



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee of the Whole

President Q.A. Shakoor II
Alderman Jeff Coe
Alderman Mollie Jones
Alderman John Tate II
Alderman Tracey Larrin
Alderman Steve Smetana
Alderman Sandy Weidner
Alderman Raymond DeHahn
Alderman Terry McCarthy
Alderman Mary Land
Alderman Henry Perez
Alderman James Morgenroth
Alderman Jason Meekma
Alderman Melissa Lemke

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

6:15 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 14 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Jeff Coe, Mollie Jones, John Tate II, Tracey Larrin, Steve Smetana, Sandy Weidner, Raymond DeHahn, Terry McCarthy, Mary Land, Henry Perez, James Morgenroth, Jason Meekma and Melissa Lemke

Approval of Minutes for the July 26, 2017 Meeting.

The minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting were amended to remove Dennis Wiser as a member and to indicate Ald. Shakoor was the Interim-President of the Council.

A motion was made to Approve the Minutes

[587-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works submitting revisions to the proposed bulky and yard waste handling systems.(Res. No. 0249-17)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 06-27-17: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 07-11-17: Recommend that the Department of Public Works establish a bulky waste handling system to provide Solid Waste System customers means of disposing of large items of non-regulated wastes, and excess volumes of household wastes that can't be fit into solid waste cart(s). This system shall provide pick-ups of bulky wastes to individual residential customers through a "call in" system requiring the property owner to call the DPW Field Office at (262) 636-9126 to schedule a pick-up. Each

residential unit, as determined by the City Assessor, will be allowed four “no charge” bulky waste collections annually. If a residential unit uses more than four bulky waste pickups, the property owner will be charged a \$50 fee per 5 Yard Truck collection. Residential customers shall also have the option of disposing of non-regulated household bulky wastes, at no charge, at three drop-off sites. Proof of residency shall be required when items are dropped off at these sites. The three drop-off sites shall be available as follows:

1. Pearl Street Facility (830 Racine Street) - Main Site - open Tuesday through Saturday, except holidays and Saturdays following a holiday, 52 weeks per year; from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
2. Yout Street and Edgewood Avenue (1936 Edgewood Avenue) - open Mondays and Wednesdays, except holidays, April through November, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
3. 19th Street and West Boulevard (1955 Grove Avenue) - open Tuesdays and Thursdays, except holidays, April through November, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 08-16-2017:

that the revisions to the bulky and yard waste handling systems be approved, with the addition of 2 additional pickup dates to the 4 pickup dates, with the 2 additional pickup dates to be after the Christmas and Independence Day holidays, and that the program be reviewed on or around June 30, 2018.

Fiscal Note: Implementing these changes will reduce the City’s Workers Compensation (Org 11201 Object 51500) expenditures by an estimated average of \$100,000 per year.

These changes will allow four workers to be reassigned from the Solid Waste Division (Org 14006) to the Street Maintenance Division (Org 14010). This reassignment will be budget neutral but will result in more street maintenance being accomplished annually.

Ald. McCarthy moved to approve as presented, with a review of the program by June 30, 2018, seconded by Ald. Coe.

Ald. Meekma moved to add 2 additional pickup dates, being pickups after Christmas and Independence Day holidays, seconded by Ald. Lemke. The amendment was passed 12-1, with Ald. Smetana voting against.

The main motion passed 10-2, with Ald. Smetana and Weidner voting against, and Ald. Meekma not present for the vote.

A motion was made by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Coe, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[660-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District proposing that the City of Racine consider programs for collecting and disposing yard debris and green or brown waste.

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 08-16-2017:

That the Item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ald. Lemke made a motion, seconded by Ald. Weidner, to continue services as they are.

Ald. Weidner made a motion to amend (#1) the motion, seconded by Ald. Smetana, that the program go forward as-is, with yard waste going to the compost site. The amendment passed 11-2, with Ald. Morgenroth and Coe voting against.

Ald. McCarthy made a motion to amend (#2) the motion, seconded by Ald. DeHahn, that these pickups be mechanical. The amendment passed 7-6, with Ald. Meekma, Lemke, Jones, Larrin, Smetana and Weidner voting against.

Vote on the main motion failed 4-8, with Ald. McCarthy, Perez, Morgenroth, and DeHahn voting in favor, and Ald. Land abstaining.

Ald. Meekma made a motion, seconded by Ald. Lemke, to defer the Item with direction to staff to draft a new proposal. Vote on the motion failed 6-7, with Ald. Meekma, Lemke, Jones, Larrin, Smetana and Weidner voting in favor.

Ald. McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Ald. Coe, to bring the Item back to the Committee of the Whole in 30 days. Vote on the motion passed 10-3, with Ald. Meekma, Lemke and Tate voting against.

A motion was made by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Coe, that this file be Deferred

Adjournment