



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*

Monday, September 30, 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. Approval of Journal of Council Proceedings (Minutes) September 17th, 2019

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

D. Public Comments

The following people appeared to speak before the Common Council:

*John Berge
Jon Brennan
Rosa Salinas-Hultman
James O'Hagen
Jessica MacPhail
Claire Weslaski
Ruth Healy
Charles Christofferson
Scott Sharp*

E. 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.

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

AYES: 8 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Shakoor II, Jung, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 7 - Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Glenn, Land and Perez

[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 Jung to propose the amended as follows: 1. Continue to pay Medicare Part B Reimbursement for retirees and retirees' spouses, and cap the Medicare Part B Reimbursement for retirees and retirees' spouses at \$135.50/month. 2. All retirees be required to pay a 7.5% premium share regardless of their previous group classification. 3. Retirees on Medicare Advantage Plan may continue to use the City Wellness Clinic, but the Clinic be required to prioritize appointment slots for active employees and dependents, seconded by Alder Shakoor II, that this Communication be Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

NOES: 2 - Levie and Weidner

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: 9 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 6 - Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Glenn, Land and Perez

[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 Jones to amend the total City contribution to employee Health Savings Accounts be increased from \$750,000 to \$915,000, with the additional \$165,000 being allocated from health care fund reserves, seconded by Alder Coe, that this Communication be Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

NOES: 1 - Glenn

A motion was made by Alder Taft to amend as follows: 1. Change active employee premium share to 7.5% for 2020, 2. Institute City contributions to active employee Health Savings Account (HSA), with the amount of specific contribution per employee for 2020 to be determined before the end of 2019, 3. Premium share percentage and HSA contribution amounts should be evaluated and revisited as part of the budget process annually, seconded by Alder Meekma, that this Communication be Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

NOES: 2 - Weidner and Glenn

A motion was made by Alder Weidner to amend by striking the verbiage in line two to state: Institute City contributions to active employee Health Savings Account (HSA), with the amount of specific contribution per employee for 2020 to be determined by November 01, 2019, seconded by Alder Jung, that this Communication be Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 11 - Coe, Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Horton, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 4 - Jones, Tate II, Shakoor II and Taft

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

[1079-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor, II, requesting to approve the Public Fire Protection Resolution for Cost Recovery Charge Revised

Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on 09-23-19: To Approve

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-23-2019: To approve; passage of this resolution is necessary for the Public Service Commission to advance Racine's application for Public Fire Protection to be placed as a direct charge on the water bill.

Fiscal Note: In 2020, the revenue requirement for the Racine Water Utility is \$3.2 million for the Public Fire Protection with \$1.8 million coming from City of Racine Water Utility rate payers and \$1.4 million coming from non-city rate payers

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

[0972-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor, II, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office submitting the claim of Fred and Dana Bell for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-23-2019: That the claim of Fred and Dana Bell be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0973-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor, II, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office submitting the claim of Quentin and Shenicka Bolton on behalf of their minor child for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-23-2019: That the claim of Quentin and Shenicka Bolton on behalf of their minor child be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0980-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor, II, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office submitting the claim of Kevin Simanek and Robbye Lucero for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-23-2019: That the claim of Kevin Simanek and Robbye Lucero be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[1041-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations, requesting that formal bidding procedures be waived for the upgrade to the Johnson Controls Incorporated (JCI) Metasys Facilities Management System.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-24-19: The request of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations to waive formal bidding procedures be approved in accordance with Racine Municipal Code Section 46-28 that allows for the waiving of formal public bids for purchases over \$25,000 for the purpose of maintaining uniformity of equipment and services.

Further recommends that the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to purchase the necessary materials from Johnson Controls, Incorporated (JCI), for \$26,040.00, they being the sole source provider of this equipment.

Fiscal Note: Funding to defray the cost of these services is available in Org-Object 45040-57200, Metasys System Update.

