



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

Alder Jeff Coe
Alder Mollie Jones
Alder John Tate II
Alder Edwin Santiago Jr
Alder Jennifer Levie
Alder Jeffrey Peterson
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Marcus West
Alder Trevor Jung
Alder Carrie Glenn
Alder Mary Land
Alder Henry Perez
Alder Natalia Taft
Alder Jason Meekma
Alder Melissa Lemke

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtually

A. Call To Order

PRESENT: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, 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) April 20th, 2020 & April 21st, 2020

Alder Tate II made a motion to Approve the Minutes, seconded by Alder Santiago Jr.

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

D. Proclamations

[0257-20](#)

Subject: Proclamation Children's Mental Health Awareness

[0258-20](#)

Subject: Municipal Clerk Week

[0259-20](#)

Subject: Public Employee Recognition Week

- E. **Presentation from Public Health and Safety Leadership presenting a update on COVID-19 and how it relates to the City of Racine.**
- F. **Committee Reports**

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Tate II

[0254-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing Kate Croteau as Human Resources Director.

A motion was made by Alder Tate, II, seconded by Alder Santiago, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED a voice vote on consent agenda.

[0246-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an extension of the deadline for initial property registration as prescribed by the RENTS ordinances (Ord. 0022-19), from June 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To Approve an extension of the deadline for initial property registration as prescribed by the RENTS ordinances (Ord. 0022-19), from June 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Tate, II, seconded by Alder Santiago, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED a voice vote on consent agenda.

[0241-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting an Emergency Declaration for the City of Racine to participate in an amicus brief regarding the Safer at Home policy.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To approve the Emergency Declaration for the City of Racine to participate in an amicus brief regarding the Safer at Home policy.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

ABSTENTIONS: 2 - Glenn and Perez

[0238-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of Alder Taft, requesting a preliminary resolution for paving the

(NS) alley bounded by West Lawn Avenue to Monroe Avenue; 13th Street to Wright Avenue.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: That a preliminary resolution be introduced for the paving of the (NS) alley bounded by West Lawn Avenue to Monroe Avenue; 13th Street to Wright.

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

A motion was made by Alder Tate, II, seconded by Alder Santiago, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED a voice vote on consent agenda.

[0242-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Mayor Mason, President Tate II, Alder Coe, Alder Jones, Alder Santiago, Alder Levie, Alder Horton, Alder West, Alder Jung, Alder Land, Alder Perez, Alder Taft, Alder Meekma, and Alder Lemke proposing that the Common Council direct the City Clerk to mail an application for an absentee ballot, along with a postage-paid return envelope, to all City of Racine registered voters in time for them to participate in the August 11, 2020 Partisan Primary Election and the November 3, 2020 General and Presidential Election.

Recommendation from Mayor Mason: that the Common Council direct the City Clerk to mail an application for an absentee ballot, along with a postage-paid return envelope, to all City of Racine registered voters in time for them to participate in the August 11, 2020 Partisan Primary Election and the November 3, 2020 General and Presidential Election.

Fiscal Note: The City of Racine City Clerk is directed establish an estimated cost for project, explore funding sources both internal or external, including potential grants, and report to the Common Council funding options and ask the Common Council to approve funding the project.

A motion was made by Alder Perez, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this Communication be Amended to remove the words "if required" from the recommendation. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

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

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

NOES: 1 - Glenn

[0243-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Mayor Mason presenting a request on behalf of the City of Racine Sustainability and Conservation Coordinator to enter into a Solar Ground Lease Agreement and Electric Service Agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, doing business as We Energies. This would result in the City of Racine's participation in We Energies' Solar Now program and result in a 600 kW (ac) solar system being installed on 2.64 acres at Olsen Prairie Park.

Recommendation from Mayor Mason: That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to enter into a solar ground lease agreement and Electric Service Agreement Solar Ground Lease Agreement and Electric Service Agreement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, doing business as We Energies.

Fiscal Note: This lease will generate a total revenue of approximately \$26,151 annually for 30 years, i.e., approximately \$784,530 over the period of the lease.

A motion was made by Alder Tate, II, seconded by Alder Santiago, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED a voice vote on consent agenda.

[0244-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason to enter into a Professional Services Contract with WRTP/BIG STEP of Milwaukee, for a total yearly cost of \$75,000, for the provision of residency verification, certification tracking, and project payroll review associated with the monitoring and enforcement of the resident employment provisions of the Racine Works Ordinance. Further, to waive formal bidding procedures requiring the advertisement and solicitation of bids for professional services exceeding \$25,000 for such consulting services and to declare such contract appropriately "sole-sourced".

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To Approve a Professional Services Contract with WRTP/BIG STEP of Milwaukee, for a total yearly cost of \$75,000, for the provision of residency verification, certification tracking, and project payroll review associated with the monitoring and enforcement of the resident employment provisions of the Racine Works Ordinance. Further, to waive formal bidding procedures requiring the advertisement and solicitation of bids for professional services exceeding \$25,000 for such consulting services and to declare such contract appropriately "sole-sourced".

