



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Natalia Taft
Vice Chair Marcus West
Alder Sam Peete
Alder Jason Meekma
Alder John Tate II

Monday, September 13, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chair Taft, Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

Approval of Minutes for the August 30th, 2021 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder West, to Approve the Minutes

Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(e), to address matters that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, require a closed session, specifically a development incentive agreement with Hovde Properties, LLC, regarding the redevelopment site located at or near 233 Lake Avenue and issues of collective bargaining with protective services unions.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Tate II, to go into Closed Session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Chair Taft, Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

Open Session

A motion was made by Alder Meekma, seconded by Alder Tate II, to go into Open Session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Chair Taft, Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Meekma and Alder Tate II

[0744-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason seeking approval to enter into a development incentive agreement with Hovde Properties LLC, regarding the redevelopment of the site located at or near 233 Lake Avenue.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: That the request to enter into a development incentive

agreement with Hovde Properties, LLC, regarding the redevelopment site located at or near 233 Lake Avenue be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement, and such related documents necessary to carry the agreement into effect, on the City's behalf.

Fiscal Note: The City will be providing a 17 year developer funded TID, as well as a \$2,600,000 developer grant. Sufficient funding exists to pay the obligations associated with the incentive. The developer-funded incentive would only be paid if the taxable value returned to the City permits it to be paid in such a manner.

Director of City Development, Planning & Assessments Bowers, Finance Director Fischer, and Hovde Properties representatives Randy Guenther, Douglas Geurts, all appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Taft, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0752-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting that the City Attorney brief the Finance and Personnel Committee concerning negotiations with the City's protective services unions regarding the impact of Resolution 0690-21, Requirement that City of Racine Employees Comply with Certain COVID-19 Public Health Protections, on police and fire union personnel.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mayor Mason and City Attorney Letteney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Meekma, that this file be Received and Filed

[0745-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of Police Chief Robinson to apply for a 2022 Beat Patrol Grant from the WI DOJ. (Grant #00391)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: Approval to apply for the 2022 Beat Patrol Grant

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$121,434. City match of \$40,478 (25%).

Deputy Chief of Police Metoyer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0749-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Peterson recommending that fully-vaccinated non-represented City of Racine employees who test positive for COVID-19 shall be granted paid administrative leave during any isolation period required by the July 29, 2021, Racine Employee COVID-19 Temporary Policy, or any amended or successor Racine employee policy .

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: To approve the communication.

Fiscal Note: Because paid administrative leave will be granted, there will be no pay out to employees and no other cost except to provide staffing during any absence due to any employee’s isolation period.

Mayor Mason and City Attorney Letteney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0702-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney’s Office, submitting the claim of Beth Dessart for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Assistant City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Taft, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0703-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney’s Office, submitting the claim of Cheryl Christensen for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Assistant City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Taft, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0704-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney’s Office, submitting the claim of Eugene Ynocencio for

consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Assistant City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0746-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Roger McKinnie and Lucy McKinnie for consideration for disallowance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Assistant City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Taft, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0743-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West on behalf of the City Attorney's office, submitting the claims of W.H. Pugh Coal Co. for consideration for payment.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: To approve payment of the submitted claim.

Fiscal Note: Claim amount is \$11,702.40. Funds are available in TID #14 40014 53500

Deputy City Attorney Larsen, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0748-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft on behalf of the City Attorney requesting authorization for the City Attorney's Office to represent all City employees and officers in *Wisconsin Voters Alliance, et al., v. City of Racine, et al.*, Racine County Case No. 2021 CV 1231.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-13-2021: That the City Attorney's Office be authorized to represent all

City employees and officers in *Wisconsin Voters Alliance, et al., v. City of Racine, et al.*, Racine County Case No. 2021 CV 1231

Fiscal Note: Employees and officers will be represented by outside counsel. Outside counsel will be paid from Atty-Professional Services, Account 11004 52100. Total fees are to be determined.

City Attorney Letteney, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:28p.m. The next schedule meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder West, Vice Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee