



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

*Alder Jeff Coe
Alder Mollie Jones
Alder John Tate II
Alder Tracey Larrin
Alder Jennifer Levie
Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Q.A. Shakoor II
Alder Trevor Jung
Alder Carrie Glenn
Alder Mary Land
Alder Henry Perez
Alder Natalia Taft
Alder Jason Meekma
Alder Melissa Lemke*

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

A. Call To Order

PRESENT: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

B. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag

Mayor Mason led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Proclamation

[1075-19](#)

Subject: Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month

D. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes)

September 03,2019

Alder Meekma made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alder Shakoor II.

E. Bonds

[1052-19](#)

Subject: Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$14,330,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and the issuance and sale of \$14,330,000 Note Anticipation Notes in anticipation thereof.

A motion was made by Alder Shakoor II, seconded by Alder Jung, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

[1053-19](#)

Subject: Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$3,645,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

A motion was made by Alder Shakoor II, seconded by Alder Coe, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

F. Public Comments

The following people appeared to speak before the Common Council:

*Tom Gavahan
Rick Bastian
Justin Koepnick
Judy Spiegelhoff
Lindsey Edwards
Sue Uebe
Morris Reece
Diane Aiello
Scott Sharp
Jose Carbajal
Mercedes Dzindzeleta
Brendan Saunders
Terry McCarthy*

G. Committee Reports

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Shakoor II

[1024-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason proposing modifications to the employee health insurance plan design.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-09-2019: Approve the proposed modifications to the employee health insurance plan design as presented.

Fiscal Note: The plan design changes as presented would result in a potential savings for 2020 of approximately \$3,200,000.

Alder Shakoor II requested 1024-19 be considered separately.

Alder Perez made a motion to Amend the Deferral to allow staff time to present to different employee groups, seconded by Alder Larrin. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft and Lemke

NOES: 1 - Meekma

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Weidner, that this Communication be Deferred as Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Tate II, Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 3 - Coe, Jones and Glenn

[1025-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason proposing modifications to the retired employee health insurance program, including retired employee premium share and Medicare Part B reimbursement.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-09-2019: Approve the proposed modifications to the retired employee health insurance program as presented.

Fiscal Note: To be discussed.

Alder Shakoor II requested 1025-19 be considered separately.

A motion was made by Alder Shakoor II, seconded by Alder Jung, that this Communication be Deferred. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Tate II, Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 3 - Coe, Jones and Glenn

[1026-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason proposing modifications to the active employee health insurance program, including active employee premium share and the establishment and funding of Health Savings Accounts for active employees.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-09-2019: Approve the proposed modifications to the employee health insurance plan design as presented.

Fiscal Note: To be discussed.

Alder Shakoor II requested 1026-19 be considered separately.

A motion was made by Alder Land, seconded by Alder Weidner, that this Communication be Deferred. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Tate II, Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 3 - Coe, Jones and Glenn

[1027-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the

Human Resources Benefit Coordinator presenting the UHC Medicare Advantage plan agreement for renewal.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

09-09-2019: Approve the UHC Medicare Advantage plan agreement renewal as presented.

Fiscal Note: If approved, the UHC Medicare Advantage plan agreement renewal would result in a savings in 2020 over 2019 of approximately 12%, which savings will be incorporated in the 2020 budget.

Alder Shakoor II requested 1027-19 be considered separately.

A motion was made by Alder Shakoor II, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 1 - Larrin

ABSENT: 1 - Glenn

[0899-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Meekma for consideration of increasing the City Administrators base pay for the time he has and will be officially tasked with and designated as “interim” or “acting” Director of any vacant Administrative Manager position. The employee shall receive additional compensation equal to five-percent (5%) of his then-effective annual rate of compensation applied to the complete duration of the time served in said “interim” or “acting” capacity. This would include back pay for the time served to the date of implementation of this wage increase and all time served in this capacity moving forward.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

09-09-2019: To approve increasing the City Administrators base pay for the period of April 2019 through the end of 2019 in the amount of \$5,250; this would include back pay for the time served to the date of implementation of this wage increase and all time served in this capacity moving forward.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 11002-50100 Mayors Office: Administrative Salaries in the amount of \$5,250 for the period of April 2019 through the end of 2019 or until a new Commissioner of Public Works is appointed.

Alder Shakoor II requested 0899-19 be considered separately.