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

[1042-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of the Downtown Racine Corporation, requesting to use City right-of-way for the annual Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-24-19: That permission be granted to the Downtown Racine

Corporation to close Ontario Street, State Street between Ontario Street and Main Street, Main Street between State Street and Sixth Street, Sixth Street between Main Street and City Hall, on Saturday, November 9, 2019, for the Holiday Parade 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

[1043-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, requesting approval of the Encroachment Report for State Project ID: 2260-08-00/20, Durand Avenue (STH 11), Kearney Avenue to Sheridan Road (STH 32).

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-24-19: That the Encroachment Report for State Project ID: 2260-08-00/20, Durand Avenue (STH 11), Kearney Avenue to Sheridan Road (STH 32), be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[1045-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of the Transit and Parking System Manager, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract for RYDE to provide public transit service to the Racine Unified School District (RUSD) for the 2019-2020 school year after review by the City Attorney.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-24-19: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign a contract for RYDE to provide public transit service to the Racine Unified School District (RUSD) for the 2019-2020 school year after review by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Note: There will be \$312,588.00 in revenue.

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

[1048-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alders Tate II & Horton, on behalf of the Racine Public Library, requesting the ability to provide free parking, during the library's normal operating hours, in the library parking lot on Thursdays and Fridays from mid-December 2019 through April 10,

2020 to bring the United Way of Racine County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to the library and to gather data about the effect of free parking on library visits.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-24-19: Approve free parking, during the library's normal operating hours, in the library parking lot on Thursdays and Fridays from mid-December 2019 through April 10, 2020 to bring the United Way of Racine County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to the library and to gather data about the effect of free parking on library visits.

Fiscal Note: There will be a loss of revenue of \$240.

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

[1054-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate, II and Alder Perez on behalf of Coming Together Racine to rename Christopher Columbus Causeway to Root River Causeway.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-24-19: Recommend that Fourth Street from Lake Avenue to Lookout Point, including the Christopher Columbus Causeway, as adopted by Resolution No. 4999, dated June 4, 1991, be renamed to reference the Root River Causeway.

Further recommends that a Resolution be prepared that would notify Racine County of the City modifying their reference from the Christopher Columbus Causeway to the Root River Causeway.

Fiscal Note: The cost to the City is \$500.00.

A motion was made by Alder Jung to name the City Road as KipiKawa Causeway, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Amended. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 10 - Tate II, Larrin, Levie, Horton, Shakoor II, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 4 - Coe, Jones, Glenn and Perez

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Weidner

Alder Meekma requested 1054-19 be considered separately.

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

AYES: 11 - Jones, Tate II, Larrin, Levie, Weidner, Shakoor II, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 4 - Coe, Horton, Glenn and Perez

Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. Coe

[0985-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of William Vaughn, Agent for Culture Bar & Grill at 433 Main Street, for concerns regarding regular operating hours, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-10-19: That the appearance of William Vaughn, Agent for Culture Bar & Grill at 433 Main Street, for concerns regarding regular operating hours, be Deferred, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-24-19: That the appearance of William Vaughn, Agent for Culture Bar & Grill at 433 Main Street, for concerns regarding regular operating hours, be referred to the City Attorney's Office.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

City Plan Commission Report, by Ald. Meekma

[1108-19](#)

Subject: Request from Veterans of America Motorcycle Club Charities, seeking a conditional use permit to operate a meeting hall and office, classified as a class 1 non-commercial type use on the first floor of an existing building at 1600 Douglas Avenue. (PC-19).

