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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Marcus West
Vice Chair Maurice Horton
Alder Mary Land
Alder Amanda Paffrath
Alder Terry McCarthy

Monday, May 8, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chair West, Vice Chair Horton, Alder Land, Alder Paffrath and Alder McCarthy

Approval of Minutes for the April 24, 2023 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Paffrath, to Approve the minutes.

[0463-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a sole source agreement, Contract #2023152, with Concord Consulting Group of IL, Inc. for Owner's Representation, Estimating, Commission Services and Pre-Development Construction Services for the Lincoln King Clinic and Community Center project.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and sign the sole source services agreement, Contract #2023152, with Concord Consulting Group of IL, Inc. for Owner's Representation, Estimating, Commission Services and Pre-Development Construction Services for the Lincoln King Clinic and Community Center project.

Fiscal Note: The cost of \$494,753 is available in account 20314 52100 22912 ARPA Infrastructure Grant Professional Services.

City Administrator Vornholt, Concord Group Senior Project Manager Fred Lebed, Pepper Construction Executive VP Jake Pepper, Mayor Mason, and Alder Perez, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0329-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to accept \$5,000,000 from the Federal Transit Administration through Congressionally Directed

Spending for a Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee Regional Passenger Rail - Corridor Study Update, Preliminary Engineering, and Environmental Review (Grant #00509).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: That the Mayor and City Clerk be granted permission to accept \$5,000,000 from the Federal Transit Administration through Congressionally Directed Spending for a Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee Regional Passenger Rail - Corridor Study Update, Preliminary Engineering, and Environmental Review (Grant #00509).

Fiscal Note: Award of \$5,000,000 in Federal Congressionally Directed Spending with no local match required.

Transit & Mobility Director Jung, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0330-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) for project management of the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Passenger Rail - Corridor Study Update, Preliminary Engineering, and Environmental Review.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: That the Mayor and City Clerk be granted permission to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) for project management of the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee Regional Passenger Rail - Corridor Study Update, Preliminary Engineering, and Environmental Review.

Fiscal Note: Cost not to exceed \$830,000. Funding available in \$5,000,000 in Federal Congressionally Directed Spending with no local match required.

Transit & Mobility Director Jung, and Chief Tech Engineer for Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder West, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0466-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy, on behalf of the Finance Director, requesting authorization to carry forward various budget items from 2022 to 2023.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: That the resolution authorizing 2022 to 2023 budget carryovers be approved.

Fiscal Note: These are budget carryovers for commitments that were existing, encumbered and funded in prior years as well as projects that have spending periods over one year in length. There is existing funding in place for this action.

Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0461-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy, requesting that the next Finance and Personnel Committee meeting be on Tuesday, May 30th due to the Memorial Day Holiday falling on the regularly scheduled Monday.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: That the next Finance and Personnel Committee meeting be on Tuesday, May 30th due to the Memorial Day Holiday falling on the regularly scheduled Monday.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Paffrath, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0450-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Eileen Warren for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0457-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Tangler Malone for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0454-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Lisa Kielbasa for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Horton, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0460-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the City Administrator, submitting the Police Staff Officers' Association (SOA), 2021 - 2024 collective bargaining agreement for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: That the negotiated collective bargaining agreement with the Police Staff Officers' Association for 2021-2024 be approved.

Fiscal Note: Each year, Association wages shall be adjusted to continue to maintain a 10.15% base pay differential for RPD SOA sergeant positions all above the Racine Police Association highest paid investigator base pay PH-4 at six months, and to continue to maintain a 10.15% base pay differential for RPD SOA lieutenant positions all above the Racine Police Association highest paid sergeant base pay PH-4.5 at six months. The settlement also includes a \$2,000 retention bonus for active members and a sick leave buyout plan. The settlement further makes lieutenants' overtime procedures consistent with sergeants' overtime procedures. The cumulative costs of the contractual increases over the four-year period amount to approximately \$1,700,000 in wages and benefits over the life of the contract.

City Attorney Letteney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, 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)(g) to discuss strategy for litigation in which the City of Racine is currently involved.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, to go into Closed Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Chair West, Vice Chair Horton, Alder Land, Alder Paffrath and Alder McCarthy

[0468-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney present a proposed settlement for the workers compensation and duty disability claims of Andrew Stein.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: To accept and approve the settlement agreement as recommended.

Fiscal Note: If the settlement agreement were accepted, the settlement amount of \$10,000.00 shall be paid from Account 11202-53500, Misc - Judgment & Claims.

City Attorney Letteney, Workers Compensation Legal Representative Chris Behrens, and Alder Perez, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Land, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0444-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney present the proposed settlement in litigation in *Alexis Maldonado et al. vs. Artisan and Truckers Insurance Company et al.*, Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 2022CV00574.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: To accept and approve the settlement agreement as presented.

Fiscal Note: If the settlement agreement were accepted, the settlement amount of \$30,000.00 shall be paid from Account 11202-53500, Misc - Judgment & Claims.

City Attorney Letteney, and Assistant City Attorney Pomplin, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Paffrath,, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

[0469-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney discuss strategy and present a proposed settlement for the litigation in the matter of Azarian Wrecking, LLC, et al., v. City of Racine, et al., Racine County Case Number 2019 CV 1542.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: To Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

City Attorney Letteney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder McCarthy, seconded by Alder Horton, that this communication be Received and Filed.

[0470-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting authorization for the City Attorney's Office to represent all City employees and officers in the following cases.

Brown v. McMEnamin, et al., Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 2022 CV 1324

Griffin v. DeBaker, et al., US. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. Case No. 2:22-CV-1558

House v. Klepel, et al., US. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. Case No. 2:22-CV-911

Jenra Group, LLC, v. City of Racine, et al., Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 2023 CV 459

Rise, Inc., et al., v. Wisconsin Elections Commission, et al., Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 2022 CV 2446

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 05-08-2023: To authorize the City Attorney's Office to represent all City employees and officers in these cases.

Fiscal Note: Employees and officers in some of these cases are being represented by the City Attorney's Office in-house with no budgetary effect and some by outside counsel. Outside counsel will be paid from Atty-Professional Services, Account 11004 52100. Total fees are to be determined.

City Attorney Letteney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder West, that this file be Recommended for Approval.

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 McCarthy, seconded by Alder Horton, to go into Open Session.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Chair West, Vice Chair Horton, Alder Land, Alder Paffrath and Alder McCarthy

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:24p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder West, Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee