



# 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 Melissa Kaprelian*  
*Alder Jeffrey Peterson*  
*Alder Maurice Horton*  
*Alder Marcus West*  
*Alder Trevor Jung*  
*Alder Sam Peete*  
*Alder CJ Rouse*  
*Alder Henry Perez*  
*Alder Natalia Taft*  
*Alder Jason Meekma*  
*Alder Melissa Lemke*

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Tuesday, May 4, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual

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#### Public Comment Registration Link:

[https://cityofracine-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ov5H66W\\_ShYhbBF4Sp36Bg](https://cityofracine-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ov5H66W_ShYhbBF4Sp36Bg)

#### A. Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Peete, Rouse, 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 19th, 2021**

**April 20th, 2021**

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

**AYES:** 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

#### D. Public Comments

*The following people spoke:*

*Mercedes Dzindzeleta*

**E. RCEDC Presentation by Jenny Trick****F. Proclamation**

- [0366-21](#)            **Subject:** Public Service Recognition Week Proclamation
- [0367-21](#)            **Subject:** Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation
- [0368-21](#)            **Subject:** Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Awareness Day Proclamation
- [0369-21](#)            **Subject:** National Day of Prayer Proclamation
- [0370-21](#)            **Subject:** Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Proclamation
- [0371-21](#)            **Subject:** Municipal Clerk Week Proclamation
- [0372-21](#)            **Subject:** National Police Week Proclamation
- [0373-21](#)            **Subject:** National Nurse's Month Proclamation
- [0374-21](#)            **Subject:** Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Proclamation
- [0375-21](#)            **Subject:** Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation
- [0376-21](#)            **Subject:** Historic Preservation & Archaeology Month Proclamation

**G. Committee Reports****Finance and Personnel Report, by Ald. Taft**

- [0324-21](#)            **Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting that the Finance and Personnel Committee determine the day of the week and the hour at which it will meet for the 2021-2022 Aldermanic year.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-26-2021:** That Finance and Personnel Committee be scheduled for 5:30PM on Mondays prior to Common Council, any meetings landing on a holiday be moved to the following Wednesday.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

[0322-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Clerk, requesting to waive formal bidding and purchase forty (40) Franklin 4-station Voting Booths from Inclusion Solutions.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-26-2021:** To authorize the purchasing agent to procure from Inclusion Solutions 40 4 station voting booths.

**Fiscal Note:** Total cost of \$34,753.40 would be fully funded through the CTCL grant.

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

[0323-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Director of City Development, requesting approval of Environmental Consultants (as solicited by Official Notice 17-2020 - Request for Qualification, Environmental and Engineering Services related to Brownfield Initiatives) and the permission to enter into professional services contracts.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-26-2021:** That the request for approval of Environmental Consultants as solicited by Official Notice 17-2020 and the permission to enter into professional services contracts be approved. Further, that the Mayor, City Clerk, and Executive Director of the Community Development Authority/Director of City Development, or their designees, and authorized representatives be authorized to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. and negotiate and execute a professional services contract with LF Green Development, LLC for environmental consulting services as related to brownfield initiatives, on the City's behalf.

**Fiscal Note:** In the past, the vast majority (70%) of funding for the environmental consultant has come from grant funding either from the US EPA or WI DNR. Other funding has been obtained from Tax Increments District administrative and environmental funds, general professional service accounts of the Department of City Development and the CDA, project specific line items in the City's Capital Improvement Budget, and cost sharing with the property owner or developer. While being highly project and/or grant driven, estimated annual brownfield environmental consultant expenditures average \$200,000.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The**

motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0293-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting to extend the City's contract with Racine Raiders for one year, for a contract ending date of December 31, 2021.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-26-2021:** To approve the extension agreement with the Racine Raiders at Horlick Field Concession Stand through December 31, 2021.

**Fiscal Note:** Racine Raiders will pay the sum of \$6,000 for 2021.

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

[0294-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft submitting Bid Results of Invitation for Bid (IFB) Contract #2021022 for North Beach Oasis Concession

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-26-2021:** To approve the Contract #2021022 for North Beach Oasis Concession be awarded to Jose Felix from May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023, with an option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms if mutually agreed to in writing by both the concessionaire and the City.

**Fiscal Note:** Jose Felix will remit 16% of the gross sales for the first year, 16% for the second year and 16% for the third year.

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

[0304-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft submitting Bid Results of Official Notice #2-2021 Razing

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 04-26-2021:** To approve the Contract for Official Notice #2-2021 for 1124 Villa St. be awarded to RLP Diversified Inc. at their bid price of \$65,000.00 they being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding for this project is available in account 22560 52390 - Raze Board Remove Buildings for the amount of \$65,000.00.

**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**

[0308-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Alder Jung and Mayor Mason presenting proposed Ordinance 0006-21, Electric Scooters.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-21:** That Ordinance 0006-21, Electric Scooters, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** An annual license fee of \$1,500 per license, for a fleet of up to 100 scooters, is provided in the proposed ordinance. There will be incidental costs for administration of licenses and enforcement of the ordinance.

**A motion was made by Alder Jones, seconded by Alder Jung to Approve this Communication. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

[0246-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, submitting bid results for Contract 2021019-HAF Netting and New Batting Cage.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-13-21:** That Contract 2021019-HAF Netting and New Batting Cage (RW), be awarded to A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$289,917.00, they being the only responsible bidder.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding is available in Org-Obj 45050-57110, Parks-Land Improvements.

**A motion was made by Alder Jones, seconded by Alder Jung, to Approve this Communication. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

[0282-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works requesting that the position of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works be designated as the Authorized Representative for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources CVA/POSF grant application.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-2021:** That the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works be designated as the Authorized Representative for the WDNR CVA/POSF grant application.

**Fiscal Note:** None

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

[0291-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Coe, on behalf of Rick Onyon, Amos Los Tacos, requesting permission to utilize the lawn area adjacent the Shoop Parking Ramp as a sidewalk café location.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-21:** That Amos Los Tacos be granted permission to utilize the Shoop Parking Ramp grass area, with the stipulation that a hold harmless and liability insurance agreement being implemented.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

[0301-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder. Jones, on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works / Operations, to submit final payment on Contract 20200076, State Street Lift Bridge Balancing.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-21:** That the work completed by Drax, Inc., on Contract 20200076, State Street Lift Bridge Balancing, be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract amount of \$206,537.04. Final Payment to include retainage.

**Fiscal Note:** Contract 20200076 was authorized under Resolution 0759-20 dated November 12, 2020.

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

[0315-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Levie, on behalf of the Trinity Lutheran Church and School, requesting amendments to the parking restrictions adjacent their facility.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-21:** Recommend that the parking restrictions on the east side of the 2000 block of Geneva Street related to the school be removed.

Further recommends that in accordance with Section 2-95 of the Municipal Code of the General Ordinances of the City of Racine, recommends that the following requests for changes in traffic code be granted:

**Fiscal Note:** The estimated cost of this signage will result in an installation cost of \$300.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$80.00

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The**

motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0316-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, submitting bid results for Contract 2021002-Taylor Avenue Reconstruction.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-21:** That Contract 2021002-Taylor Ave Reconstruction (RW), be awarded to A.W.Oakes & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$944,049.60. they being the lowest responsible bidder:

**Fiscal Note:** Funding is available in the following Org-Obj attachment.

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

[0317-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, submitting bid results for Contract 2021006-Assessable Streets and Alleys.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-21:** That Contract 2021006-Assessable Streets and Alleys (RW), be awarded to A.W.Oakes & Son, Inc. , in the amount of \$1,198,324.95 they being the lowest responsible bidder.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding is available in the following Org-Obj attachment:

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

[0318-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of St. Joseph School, requesting to close off St. Patrick St. from N. Wisconsin St. to Erie St on May 24-25, 2021 for an outdoor event.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-21:** That permission be granted to St. Joseph School to close St. Patrick St., from N. Wisconsin St. to Erie St from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on May 24-25, 2021, for an outdoor event, with the following attached stipulations:

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works, City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

**Fiscal Note:** There will be nominal costs to the various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The**

motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

[0320-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting the plat for the Lake Michigan Pathway Phase 4 WisDOT 1693-34-76.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-21:** That the revised Plat for the Lake Michigan Pathway Phase 4 be approved and recorded with the Register of Deeds.

**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.**

[0321-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones requesting that the Public Works and Services Committee determine the day of the week and the hour at which it will meet for the next year.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-11:** That the Public Works and Services Committee be scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd and last Tuesdays of each month.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

[0328-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft submitting Bid Results of Invitation for BID (IFB) Contract #2021021 for Pershing Park Boat Launch Concession.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 4-27-21:** That Contract #2021021 for Pershing Park Boat Launch Concession be awarded to Smok'd on the Lake, LLC from May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023, with an option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms if mutually agreed to in writing by both the concessionaire and the City.

**Fiscal Note:** Smok'd on the Lake, LLC will remit 10% of the gross sales for the first year, 11% for the second year and 12% for the third year.

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

**Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Tate II**

[0331-21](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason



requesting to enter into a grant program agreement to accept technical support awarded by the 2021 LEED for Cities Local Government Leadership Program: 2021 National Cohort (Grant Control #00367).

**Recommendation:** That permission be granted to the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a grant program agreement and to accept technical support.

**Fiscal Note:** Grant award in the form of technical support, no City match. The value of the technical support is approximately \$25,000.

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

[0336-21](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting to reschedule the July 6th, 2021 Common Council meeting and reschedule for July 20th, 2021.

**Recommendation of Mayor Mason:** 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.**

[0341-21](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the following appointments:

Freda Barkley to the Library Board for a term expiring May 30, 2024  
Alder Horton to the Park, Recreation, and Cultural Services Committee for a term expiring April 18, 2022

Alder Kaprelian to the Library Board for a term expiring May 30, 2023

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

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

**ABSTENTIONS:** 1 - Kaprelian

### **Planning Heritage Design Committee, by Ald. Jung**

[0271-21](#)

**Subject:** Review of the proposed establishment of the project plan, boundaries, and creation of Tax Incremental District No. 26 and consideration of an approving resolution. (PHDC-21)

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

**Commission on 04-14-21:** That the proposed project plan, boundaries, and creation of Tax Incremental District No. 26 be approved and a

resolution adopted.

**Fiscal Note:** Tax Incremental District No. 26 is projected to generate \$18,357,095.00 of increment to fund projects identified in the project plan for a period of 27 years.

**A motion was made by Alder Jung, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve this Communication. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

[0309-21](#)

**Subject:** Request by Ryan Schmitz of Plunkett-Raysich Architects LLP, authorized agent for David Kane of North Shore Bank FSB, for consideration of a major amendment to an existing conditional use permit which allows for Bank with drive-thru 4923 Washington Avenue as allowed by Sec. 114-155 of the Municipal Code. The major amendment contemplates a building addition to the north, reconfiguration of the drive-thru canopy and façade updates. (PHDC-21)

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

**Commission on 04-28-21:** That based on the findings of fact, the request from North Shore Bank FSB seeking a major amendment to an existing conditional use permit at 4923 Washington Avenue to allow for a building addition to the north, reconfiguration of the drive-thru canopy, and façade updates. be approved subject to conditions a. - g.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

**Transit Commission Report, by Ald. Jung**

[0236-21](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jung requesting to enter into a ten-year agreement with Connexionz Ltd. for an automatic vehicle locator system and ten years of support and data services pursuant to bidder's proposal dated December 8, 2020, made in response to a request for proposals.

**Staff Recommendation:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Connexionz Ltd. with a contract ending date of February 28, 2031.

**Fiscal Note:** \$341,243.00 capital in 2021, of which \$260,000 is Fed and \$81,243 is City. And a total of \$342,000.00 operating over the period 2021 to 2031 of which \$192,000 is Fed and State and \$150,000 is City.

**A motion was made that this Communication be Approved as Presented. The**

motion was Approved on Voice Vote in Consent.

#### **H. 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:** 15 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, Horton, West, Jung, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft, Meekma and Lemke

#### **I. 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.**

#### **J. Adjourn**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:52PM Alder West.*

*The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday May 18, 2021.*

**ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE**

**CITY CLERK**