



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 Terry McCarthy
Alder Sam Peete
Alder CJ Rouse
Alder Henry Perez
Alder Natalia Taft
Alder Jason Meekma
Alder Melissa Lemke

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual

Public Comment Registration Link:

https://cityofracine-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tEjFu5UTS729-VrNRCJJMQ

A. Call To Order

PRESENT: 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft and Meekma

EXCUSED: 3 - Horton, McCarthy 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) September 21, 2021

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

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft and Meekma

EXCUSED: 3 - Horton, McCarthy and Lemke

D. Proclamation Mental Health Awareness

[0800-21](tel:0800-21)

Subject: Mental Illness Awareness Week

E. Public Comments

The following people appeared to speak before the Common Council:

Mercedes Dzindzeleta

Cara Pratt

Mary McIvaine

F. Committee Reports

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Taft

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 planning option agreement with FSDG, LLC regarding a redevelopment site.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Peete, to go into Closed Session. The Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft and Meekma

EXCUSED: 3 - Horton, McCarthy and Lemke

Open Session

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Kaprelian, to go into Open Session. The Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft and Meekma

EXCUSED: 3 - Horton, McCarthy and Lemke

[0780-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason seeking approval to enter into a planning option agreement with FSDG, LLC regarding a redevelopment site.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: That the request to enter into a planning option agreement with FSDG, LLC, regarding the redevelopment site 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: N/A.

Alder Kaprelian left at 8:07 pm.

A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Coe, that this Communication be Approved as discussed in closed session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 12 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft and Meekma

EXCUSED: 3 - Horton, McCarthy and Lemke

[0497-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, for a Resolution Regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse for Costs Attributed to the Wastewater Plant Facilities Upgrade Project

Recommendation on August 17, 2021: Defer

Recommendation of the Racine Waterworks Commission on September 21, 2021: To approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Comfort Resolution regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse for the Wastewater Plant Facilities Plant Upgrade project

FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: To approve.

Fiscal Note: The Racine Wastewater Utility is applying for a Clean Water Fund Loan. All costs expended attributed to the plant upgrade may be rolled into the loan, and principal forgiveness may be awarded to reduce the amount borrowed.

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

[0716-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Meekma, Alder Horton, Alder Taft, Alder Peete, and Alder Lemke requesting to adopt Ord.0014-21 Racial Equity ordinance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: To approve Ord. 0014-21 as amended.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Peterson, seconded by Alder Coe, that this Communication be Amended by Deleting Section 62-60 (a) as presented, and Changing the words "Equity Officer" in two places in Section 62-60 (b) to Human Resources Department. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Coe, Peterson and Perez

NOES: 8 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, West, Peete, Rouse, Taft and Meekma

EXCUSED: 4 - Kaprelian, Horton, McCarthy and Lemke

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

AYES: 8 - Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, West, Peete, Rouse, Taft and Meekma

NOES: 3 - Coe, Peterson and Perez

EXCUSED: 4 - Kaprelian, Horton, McCarthy and Lemke

[0754-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting to apply for the 2022 Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Grant (Grant Control #00392).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: Approval to apply for the 2022 Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Grant.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$50,000.00 with no City Match

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

[0765-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Human Resources Benefit Manager, presenting the United Healthcare (UHC) Medicare Advantage plan agreement for renewal.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: To approve the UHC Medicare Advantage plan agreement renewal as presented.

Fiscal Note: Renewal includes a premium reduction to a premium of \$272.32 per member per month. Total annual cost for approximately 767 members, both City and Utilities is \$2,506,433. Funds will be proposed in the 2022 budget.

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

[0772-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the Fire Department requesting permission to acquire two Medical First Responder Pumps utilizing American Rescue Plan funding.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: To approve the allocation of up to \$1.25 million of ARPA funds for this purpose.

Fiscal Note: The request is to utilize \$1.25 million dollars of American Rescue Plan funding (ARPA) for the purchase of two Medical First Responder Pumpers and related EMS and firefighting equipment. There is no local match.

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

[0773-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting approval of a resolution supporting a grant application for \$250,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Community Development Investment (WEDC CDI) Grant Program to Venture X Racine for the redevelopment of 440 Main Street.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: Staff recommends that the request sponsored by Mayor Mason to approve a resolution supporting a grant application for \$250,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Community Development Investment (WEDC CDI) Grant Program to Venture X Racine for the redevelopment of 440 Main Street be forwarded to the Common Council with a recommendation for approval.