Fiscal Note: Sufficient Funds have been allocated within the adopted 2020 budget, in account number 45260 52100, to cover the \$75,000 yearly cost of this contract for 2020.

A motion was made by Alder Tate, II, seconded by Alder Santiago, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED a voice vote on consent agenda.

[0245-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting a contract with Kane Communications Group for services related disseminating public information and conducting public outreach related to reducing the impact of COVID-19 in the City of Racine.

Recommendation from Mayor Mason: To Approve a contract with Kane Communications Group for services related disseminating public information and conducting public outreach related to reducing the impact of COVID-19 in the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: City share of cost after state and federal reimbursement \$19,467.50.

#11002 52100 10007-Mayor's Office Professional Services-COVID 19 FEMA \$130,282.50. (State and Federal Portion)

#11202 56400-Contingency \$19,467.50. (City Portion)

#11202 43250 10007-FEMA Recovery Revenue \$130,282.50

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

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft and Meekma

NOES: 1 - Glenn

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Lemke

[0247-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting approve a \$2,400,000 Loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public lands (BCPL), which shall represent a General Obligation (G.O.) Debt to the City of Racine, which proceeds shall, in turn, be lent to Cardinal Capital Management (Ajax Project), for a term of twenty-four (24) months; with Interest-only for the duration of the term; no pre-payment penalty; and, an interest rate to the City of 2.50% per annum. Cardinal will, in turn, be obligated to repay the City at an interest rate equal to 3.00% per annum with a second-position lien on the project subordinate only to the first mortgage, and a full corporate guarantee from Cardinal Capital.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To approve the request for a \$2,400,000 Loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public lands

(BCPL), which shall represent a General Obligation (G.O.) Debt to the City of Racine, which proceeds shall, in turn, be lent to Cardinal Capital Management (Ajax Project), for a term of twenty-four (24) months; with Interest-only for the duration of the term; no pre-payment penalty; and, an interest rate to the City of 2.50% per annum. Cardinal will, in turn, be obligated to repay the City at an interest rate equal to 3.00% per annum with a second-position lien on the project subordinate only to the first mortgage, and a full corporate guarantee from Cardinal Capital.

Fiscal Note: The City will incur a 24-month Debt obligation for \$2.4million, which Cardinal capital will agree to fully repay. The City will pay \$5,000 per-month in interest on this obligation, while, in turn, Cardinal will repay the City at \$6,000 per-month, resulting in the City achieving positive revenue of \$1,000 per-month. There are no fees involved in applying for and receiving the BCPL Loan.

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

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

[0228-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of Alder Jones requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Urban Mass Transit Assistance - Operating 2020 Program Grant Agreement per Wis. Stats. 85.20 between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control No. 00295).

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: That the Mayor and City Clerk sign the Urban Mass Transit Assistance - Operating 2020 Program Grant Agreement.

Fiscal Note: Revenue of \$4,713,419.00.

A motion was made by Alder Tate, II, seconded by Alder Santiago, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED a voice vote on consent agenda.

[0229-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of Alder Jones requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Urban Mass Transit Assistance - Operating 2020 Program Grant Agreement per Wis. Stats. 85.205 between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control No. 00287).

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Recommendation of Mayor Mason: That the Mayor and City Clerk sign the Urban Mass Transit Assistance - Operating 2020 Program Grant Agreement.

Fiscal Note: Revenue of \$94,000.

A motion was made by Alder Tate, II, seconded by Alder Santiago, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED a voice vote on consent agenda.

Planning, Heritage, and Design Committee, by Ald. Jung

[0217-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Mayor Mason submitting the request from Larry Erlich of LE IX LLC seeking a conditional use permit to operate a recycling drop-off site for metals and automobiles and a 15 sq. ft. electronic message sign on the southern 4.25 acre portion of the property at 1917 S. Memorial Drive.

Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design

Commission on 05-05-20: That the request from Larry Erlich of LE IX LLC seeking a conditional use permit to operate a recycling drop-off site for metals and automobiles and a 15 sq. ft. electronic message sign on the southern 4.25 acre portion of the property at 1917 S. Memorial Drive be approved subject to conditions a.-k.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Glenn, seconded by Alder Perez, that this Conditional Use Permit be Deferred for two weeks. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Coe, Jones, Peterson, Glenn and Perez

NOES: 10 - Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Horton, West, Jung, Land, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

A motion was made by Alder Jung, seconded by Alder Jones, that this Conditional Use Permit be Reconsidered. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Jones, Jung, Glenn, Perez and Meekma

NOES: 10 - Coe, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Land, Taft and Lemke

G. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Santiago Jr, that this be Considered as Reported. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Glenn, Land, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

H. 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.

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38PM by Alder West.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is May 19, 2020.

*ATTEST: Tara Coolidge
CITY CLERK*