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Coe, that this Communication be Amended to a 10% wage increase, and the funds allocated in Public Works salaries. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Coe, Jones, Weidner, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft and Meekma

NOES: 5 - Tate II, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung and Lemke

EXCUSED: 2 - Larrin and Levie

A motion was made by Alder Shakoor II, seconded by Alder Meekma, that this Communication be Adopted As Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Levie, Weidner, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 2 - Horton and Shakoor II

EXCUSED: 1 - Larrin

[1023-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor requesting that the City accept ownership of 1109 Twelfth Street and transfer the property to Racine Revitalization Partnership.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-09-2019: Permission be granted to accept ownership of 1109 Twelfth Street on behalf of the City of Racine, and that permission be granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to transfer 1109 Twelfth Street to Racine Revitalization Partnership.

Fiscal Note: The City will pay about \$30 in recording fees to receive the property from Racine County. Racine Revitalization Partnership will reimburse the City for the title transfer and recording fees for transfer of the property to Racine Revitalization Partnership.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent

Public Works and Services Committee Report, by Ald. Tate II

[0937-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of the Downtown Racine Corporation, requesting permission to close Main Street from State Street to 7th Street, 6th Street from Lake Avenue to Grand Avenue, and Wisconsin Avenue from 4th Street to 7th Street, for Party on the Pavement on September 21, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and a "Free Parking Day" in Downtown for this event.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-10-19: That permission be granted to the Downtown Racine Corporation to close Main Street from State Street to 7th Street, 6th Street from Lake Avenue to Grand Avenue, and Wisconsin Avenue from 4th Street to 7th Street, on September 21, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for Party on the Pavement, per the attached stipulations.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs to the various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent

[1001-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, requesting permission to extend the agreement with ReCollect for the Platform Service Waste Wizard Calendar.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-10-19: Approve the extension to the agreement with ReCollect for the Platform Service Waste Wizard Calendar.

Fiscal Note: Cost of the extension is \$10,648.00. Funding is available in Org-Object 14006-52315, SW-Advertising.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent

[1006-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of Public Works, to submit final payments.

Contract 20190029, Uptown Pass-Through Park, A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-10-19: That the work done by A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc., under Contract 20190029, Uptown Pass-Through Park, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$212,460.00. Final Payment to include retainage.

Fiscal Note: Contract was authorized under Resolution 0365-19, dated April 15, 2019.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent

[1007-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of Public Works, submitting Change Order No. 1 on Contract 20190029, Uptown Pass-Through Park, A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc., contractor.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-10-19: That Change Order No. 1 on Contract 20190029, Uptown Pass-Through Park, A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc., contractor, be approved in the amount of \$2,960.00.

Further recommends that funding to defray the cost of the change order be appropriated from Org-Object 40019-57110-60023, Uptown Pass-Through Park.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent

Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. Coe

0986-19

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe, on behalf of Judge Weber the Municipal Court's recommendations as to the deposit schedule for citations written for violations of sections 66-1002 (chronic nuisance properties) and 66-677(1) - (3) (vapor products) of the Code of Ordinances.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-10-19: That the Municipal Court's recommendations as to the deposit schedule for citations written for violations of sections 66-1002 (chronic nuisance properties) and 66-677(1) - (3) (vapor products) of the Code of Ordinances, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alder Taft requested 0986-19 be considered separately.

A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Jones, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 1 - Larrin

Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Report, by Alder Land

0996-19

Subject: Communication from Alder Larrin on behalf of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting approval of the North Beach Master Plan and placement of the plan within the City of Racine Comprehensive Plan: 2035. Also to be referred to the Plan Commission.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 9-11-19: That the North Beach Master Plan concepts be approved. Placement of the plan within the City of Racine Plan: 2035 was not considered. Referral to the Plan Commission was declined.

Fiscal Note: None

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent

Office of the Mayor Report, by Alder Meekma

[1076-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing the following:

William Martin to the Transit Commission for a term ending on May 31, 2021

Alder Jung to the Transit Commission for a term ending on on May 31, 2020

Stacy Sheppard to the Board of Park, Recreation, and Cultural Services for a term ending on April 01, 2020.

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent

H. Council Vote on Consent Agenda Items (Communications, Committee Reports, Resolutions)

A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this be Considered as Reported Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

EXCUSED: 1 - Larrin

I. Common Council Announcements

J. Adjourn

Alder Shakoor II made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday, September 30, 2019.

ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE
CITY CLERK