, would be done by S.C. Johnson.

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

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval

06-2508

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication Shurpac, Inc., 1700 Phillips Avenue, requesting permission to connect into the City owned storm sewer on Phillips Avenue.

Recommendation: Shurpac, Inc. be granted permission to connect to the City owned storm sewer system on Phillips Avenue, south of 17th Street, for the purpose of extending a storm sewer to a loading dock area in conjunction with improvements to their building.

Fiscal Note: In accordance with City policies, all costs associated with the extension of the storm sewer to serve private property will be paid for by the private property owner. There will be no cost to the City of Racine in granting this permission.

Chris Tippery from Earth Tech appeared before the Committee and requested sewer be extended from the proposed storm sewer in the Southside Industrial Park. He noted Earth Tech is doing some work commissioned by the RCEDC for Shurpac, Inc. to improve some loading bays and provide proper drainage. In order for that, the sewer would have to be extended to Phillips Avenue and then to the proposed sewer in the Southside Industrial Park r-o-w. He noted all costs of extending the sewer would be paid for by Shurpac.

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

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval

06-2509

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works requesting that a resolution be passed authorizing the submittal of grant applications to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as required for the recycling program.

Recommendation: The Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to submit the necessary grant applications for financial assistance under Wis. Stat. 287.23, chapters NR 542, 544 and 549, Wis. Admin. Code, for the purpose of planning, constructing or operating a recycling program with one or more components specified in Wis. Stat. 287.11(2(a) to (h).

Fiscal Note: These grant applications must be submitted on a yearly basis in order to continue to receive recycling funds from the State of Wisconsin.

Rick requested approval to apply for the grant for the recycling program from the Wisconsin DNR.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved applying for the grant.

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval

06-2490

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works requesting to submit grant applications for the purpose of constructing a solar photovoltaic electrical system to generate part of the electrical needs at the City Hall Annex.

Recommendation: The Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to submit the necessary grant applications to maximize the non-City dollars used for the implementation of a 37 KW solar energy electrical generating system to meet a portion of the needs of the City Hall Annex electrical demand.

Fiscal Note: The estimated total cost of the project is \$235,000.00, of which \$135,000.00 is expected to be received through the submittal of these grant applications. The remaining \$100,000.00 of funds will be provided in the City's Capital Improvement Program budget for the implementation of this project.

Rick distributed a report for a proposed solar electric site south of the City Hall Annex. Rick noted the report prepared through Focus on Energy to use renewable energy sources. He went through the rebates and fund matching and payback period to install such a device. He noted they would be proposing to amend the CIP to reflect moving funds from the re-paving of the parking lot. This facility would go in to using those funds for the match to do the solar electric site.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee authorized the Commissioner to submit the grant applications.

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval

06-2497

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 19-03 (K3-026), PS - Traffic Signal Conversion, Earth Tech, Inc.,

consultant.

Recommendation: The professional services provided by Earth Tech, Inc. under Contract 19-03 (K3-026), Professional Services - Traffic Signal Conversion, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$109,156.67, from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: This contract was approved by Resolution 5120, dated February 19, 2003.

John Rooney noted the consultant has satisfactorily completed the contract and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$109,156.67.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval

06-2498

Subject: Direct Referral. Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting a request for final payment on Contract 3-04 (K4-004), Street Light Conversion to GIS, Earth Tech, Inc., consultant.

Recommendation: The professional services provided by Earth Tech, Inc. under Contract 3-04 (K4-004), Street Light Conversion to GIS, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$102,421.79 from funds heretofore appropriated.

Fiscal Note: This contract was approved by Resolution 5745, dated January 20, 2004.

John Rooney noted the consultant has satisfactorily completed the work and is requesting final payment in the amount of \$102,421.79.

On a motion by Sollman, seconded by DeHahn, the Committee approved final payment.

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Approval

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