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 09-25-19: That the request from the Veterans of America Motorcycle Club Charities seeking a conditional use permit to operate a meeting hall and office, classified as a class 1 non-commercial type use on the first floor of an existing building at 1600 Douglas Avenue be approved subject to conditions a.- g.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[1109-19](#)

Subject: Request from Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin (VOW) seeking

a major amendment to an existing conditional use permit to a transitional living facility, as authorized by Common Council Resolution No. Res. 0386-16 to allow for the relocation of a veterans food pantry, offices, and storage to an existing building at 1609 Yout Street. (PC-19)

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 09-25-19: That the request from Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin (VOW) seeking a major amendment to an existing conditional use permit to a transitional living facility, as authorized by Common Council Resolution No. 0386-19 to allow for the relocation of a veterans food pantry, offices, and storage to an existing building at 1609 Yout Street be approved, subject to conditions a. - h.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[1110-19](#)

Subject: Request from Marjorie Bruno of Bellissimo Tu Salon and Spa, seeking a conditional use permit to operate a salon and spa, classified as a Barbershop, as allowed by Sec. 114-328 of the Municipal Code, in an existing building at 3624 Washington Avenue (PC-19).

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 09-25-19: That the request from Marjorie Bruno of Bellissimo Tu Salon and Spa seeking a conditional use permit to operate a salon and spa, classified as a barbershop, as allowed by Sec. 114-328 of Municipal code, in an existing building at 3624 Washington Avenue be approved, subject to conditions a.-g.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[1082-19](#)

Subject: Consideration of a resolution designating the proposed boundaries and approving a project plan for the creation of Tax Incremental District No. 22, City of Racine, Wisconsin.

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 09-16-19: That the resolution designating the proposed boundaries and approving a project plan for the creation Tax Incremental District No. 22., City of Racine, Wisconsin, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: TID No. 22 is expected to generate \$20,656,360 of incremental revenue to fund 75 percent (\$14,742,270) housing rehab projects and 25 percent (\$4,914,090) of public infrastructure projects as well as administrative costs of \$1,000,000.

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

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

NOES: 3 - Weidner, Glenn and Perez

[1083-19](#)

Subject: Consideration of a resolution designating the proposed boundaries and approving a project plan for the creation of Tax Incremental District No. 23, City of Racine, Wisconsin.

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 09-16-19: That the resolution designating the proposed boundaries and approving a project plan for the creation of Tax Incremental District No. 23., City of Racine, Wisconsin, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: Tax Incremental District No. 23 is expected to generate \$6,618,101 of incremental revenue which would fund 75 percent (\$4,476,783) residential homeowner rehab projects, 25 percent (\$1,492,261) public infrastructure projects, and administrative costs of \$649,058.

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

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

NOES: 3 - Weidner, Glenn and Perez

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Meekma

[1099-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of the Transit and Parking System Manager, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Grant agreement between the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Division of Enterprise Operations Volkswagen Mitigation Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program and City of Racine for the purchase of six battery electric buses and associated charging equipment (Grant Control 00261).

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

[1125-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing the following:

Dasheika Kidd to the Affirmative Action and Human Rights Commission for a term expiring on April 30th, 2021

Mario Martinez to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring on April 30th, 2022
 Alder Jung to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring on April 30th, 2020
 Alder Meekma to the Board of Zoning appeals as an Alternate for a term expiring on April 30th, 2021
 Marvin Austin to the Board of Zoning appeals for a term expiring on April 30th, 2020
 Mayor Mason to the Board of Zoning appeals as an Alternate for a term expiring on April 30th, 2020
 Chelsea Powell to the Transit Commission for a term expiring on April 30th, 2022

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

[1126-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing John Rooney as the Commissioner of Public Works.

Alder Weidner requested 1126-19 be considered separately.

A motion was made by Alder Shakoor II, seconded by Alder Weidner, 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

[1127-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing Jerry Franke as Interim City Development Director.

Alder Meekma requested 1127-19 be considered separately.

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

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

NOES: 2 - Coe and Glenn

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

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

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

G. Common Council Announcements

Announcements are limited to recognition of City residents and employees, memorials, and non-political community events. Discussion of matters related to governmental business is prohibited.

H. Adjourn

Alder Shakoor II made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 PM. The next scheduled meetin of the Council is Tuesday October 01, 2019.

*ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE
CITY CLERK*