Fiscal Note: No additional City funds will be allocated as a result of this action. The grant control number is 00394. The grant does not require a local match.

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

[0774-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft on behalf of the fire department requesting permission to accept \$10,000 from the Geiger Foundation grant control #00393 to support our Technical Rescue Team training and equipment.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 09-27-2021: To accept the grant.

Fiscal Note: The grant is for \$10,000 and there is no local match. Account 20621 Project Number 30004

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

[0778-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting permission to purchase BuildingBlocks by OpportunitySpace, Inc, d/b/a "Tolemi" to analyze data pertaining the Racine RENTS and other City initiatives and to disseminate public information related to City properties through a web portal.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

09-27-2021: To approve the purchase of Building Blocks by OpportunitySpace, Inc, d/b/a "Tolemi" for the deployment of the Building Blocks application and associated public facing web portal.

Fiscal Note: Funding of \$77,000 is available in the 2021 capital budget under 70113 57800. This will be a 3 year contract next renewing in 2024.

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

[0781-21](#)

Subject: Communications sponsored by Mayor Mason to accept funding in the amount of \$12,366 from Results for America grant control #00395 to fund professional development advancing internal staff/leadership equity work

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

09-27-2021: To accept the grant.

Fiscal Note: No match required

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

[0751-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe, requesting the approval of an agreement allowing Office Steve Beal to purchase a retired K9 ("Dixie") from the Racine Police Department.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 09-27-2021: That the Communication sponsored by Alder Coe, requesting the approval of an agreement allowing Office Steve Beal to purchase a retired K9 ("Dixie") from the Racine Police Department, 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.

Transit Commission Report, by Ald. Jones

[0755-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit Manager, requesting permission to purchase eight replacement Automatic Passenger Counters.

Staff Recommendation of the Transit Commission on 9.23.21: To approve the purchase of eight replacement Automatic Passenger Counters from Urban Transportation Associates, Inc., at the price of \$3,875 per bus, to ensure functional compatibility with existing fleet.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this project is available in account 60282011 57300 Equipment for the total amount of \$31,000.00.

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

[0756-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit Manager, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Urban Mass Transit Assistance - Operating 2021 Program Grant Agreement per Wis. Stats. 85.20 between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control No. 00295)

Staff Recommendation of the Transit Commission on 9.23.21: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the Urban Mass Transit Assistance - Operating 2021 Program Grant Agreement per Wis. Stats. 85.20 between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control No. 00295).

Fiscal Note: Revenue of \$1,932,706 as determined by Wis. Stats. 85.20 based on local operating share of \$782,000.

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

[0757-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit Manager, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 2021 Urban Mass Transit Paratransit Assistance Contract between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control No. 00287).

Staff Recommendation of the Transit Commission on 9.23.21: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the 2019 Urban Mass Transit Paratransit Assistance Contract between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control No. 00287).

Fiscal Note: Revenue of \$101,513.

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 Report, by Ald. Tate, II

[0770-21](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason for up to \$215,000.00 for rehabilitation of a single-family City-owned property at

1637 Packard Avenue.

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 9/27/2021: That the use of up to \$215,000.00 in CDBG funds to rehabilitate the property at 1637 Packard Avenue and sell to a CDBG-eligible homeowner be approved.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient CDBG funds available to meet this request.

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

[0782-21](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason appointing the following:

Alder McCarthy to the Public Works and Services Committee for a term expiring April 18, 2022

Alder McCarthy to the Executive Committee for a term expiring April 18, 2022

Jennifer Zabel to the Transit Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2024

James O'Hagen to the Library Board for a term expiring May 31, 2024

G. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Santiago Jr., that his be considered as reported. The motions PASSED by the following Vote:

AYES: 11 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Santiago Jr, Peterson, West, Peete, Rouse, Perez, Taft and Meekma

EXCUSED: 4 - Kaprelian, Horton, McCarthy and Lemke

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 9:00 pm by Alder West.

The next scheduled meeting of the council is Tuesday October 19, 2021.

ATTEST: TARA COOLIDGE
CITY CLERK