



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Common Council

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Monday, April 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual

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#### Outgoing Council

#### A. Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Lemke and Peete

**EXCUSED:** 2 - West and Meekma

#### 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)

**March 16th, 2021**

**March 25th, 2021**

**A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Tate II, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Lemke and Peete

**EXCUSED:** 2 - West and Meekma

#### D. Recognition of Service for outgoing Alder Land and Alder Levie

#### E. Proclamation

**Earth Day**

[0302-21](#)

**Subject:** Earth Day Proclamation

#### F. Committee Reports

[0290-21](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication sponsored Mayor Mason proposing that Section 54-35 of the Racine Code of Ordinances, wear of face coverings, be amended, and Ordinance 0005-21 be adopted as attached. Also requesting a presentation from Health Administrator Bowersox on the Mask Ordinance and COVID-19.

**Recommendation of Mayor Mason:** To adopt Ordinance 0005-21 as attached.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Taft to Approve. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Land, Taft, Lemke and Peete

**NOES:** 1 - Perez

**EXCUSED:** 2 - West and Meekma

### **Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Taft**

#### Closed Session

It is intended that the Common Council 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 regarding a tax increment financing agreement with J. Jeffers & Co.

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Jung, to convene in Closed Session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Horton, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Lemke and Peete

**EXCUSED:** 2 - West and Meekma

#### Open Session

The Common Council will return to open session and may take action on any of the matters addressed in closed session.

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Tate II, to convene in Open Session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Lemke and Peete

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Horton, West and Meekma

#### [0259-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason seeking approval to enter into a tax increment financing agreement with J. Jeffers & Co., regarding the Horlick Historic District at and near 2220 Northwestern Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That the request to enter into a tax increment financing agreement with J. Jeffers & Co. regarding the Horlick Historic District at

and near 2220 Northwestern 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:** To be discussed.

**A motion was made by Alder Jung, seconded by Alder Peete, that this Communication be Approved. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Lemke and Peete

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Horton, West and Meekma

[0163-21](#)

**Subject:** Developers Agreement for Savannah Grove Subdivision in Mt. Pleasant (Sego Services)

**Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on March 16, 2021:** Approve and Refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 03-22-2021:** To approve.

**Fiscal Note:** No costs incurred by the Utility with the water main being turned over to the Utility as CIAC. The Developer (Sego Services) will pay for all costs associated with the new water main including design and construction related costs.

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

[0168-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, presenting the financing plan for the refunding of the 2012 Waterworks System Mortgage Revenue Bonds and Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$5,000,000 in Waterworks System Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds.

**Recommendation of the Waterworks Commission on March 16, 2021:** Approve and Refer to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** Authorize the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$5,000,000 in Waterworks System Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds for the purpose of refinancing the 2012 Waterworks System Mortgage Revenue Bonds.

**Fiscal Note:** No new money will be included in the issue. Estimated present value savings from the refinancing is \$242,469.

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

[0204-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting to change title of MIS Director to Chief Information Officer and reclassify the position from Grade R to Grade T on the compensation structure.

**Recommendation of Finance and Personnel Committee on 03-22-2021:** To Approve

**Fiscal Note:** Salary range for a Grade T is \$114,088-\$146,681.60. Funds are included in the 2021 budget.

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

**AYES:** 11 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Jung, Land, Taft, Lemke and Peete

**NOES:** 1 - Perez

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Horton, West and Meekma

[0209-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting that the Racine Code of Ordinances be amended to change the title of Director of Information Systems to Chief Information Officer.

**Staff Recommendation to the Finance and Personnel Committee on 03-22-2021:** To approve

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

[0211-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Director of City Development requesting permission to accept a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to fund the preparation of Rehabilitation Design Guidelines for residential properties in Racine. (Grant Control# 000347) (PHDC-21)

**Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design**

**Commission on 03-24-21:** That the request from the Director of City Development requesting permission to accept a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to fund the preparation of Rehabilitation Design Guidelines for residential properties in Racine, be approved. Further that the Mayor, City Clerk, and/or Director of City Development, or their designees, be authorized to execute the necessary documents to receive

the grant and have this work completed.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That the request from the Director of City Development requesting permission to accept a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to fund the preparation of Rehabilitation Design Guidelines for residential properties in Racine, be approved. Further that the Mayor, City Clerk, and/or Director of City Development, or their designees, be authorized to execute the necessary documents to receive the grant and have this work completed.

**Fiscal Note:** The authorized grant amount is \$10,000.

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

[0212-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Director of City Development requesting permission to accept a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to fund the preparation of a Reconnaissance Survey for a potential Carlisle Avenue National Historic District. (Grant Control#: 000348) (PHDC-21)

**Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission on 03-24-21:** That request for permission to accept a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to fund the preparation of a Reconnaissance Survey for a potential Carlisle Avenue National Historic District, be approved. Further, that the Mayor, City Clerk, and/or the Director of City Development, or their designee, be authorized to execute the necessary documents to receive the grant and have this work completed.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That request for permission to accept a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Subgrant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to fund the preparation of a Reconnaissance Survey for a potential Carlisle Avenue National Historic District, be approved. Further, that the Mayor, City Clerk, and/or the Director of City Development, or their designee, be authorized to execute the necessary documents to receive the grant and have this work completed.

**Fiscal Note:** The authorized grant amount is \$13,500 and the project will fall at or under that amount.

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

[0214-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's office, submitting the claim of Brittanie Robbins for consideration for disallowance.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That the claim of Brittanie Robbins be disallowed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**A motion was made that this Claim be Denied as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0237-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Director of City Development, seeking permission to apply for the US EPA Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BC-RLF) Supplemental Grant for the City of Racine. (Grant Control# 00374)

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That the Director of City Development, or his designee, be authorized to act on behalf of the City to submit to the US EPA an application for a supplemental grant to the BC-RLF, sign all forms and documents necessary, pay all fees, and take necessary action to undertake, direct, complete, and submit the supplemental grant application.

**Fiscal Note:** The City will apply for the maximum amount of funding of \$500,000. There are no required matches to receive this funding. Funds in the City's BC-RLF are available to developers subject to a 20% funding match from the developers.

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

[0238-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Charles Edwards for consideration for disallowance.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That the claim of Charles Edwards be disallowed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**A motion was made that this Claim be Denied as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0239-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and execute the Indemnification Agreement requested by Gateway Technical College for

use of the EVOC facilities for Racine Police Department training purposes.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and execute the Indemnification Agreement requested by Gateway Technical College as needed for use of the EVOC facilities for ongoing Racine Police Department training purposes.

**Fiscal Note:** The bi-annual cost is approximately \$7,809.00. Funds are available through the RPD Education/Training account (13101-53800).

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

[0244-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, and Alder Taft requesting the City accept the Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19 Vaccination Community Outreach grant (Grant Control #00371).

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** To approve

**Fiscal Note:** The grant is up to \$100,000 and requires no city match.

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

[0248-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting the claim of Karina Peralta for consideration for disallowance.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That the claim of Karina Peralta be disallowed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**A motion was made that this Claim be Denied as Presented. The motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.**

[0266-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Transit and Parking System Manager, requesting authorization to execute the agreement to purchase nine Proterra electric buses and associated parts for \$7,010,046.00

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement to purchase nine Proterra electric buses and

associated parts.

**Fiscal Note:** The purchase price is \$7,010,046.00 Funding is available through grants.

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

[0267-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Transit and Parking System Manager, requesting authorization to execute the agreement for the installation of one Proterra 1200kW DC charging system with 10 dispensers, including the necessary electrical and civil infrastructure improvements, at the bus facilities located at 1900 Kentucky St for \$400,145.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement for the installation of one Proterra 1200kW DC charging system with 10 dispensers.

**Fiscal Note:** The total contract price is \$400,145. Funding is available through grants.

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

[0268-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Transit and Parking System Manager, requesting authorization to execute the agreement to lease 9 Proterra bus batteries for \$250,118 per battery, totaling \$2,251,062

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement to lease 9 Proterra bus batteries.

**Fiscal Note:** The total contract price is \$2,251,062. Funding is available through grants.

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

[0269-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting to waive fees for sidewalk cafe permits for 2021.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** To Approve.

**Fiscal Note:** Approximately \$5,000 of lost revenue.



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

[0280-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting permission to amend the authorized agreement with Racine Unified School District for the Horlick Athletic Field-Football Turf Project.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-12-2021:** To approve the proposed amendment.

**Fiscal Note:** Football field reconstruction funding to be provided by Racine Unified School District (RUSD) was approved by the Common Council on February 4, 2020, Agenda Item 0053-20, "in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000." The amount to be provided by RUSD is increased to \$1,200,000.00.

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

#### **Public Works and Services Committee Report, by Ald. Jones**

[0696-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Alder Jones on behalf of WE Energies requesting an easement to cover installation and maintenance of a transformer and underground infrastructure across a portion of Johnson Park property.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-13-21:** That the request of WE Energies for an easement to cover a transformer and underground infrastructure across a portion of Johnson Park property, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** There will be no cost to the City of Racine

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

[0245-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Tate II, on behalf of the Racine Revitalization Project, requesting that drop-off fees be waived at the Pearl Street Facility to support their Uptown Clean-Up event on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-13-21:** That the City waive the Pearl Street dumping costs for the participants in an Uptown Community Clean-Up on May 8, 2021.

**Fiscal Note:** There will be no cost to the City of Racine.

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

[0247-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the City Engineer, submitting bid results for Contract 2021013-CMP to RCP Storm Sewer Replacement.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-13-21:** That Contract 2021013-CMP to RCP Storm Sewer Replacement be awarded to Globe Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$355,175.50, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding is available in Org-Obj 60484-57570, Storm Sewers

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

[0249-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Alder Jones on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works, requesting to waive formal bidding procedures for Contract 2021034, City Hall Server Room AC Unit Replacement.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 04-13-21:** The request to waive formal bidding procedures be approved in accordance with Racine Municipal Code Section 46-28, that allows for the waiving of formal public bids for purchases over \$25,000 for the purpose of maintaining uniformity of equipment and services.

Further recommends that the City enter into an agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$147,958.00 for Contract 2021034, City Hall-IS Server Room AC Replacement, they being the sole source provider of their system compatible devices.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available in Org-Object 45040 57200, DPW Building Improvements

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

[0252-21](#)

**Subject:** -Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting the proposed AT&T Utility Easement Relocation for the West 6th Street Bridge replacement project.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-13-21:** That the request of AT&T for a Utility Easement Relocation for the West 6th St Bridge replacement project, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no cost to the City of Racine

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

[0254-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, to amend Resolution 0642-20, Contract with Precise Underground Marking Corporation

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-13-21:** That Resolution 0642-20, to award Underground Utility Locating Services to Precise Underground Marking Corporation, be amended as attached.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding is available in Org-Obj 14012-52100, Street Lighting-Professional Services.

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

[0258-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, to apply for the 2021 WDNR Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water or Targeted Runoff Management Planning Grant(s) for Redevelopment Areas-Planning Grants. (Grant Control #00375).

**Recommendation to the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-13-21:** That the Commissioner of Public Works, or their designee, be authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the City of Racine.

**Fiscal Note:** Estimated project cost is \$55,000 with Storm Water Utility share being \$27,500.

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

[0261-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication Sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting a proposal from AECOM for a Sanitary Sewer Storage and Flow Exceedance Study.

**Recommendation to the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-13-21:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a professional services agreement with AECOM in the not to exceed amount of \$137,500.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding is available in Org-Obj 40101-52100

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

[0262-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, resubmitting the right of way plat for the Goold Street reconstruction project (WisDOT ID 2703-11-00).

**Staff Recommendation of the Public Works and Services**

**Committee on 4-13-21:** That the Right of Way Plat Revisions for WisDOT Project ID: 2703-11-00, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no cost to the City of Racine

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

**Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. Coe**

[0240-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Change of Agent with a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Amos Los Tacos LLC DBA Amos Los Tacos, located at 230 Main Street, Richard Onyon, Agent. (1st District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 04-13-2021:** That the application for a Change of Agent with a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Amos Los Tacos LLC DBA Amos Los Tacos, located at 230 Main Street, Richard Onyon, Agent. (1st District), be Approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

[0241-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Change of Agent with a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Gastropub LLC DBA Butcher & Barrel Gastropub, located at 300 Sixth Street, Richard Onyon, Agent. (1st District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 04-13-2021:** That the application for a Change of Agent with a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Gastropub LLC DBA Butcher & Barrel Gastropub, located at 300 Sixth Street, Richard Onyon, Agent. (1st District), be Approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

**Executive Committee Report, by Alder Tate, II**0569-20

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Levie, Alder Horton, President Tate II, Alder Land, Alder Meekma, Alder Peete, Alder West, Alder Santiago Jr, Alder Jung, Alder Taft, Alder Coe, Alder Lemke, Alder Jones, Alder Perez and Mayor Mason requesting to adopt a Youth Protection Resolution.

**Recommendation of Executive Committee on 4/14/21:** To Adopt

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

**AYES:** 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Lemke and Peete

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Horton, West and Meekma

0181-21

**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 the following cases:

*Evans v. Matson, et al.*, US. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 2:20-CV-476

*House v. City of Racine, et al.*, US. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 2:19-CV 01307-PP

*Idial v. City of Racine, et al.*, Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 2021 CV 769

*Navratil, et al., v., City of Racine, et al.*, US. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 2:21-CV-00181-SCD

*School Choice Wisconsin Alliance, et al., v. Bowersox, et al.*, Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin Case No. 2020AP1911-OA

*Trump v. The Wisconsin Elections Commission, et al.*, US. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. Case No. 20-CV-01785

*Vinson v. DeBruin, et al.*, US. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 2:19-cv-01237-PP.

*Vinson v. Klepel, et al.*, US. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin Case No. 3:20-CV-01033-WMC

*Yandel v. City of Racine, et al.*, Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 20-CV-1045

**Recommendation of the Executive Committee on 4/14/21:** That the City Attorney's Office be authorized to represent all City employees and officers in the above captioned lawsuits.

**Fiscal Note:** Employees and officer in some of these cases are being represented by the City Attorney's Office in-house with no budgetary effect and some by outside counsel. Outside counsel will be paid from Atty-Professional Services, Account 11004 52100. Total fees are to be determined.

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

### **Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board, by Ald. Tate, II**

#### [0275-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation of \$1,262,488 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services, Code Enforcement, and Public Infrastructure activities, as well as \$157,979 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.

**Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 4.12.2021:** That the request from Mayor Mason to allocate \$1,262,488 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services, Code Enforcement, and Public Infrastructure activities; as well as \$157,979 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding be approved as presented by staff.

**Fiscal Note:** This action allocates \$1,262,488 of Community Development Block Grant funds and \$157,979 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds in accordance with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Sufficient funding exists to incur the budgeted expenses.

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

#### [0277-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason that the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan be approved and adopted.

**Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 4.12.21:** That the 2021 Annual Action Plan be approved as presented and that the Director of City Development, or their designee, be authorized to submit the plan documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Fiscal Note:** The Annual Action Plan is a requirement for receipt of community development funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan anticipates receipt of \$1,876,297 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$573,953 in HOME

Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and \$160,724 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in 2021.

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

### **Planning Heritage and Design Commission, by Ald. Jung**

#### [0274-21](#)

**Subject:** Request by Keith Buisse of Wheels Small Engine Repair, for consideration of a major amendment to an existing conditional use permit which allows for a small engine repair shop at 3625 16th Street as allowed by Sec. 114-155 of the Municipal Code. The proposed major amendment contemplates increasing the fenced storage area by approximately 1,000 square feet, adding machinery sales and the ability to repair smaller construction equipment. (PHDC-21)

#### **Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design**

**Commission on 04-14-21:** That the request by Keith Buisse of Wheels Small Engine Repair, for a major amendment to an existing conditional use permit which allows for a small engine repair shop at 3625 - 16th Street be approved, subject to conditions a. - j.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

#### [0276-21](#)

**Subject:** Request by Christie Kern and Jill Huxhold, for consideration of a conditional use permit to operate an acupuncture and Reiki studio at 712 Grove Avenue, classified as a "retail use in an existing commercial building", in a residential district, as allowed by Sec. 114-293 of the Municipal Code. (PHDC-21)

#### **Recommendation of the Planning, Heritage, and Design**

**Commission on 04-14-21:** That the request by Christie Kern and Jill Huxhold for a conditional use permit to operate an acupuncture and Reiki studio at 712 Grove Avenue be approved, subject to conditions a. - f.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

### **G. Council Vote on Consent Agenda Items (Communications, Committee Reports, Resolutions)**

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

**AYES:** 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Levie, Peterson, Jung, Land, Perez, Taft, Lemke and Peete

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Horton, West and Meekma

## 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 8:54pm by Alder Tate II*

*The next scheduled meeting of the Council is April 20, 2021.*

*ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE  
CITY CLERK*

*Public Comment:*

*Brian Crane  
Michele Irby-Garry*