



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, October 11, 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 September 27, 2021 Meeting.

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

[0766-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Interim General Manager of the Wastewater Utility, to authorize a request from the for the City Clerk and Mayor to sign the Financial Assistance Agreement for the Clean Water Fund Loan Program (CWFLP), Project No. 4285-24, West 6th street Interceptor Relocation.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-11-2021: To approve and sign the agreement

Fiscal Note: The FAA will make available \$622,573 in principal forgiveness.

Finance Director Fischer and Interim General Manager of Wastewater Utility Gitter, 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

[0823-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Interim General Manager of the Wastewater Utility, presenting a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$933,858 Wastewater Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, and providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-11-2021: To approve

Fiscal Note: Interest rate 1.485%, principal due annually May 1, 2022-May 1,2041

Interim General Manager of Wastewater Utility Gitter, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0787-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West on behalf of the Human Resources Benefits Manager, requesting to appear before the Finance and Personnel Committee to discuss the City's Stop Loss Insurance coverage for 2022.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-11-2021: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement for the City's 2022 Health Insurance Stop Loss Coverage with American Fidelity Assurance Company.

Fiscal Note: Funds to be allocated in the 2022 budget in the amount of \$853,922. Account #70312 52130 Stop Loss Premium.

Human Resource Benefits Manager Lien and Tim Deaton from the Horton Group, 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 Recommended For Approval

[0788-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West on behalf of the Human Resources Benefits Manager, requesting to appear before the Finance and Personnel Committee to discuss the Superior Vision Renewal for 2022.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-11-2021: To approve the Superior Vision plan agreement renewal as presented.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact to the City for this renewal.

Human Resource Benefits Manager Lien, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0794-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Cory Mason, on behalf of the Director of City Development, requesting approval of Comprehensive Plan Update (as solicited by Official Notice #10-2021 RFP Comprehensive Plan) and the permission to execute the necessary purchase order and enter into an agreement to perform this project with GRAEF.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-11-2021: That City staff be authorized to execute the necessary purchase order and enter into an agreement to perform this project with GRAEF.

Fiscal Note: \$75,000 has been allocated in the City budget since 2018 for the completion of this project.

Assistant Director, Dept. of City Development Rejc and City Development Associate Planner Hintz, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

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

[0796-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works on behalf of the Choral Arts Society of Southeastern Wisconsin requesting that the City of Racine forgive the November and December payments for space they rent at the City Hall Annex.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-11-2021: To Receive and File:

Fiscal Note: Loss of \$421.67

Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Assistant Director, Dept. of City Development Rejc, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder West, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Received and Filed

[0805-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting approval of a resolution supporting a grant application up to \$10,000,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Workforce Innovation Grant for a workforce development project grant control #00402

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-11-2021: The request sponsored by Mayor Mason to approve a resolution supporting a grant application up to \$10,000,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Workforce Innovation Grant, grant control #00402 for a Workforce Development proposal.

Fiscal Note: No match required

City Administrator Vornholt, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

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

[0817-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason and Alder Meekma requesting up to \$500,000 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to create and fund an Equity Officer position for 4 years at Salary Grade M.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-11-2021: To approve Mayor Mason and Alder Meekma's request for up to \$500,000 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to create and fund an Equity Officer position for 4 years at Salary Grade M.

Fiscal Note:

Salary Grade M: Salary Range \$77,750.40-\$100,006.40

Approximately \$500,000 over 4 years.

Funds are available in Fund 229 ARPA

Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Community Partnerships Selkove, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

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

Closed Session

It is intended that the Finance and Personnel Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy with respect to litigation in which the City of Racine is involved.

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 Tate II, seconded by Alder Peete, 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

[0747-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney meet with the Finance and Personnel Committee concerning litigation in which the City is involved, specifically W.H. Pugh Coal v City of Racine, 2020CV001028

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-11-2021: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Larsen, 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 Received and Filed

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m. The next schedule meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder West, Vice Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee