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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Natalia Taft
Vice Chair Marcus West
Alder Sam Peete
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder John Tate II

Monday, January 30, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Chair Taft, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair West

Approval of Minutes for the January 9, 2023 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, to Approve the minutes.

[0041-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Wastewater Commission, for Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Sewer Improvements Project.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-30-2023: That the Wastewater Commission be allowed Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Sewer Improvements Project.

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 01-17-2023: That the Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Sewer Improvements Project, be Approved & Referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Fiscal Note: The negotiated agreed cost with the property owner, KJJ Real Estate LLC, is \$103,700.00, based on independent appraisal

Wastewater Director Tillis, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0061-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Director, requesting permission to accept \$7,250 from

the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection for the Clean Sweep Unwanted Prescription Drug Grant Contract (Grant Control #00486).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-30-2023: That the Public Health Director be authorized to enter into an agreement and accept funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection for the Clean Sweep Unwanted Prescription Drug Grant Contract. Grant amount is \$7,250.

Fiscal Note: \$1,812.50 Soft Match required.

Community Health Director/Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0062-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Director, requesting permission to accept \$391,880 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Local Public Health Departments Consolidated Contract Programs (Grant Control #00473 BIOT Focus A Planning, #00474 BIOT Preparedness Cities Readiness Initiative, #00472 Infant Mortality).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-30-2023: That the Public Health Director be authorized to enter into an agreement and accept funding from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Local Public Health Departments Consolidated Contract Programs. (**#00473**-BIOT Focus A Planning - \$63,580) (**#00474**-BIOT Preparedness Cities Readiness Initiative - \$32,283) (**#00472**-Infant Mortality - \$296,017).

Fiscal Note: There is no match required. (**#00473**-BIOT Focus A Planning - \$63,580) (**#00474**-BIOT Preparedness Cities Readiness Initiative - \$32,283) (**#00472**-Infant Mortality - \$296,017).

Community Health Director/Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, and Alder Mollie Jones, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0063-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Director, requesting permission to accept \$117,350 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Local Public Health Departments Consolidated Contract Programs (Grant #00497-Immunization, #00495-Maternal Child Health (MCH), #00496-Childhood Lead, #N/A-Radon).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

01-30-2023: That the Public Health Director be authorized to enter into an agreement and accept funding from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Local Public Health Departments Consolidated Contract Programs.

Fiscal Note: MCH grant requires a \$42,723 soft match. Grant amounts are: Immunization - \$34,930, Maternal Child Health (MCH) - \$56,964, Childhood Lead - \$25,456, Radon - N/A.

Community Health Director/Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0064-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Director, requesting permission to accept \$ 102,713 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Local Public Health Departments Consolidated Contract Programs (Grant Control #00476-Wisconsin Well Woman Program (GPR EDU & MJA), #00477-Wisconsin Well Woman Program (NBCCEDP).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-30-2023: That the Public Health Director be authorized to enter into an agreement and accept funding from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Local Public Health Departments Consolidated Contract Programs. (Wisconsin Well Woman Program (GPR EDU & MJA) - \$97,175, Wisconsin Well Woman Program (NBCCEDP) - \$5,538).

Fiscal Note: There is no match required. (Wisconsin Well Woman Program (GPR EDU & MJA) - \$97,175, Wisconsin Well Woman Program (NBCCEDP) - \$5,538).

Community Health Director/Deputy Public Health Administrator Fergus, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0077-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Equity Officer, requesting approval of the Equity Workforce Plan for 2023.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-30-2023: That the Equity Workforce Plan for 2023 be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further review.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Equity Officer Evans, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Referral to Committee of the Whole for further review.

[0075-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Interim Assistant Director of City Development, requesting permission to change the position title of Neighborhood Investment Manager to Economic Development Project Manager and change the title of the Real Estate Manager to Manager of Economic Development and Housing. The compensation grade of each position will not change.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-30-2023: That the Interim Assistant Director of City Development be granted approval to change the position titles as requested.

Fiscal Note: There is no budgetary impact associated with this change because the pay grades are not changing.

Finance Director Fischer, and City Administrator Vornholt, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(e), to address matters that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, require a closed session, specifically regarding the redevelopment site at and near 233 Lake Avenue and to formulate collective bargaining strategy, and pursuant to Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(g), to discuss strategy for litigation in which the City of Racine is currently involved.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, to go into Closed Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chair Taft, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair West

[0078-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason seeking approval to enter into a Second Amendment to the development agreement with HOVDE Properties, LLC, regarding the Redevelopment Site at and near 233 Lake Avenue.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-30-2023: That the Mayor and City Clerk be granted permission to enter into the Second Amendment with HOVDE Properties, LLC, and

execute all necessary documents therein.

Fiscal Note: Additional \$3.5M will be paid from resources available in TID #14. These funds can only be used for development purposes and only for project costs included in the respective TID Project Plans. No funds will be dispensed until occupancy.

HOVDE Properties, LLC Representative Randy Gunther, Finance Director Fischer, City Administrator Vornholt, and Mayor Mason, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0072-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney present a proposed settlement to the litigation in the matter of *James Craft et al. vs. City of Racine et al.*, Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 2022CV001365.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-30-2023: That the City Attorney be granted authority to accept and approve the settlement agreement as presented and it shall not exceed the approved amount.

Fiscal Note: If the settlement agreement were accepted, the settlement amount of \$140,000.00 shall be paid from Account 11202-53500, Misc - Judgment & Claims and it shall not exceed the approved amount.

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, and Alder Mollie Jones, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0079-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting that the City Administrator provide an update regarding collective bargaining issues in which the City of Racine is involved.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 01-30-2023: That the Committee recommend the matter be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

City Administrator Vornholt, Finance Director Fischer, Mayor Mason, Alder Mollie Jones, Police Chief Robinson, Fire Chief Hansen, and Assistant Fire Chief Wolf, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this communication be Received and Filed.

Open Session

The Finance and Personnel Committee will return to open session and may take action on any item discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, to go into Open Session.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chair Taft, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

EXCUSED: 1 - Vice Chair West

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder Taft, Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee