



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Common Council

Alder Jeff Coe
Alder Mollie Jones
Alder John Tate II
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, March 3, 2020

7:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

A. Call To Order

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Jung

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) February 4th, 2020

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

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Jung

D. Public Comments

The following people appeared to speak before the Common Council:
Pat Badger
Mercedes Dzindzeleta
Scott Terry

E. Committee Reports

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Shakoor II[0076-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor II on behalf of the Purchasing Agent submitting Bid Results of Official Notice #1-2020 Tree Purchase.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02-24-2020: That the contract for Official Notice #1-2020 Tree Purchase be awarded to the three lowest, responsive, responsible bidders: Chestnut Ridge Nursery Inc., for \$44,412.00, McKay for \$3,320.00 and Schitchel's Nursery Inc. for \$45,046.00.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this total project of \$92,778.00 is available in account 20049 57110 for \$53,000 and account 45050 57110 for \$39,778.00.

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

[0077-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor II on behalf of the Purchasing Agent requesting permission to purchase a wheel lift for the Belle Urban System.

Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02-24-2020: To approve the purchase of the wheel lift for the Belle Urban System from SEFAC USA Inc. at their price of \$32,421.00.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this project is available in account 60282011 57300 Equipment for the amount of \$32,421.00.

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

[0078-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor II on behalf of the Purchasing Agent requesting permission to waive formal bidding and negotiate a new one year contract with Melrose Pyrotechnics for the year 2020.

Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on

02-24-2020: That the Purchasing Agent be instructed to negotiate a new one year contract with Melrose Pyrotechnics for the year 2020.

Fiscal Note: The Fireworks show costs \$40,000.00 per year. The City pays \$40,000.00 with donations in the amount of \$22,500.00 offsetting those funds coming from sponsorship and private donations. Funds for this expense area available in account 22860 52200 Contracted

Services.

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

[0084-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor II, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of David K. Popoff for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 02-24-2020: That the claim of David K. Popoff 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

[0085-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of Chief Howell requesting to accept the remaining funds for the 2019 Beat Patrol Grant for 2020 and 2021.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 02-24-2020: To accept the remaining funds for the 2019 Beat Patrol Grant for 2020 and 2021.

Fiscal Note: Based on the Wisconsin Department of Justice total approved annual budget of \$161,912.00, each year of the Beat Patrol Grant provides \$121,434.00 and requires a minimum of \$40,478.00 match (25%) on the part of the City. Match funds have been provided in the 2020 City of Racine Adopted Budget.

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

[1145-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Levie, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, submitting the revised Street Light Policy.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-08-19: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-25-20: Recommend that the revised Street Light Policy be adopted.

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

[1394-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of John Vassh of VTech Services, LLC requesting permission be granted to access City of Racine property located at 1327 South Main Street for the purpose of performing shoreline protection for six (6) private properties located at 1247 thru 1319 South Main Street.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-25-20: That permission be granted to VTech Services, LLC to access the City of Racine property located at 1327 S. Main Street. VTech Services must submit an engineering plan for access and restoration as well as execute a hold harmless agreement and liability insurance to perform the work.

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

[0063-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, requesting a preliminary resolution for paving the (NS) alley bounded by 13th Street to Wright Avenue; West Lawn Avenue to Cleveland Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-25-20: That a preliminary resolution be introduced for the paving of the (NS) alley bounded by 13th Street to Wright Avenue; West Lawn Avenue to Cleveland Avenue.

Fiscal Note: This is an assessable alley project and, therefore, all costs will be paid by the abutting property owners.

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

[0083-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of Rachel Fischer, Events and Marketing Manager Downtown Racine Corporation, requesting to use City right-of-way on Saturday, March 14, 2020, for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 2-25-20: That permission be granted to the Downtown Racine Corporation to close Ontario Street from the CNH parking lot to State Street, State Street from Erie Street to Main Street, Main Street from State Street to 6th Street, and 6th Street from Main Street to Center Street on Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M., for the St.

Patrick's Day Parade and 5K Run/Walk, with 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

[0115-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting bid results on contract 20200007 2020 Assessable Streets and Alleys.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services on 2-25-20:

That bids for the Contract 20200007, 2020 Assessable Streets and Alleys, be awarded to A.W. Oaks & Sons, at its bid price of \$924,045.20, it being the lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommends that funds to defray the cost of this Public Works Department Project be appropriated from the below Org-Objects:

\$ 619,234.00 - Org-Object - 40104-57500, Assessable Paving
\$ 105,198.30 - Org-Object - 45040-57510, Curb and Gutter Replacement
\$ 72,170.40 - Org-Object - 45040-57515, Sidewalks
\$ 50,772.50 - Org-Object - 60484-57570, Storm Sewer
\$ 76,670.00 - Org-Object - 22640-57560, Sanitary Sewer
\$ 924,045.20 - Total

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

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board Report, by Ald. Meekma

[0110-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) A communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor for an amendment to a 2017 HOME contract with Racine Revitalization Partnership (RRP) to extend the construction completion date.

