



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wastewater Commission

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 227

Roll Call

PRESENT: 12 - Terry McCarthy, Natalia Taft, John Hewitt, Anthony Bunkelman, Robert Lui, Stacy Sheppard, Shannon Powell, Thomas Friedel, Claude Lois, John Tate II, Matthew Rejc and Cory Mason

ABSENT: 2 - Kathy DeMatthew and James Spangenberg

EXCUSED: 2 - Daryl Lynaugh and Jerrold Klinkosh

[0075-21](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the January 19, 2021 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Lois, seconded by Lui, that this file be Approved

[0101-21](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for December 2020 totaling \$3,114,643.50

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Secretary McCarthy, seconded by Tate II, that this file be Approved

[0109-21](#)

Subject: Approval of Mt. Pleasant 2021 Interceptor Wastewater Transmission Rates

Recommendation: Approve

The Interim General Manager explained that the Village of Mt. Pleasant calculates transmission rates annually for wastewater flow through the Village interceptor by methodology established in the 1993 agreement between the Village and City of Racine. The rate for 2021 is \$212.25 per million gallons. The rate has been reviewed and approved by the Mt. Pleasant sewer commission. The Interim General Manager recommended approval.

A motion was made by Sheppard, seconded by Hewitt, that this file be Approved

[0037-21](#)

Subject: Communication from the City of Racine with regard to peak flows (Rusty Schroedel from AECOM invited to meeting)

Recommendation: Approve

Presentation given by Mr. Schroedel from AECOM regarding tentative plans to mitigate Racine peak flows below Sewer Agreement capacity thresholds.

A motion was made that this file be Received and Filed

[0866-20](#)

Subject: Presentation from Village of Caledonia with regard to peak flow mitigation plan regarding capacity allocation above certain thresholds

Recommendation: Defer

The Village of Caledonia was granted a temporary sewer moratorium relief by commission action on July 28, 2020 with no end date. Utility Director and alternate commissioner, Tony Bunkelman presented the Village plan to mitigate peak flows below Sewer Agreement capacity thresholds and remove the moratorium. Short term action includes completion of the facility plan at both the Riverbend LS and Central LS. This plan would transition to the installation of safety sites and storage basins at both lift stations. Two of a total of seven sewer rate increases have been approved toward funding of the capital projects. A schedule of action was included with project completion dates ranging from 2022 to 2024.

A motion to approve the plan was made by Lois, seconded by Lui - No vote was taken on the approval motion

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Sheppard to defer the plan

Commission President Taft stated that the deferral motion took precedence over the approval motion. Commissioner Tate II indicated he would not approve the installation of a safety site at the Riverbend LS, as diluted sewage would flow through his aldermatic district; instead preference given for greater mediation mechanisms. Discussion ensued regarding the current existence and use of more than a dozen safety sites located throughout the City. Safety site installations require WDNR approval. Commissioner Lui questioned if the removal of the Riverbend safety site would allow the Commission to approve the plan. Commissioner Taft replied it would not and substantially more was needed in the plan. Commissioner Lois questioned what the Village specifically needed to do for approval. Temporary moratorium relief is a possible impediment to community development projects. It was suggested that the Village assess potential collaboration with other SSR parties. Mr. Bunkelman indicated that the Village did meet with the City, but collaboration was not considered beneficial to the Village. Commissioner Taft indicated that the deferral would persist until the Village requests to return to commission with a revised plan.

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Sheppard, that this file be Deferred

AYES: 7 - McCarthy
Taft
Sheppard
Powell
Tate II
Rejc
Mason

NOES: 3 - Hewitt
Lui
Lois

ABSENT: 2 - DeMatthew
Spangenberg

EXCUSED: 2 - Lynaugh
Klinkosh

[0071-21](#)

Subject: Briefing on the CNH property acquisition. Attorney, Art Harrington invited

Recommendation: Defer

Item was not presented due to time constraints

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Secretary McCarthy, that this file be Deferred

[0072-21](#)

Subject: CNH property acquisition Letter of Intent

Recommendation: Defer

Item was not presented due to time constraints

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Secretary McCarthy, that this file be Deferred

Adjournment

Due to a lack of quorum as to Commissioners had to attend Common Council meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.