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 2/20/20: That the amendment to the 2017 HOME contract with RRP to extend the construction completion date be approved.

Fiscal Note: The total FY 2017 HOME contract budget with RRP for 1418 Washington Avenue will remain \$235,957.00

A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The

motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent

[0111-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) A communication sponsored by Mayor Mason authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a written agreement with the Community Development Authority of the City of Racine consistent with federal regulation for \$100,000.00 of CDBG funds for the purpose of administering the CDBG Microenterprise Revolving Loan Fund.

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 2/20/20: That the authorization of the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a written agreement with the Community Development Authority of the City of Racine for \$100,000.00 of CDBG funds for the purpose of administering the CDBG Microenterprise Revolving Loan Fund be approved.

Fiscal Note: Sufficient CDBG resources are available to fund this agreement.

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

[0112-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) A communication sponsored by Mayor Mason for an amendment to a 2019 CDBG contract with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services - Forestry Division to amend the scope of work for the previously approved activity to permit the purchase of additional trees.

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 2/20/20: That the amendment to the 2019 CDBG contract with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services - Forestry Division be approved.

Fiscal Note: The total FY 2019 CDBG contract budget will remain \$53,000.00.

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

Planning, Heritage, and Design Report, by Ald. Meekma

[0079-20](#)

Subject: Request from Mikaela Ghani and Tanya Wooden of HTC Learning Center LLC, seeking a conditional use permit to operate a Group Daycare Center for children at 2911 Durand Avenue. (PHDC-20)

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design

Commission on 2-12-2020: That the request from Mikaela Ghani and Tanya Wooden of HTC Learning Center LLC for a conditional use permit

to operate a group daycare center for children at 2911 Durand Avenue be approved, subject to conditions a. - h.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0081-20](#)

Subject: Consideration of a Resolution adopting a document titled "Downtown Racine Pedestrians, Plaza, and Parking, City of Racine: Downtown Public Realm and Parking Plan, October 2019" as an amendment to the document titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035."

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design

Commission on 2-12-2020: That the resolution adopting a document titled "Downtown Racine Pedestrians, Plaza, and Parking, City of Racine: Downtown Public Realm and Parking Plan, October 2019" as an amendment to the document titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035 be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0082-20](#)

Subject: Consideration of Ordinance 0001-20 adopting a document titled "Downtown Racine Pedestrians, Plaza, and Parking, City of Racine: Downtown Public Realm and Parking Plan , October 2019" as an amendment to the document titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035".

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design

Commission on 2-12-2020: That the ordinance adopting a document titled "Downtown Racine Pedestrians, Plaza, and Parking, City of Racine: Downtown Public Realm and Parking Plan, October 2019" as an amendment to the document titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035 be adopted.

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

Executive Committee Report, by Ald. Meekma

[0062-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the proposed Neighborhood Stabilization and Enhancement District(s) as

set forth in the RENTS ordinance.

Recommendation of the Executive Committee on 2-19-2020:

Recommend approval of proposed Neighborhood Stabilization and Enhancement District(s) as set forth in the RENTS ordinance.

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

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Meekma

[0107-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing Thomas Binger to the Police and Fire Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2024.

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

[0120-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Jones requesting a preliminary resolution for paving bounded by 18th St on the North and DeKoven Ave on the South; Howe Street on the West and Franklin Street on the East.

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

[0121-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Jones requesting a preliminary resolution for paving the alley bounded by 17th Street on the North and 18th Street on the South; Park Avenue on the East and Villa Street on the West.

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

[0122-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Jones requesting a preliminary resolution for paving the alley bounded by 18th Street on the North and DeKoven Avenue of the South; Racine Street on the West and Mead Street on the East.

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

[0123-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Jones requesting a preliminary resolution for paving the alley bounded by 18th Street on the North and DeKoven Avenue on the South; Grand Avenue on the West and Villa Street on the East.

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

[0129-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Alder Shakoor, II requesting a preliminary resolution for paving the alley bounded by Winslow Street to Maple Street; N. Memorial Drive to Jones Street.

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

F. Council Action

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

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

ABSENT: 1 - Jung

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 7:47PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday, March 17th, 2020.

**ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE
CITY CLERK**