



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Common Council

*Alder Jeff Coe
Alder Mollie Jones
Alder John Tate II
Alder Amanda Paffrath
Alder Melissa Kaprelian
Alder Jeffrey Peterson
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Marcus West
Alder Terry McCarthy
Alder Sam Peete
Alder Mary Land
Alder Henry Perez
Alder Natalia Taft
Alder Alicia Jarrett
Alder Cory Sebastian*

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

7:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

A. Call To Order

PRESENT: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Taft, Jarrett and Sebastian
EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

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 20th, 2022

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

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Taft and Jarrett

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

D. Public Comments

*The following people appeared to speak before the Common Council:
Ken Brown
Michael Schrader
Mercedes Dzindzeleta*

E. Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole Report, by Ald. Tate, II[0742-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by President Tate II to interview candidates and make a recommendation to fill the vacant 15th District alder position until the Spring Election of 2023.

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 10-04-2022:

That the Common Council appoint Cory Sebastian to the 15th District Alder to fulfill a term until the Spring Election in 2023.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

AYES: 13 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Taft and Jarrett

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

Swearing in of the New Alder of the 15th District

Cory Sebastian was sworn in as the new Alder of the 15th District.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report, by Ald. Taft[0696-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to accept \$6,100 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health for the Communicable Disease Control & Prevention contract, grant control # 00475.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-26-2022: That the Public Health Department be authorized to enter into an agreement and accept funding from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Communicable Disease Control & Prevention contract.

Fiscal Note: There is not match required.

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

[0697-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection for the Weights & Measures inspection services.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

9-26-2022: That the Public Health Department be authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection for the Weights & Measures inspection services.

Fiscal Note: Annual fees payable to the WI-DATCP shall be in the amount of \$6,800.

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

[0698-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting to enter into an Agreement with the Wisconsin Humane Society (WHS) for Stray and Impound Animal Shelter Services and to execute all necessary documents.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

9-26-2022: That the Public Health Department be authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Wisconsin Humane Society (WHS).

Fiscal Note: The proposed cost to the City of Racine will be \$216,039.10 annually, payable in equal monthly payments of \$18,003.26.

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

[0722-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason and Alder Taft, on behalf of the Fire Chief, requesting permission to formally accept the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters SAFER Grant Number EMW-2021-FF-02140.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

9-26-2022: That the Fire Chief be granted permission to approve and accept the grant.

Fiscal Note: This grant will fund nine entry level firefighter/EMT positions for a period of three years covering salaries and benefits but no overtime. Grant is for \$2.7 million with no local match.

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

[0723-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason and Alder Taft, on behalf of the Fire Chief, requesting permission to formally accept the Department of Health Services EMS Flex Grant for the acquisition of an ambulance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-26-2022: That the Fire Chief be granted permission to approve and accept the grant.

Fiscal Note: This grant from the Department of Health Services is for \$113,355 and will be used to offset the cost of a new ambulance. Additional funds will be available in the 2023 Fire Department CIP.

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

[0724-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting approval to increase the compliment of full time equivalents for the position of lieutenant.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-26-2022: That the Chief of Police be granted approval to increase the compliment of full time equivalents for the position of lieutenant.

Fiscal Note: Funds available in the Police Department Operating Budget. No city match is required.

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

Public Works and Services Committee Report, by Ald. Jones

[0708-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the City Engineer, submitting Change Order No. 1 to Contract 2021097- 2021 CCTV Inspection, Green Bay Pipe & TV, LLC, Contractors.

Staff Recommendation to the Public Works and Services Committee on 09-27-22: That Change Order No.1 to Contract 2021097- 2021 CCTV Inspection, Green Bay Pipe & TV, LLC, Contractors, be approved in the deduct amount of (\$3,321.63).

Fiscal Note: Funding for this change order is credited in the following Org-Object:

(\$2171.59) 22640 57560 Sanitary Sewers

(\$1150.04) 60484 57570 Storm Sewers

\$(3321.63)Total

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

[0709-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to submit final payment for Contract

2021097 - 2021 CCTV Inspection, Green Bay Pipe & TV, LLC, Contractors.

Staff Recommendation to the Public Works and Services

Committee on 09-27-22: That the work completed by Green Bay Pipe & TV, LLC, on Contract 2021097 - 2021 CCTV Inspection be accepted and final payment authorized for a total contract of \$171,917.25. Final Payment to include retainage.

Fiscal Note: Contract 2021097 was authorized under Resolution No.0991-21, dated January 18, 2022.

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

[0710-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of Tom Molbeck, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, to close off Monument Square Drive from 6:00 am-4:00 p.m. on October 22, 2022 for the annual Monument Mash.

Staff Recommendation of the Public Works and Services

Committee on 09-27-22: That the closure be approved as per Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services request.

Fiscal Note: N.A.

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

[0719-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting Amendment Two to the Foth Infrastructure and Environmental LLC professional services agreement, in the not to exceed amount of \$59,100.00 for additional environmental services supplementing the development of transfer station plans specifications and estimates.

Staff Recommendation to the Public Works and Services

Committee on 09-27-22: That Amendment No. 2 to the Foth Infrastructure and Environmental LLC professional services agreement for additional environmental services supplementing development of transfer station plans specifications and estimates be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be directed to sign the amendment.

Fiscal Note: Funds to defray the cost of the amendment are available in Org-Obj 45040 57110 DPW Land Improvements.

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

Public Safety and Licensing Committee Report, by Ald. McCarthy[0687-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Fifteen-Eighteen LLC DBA The Fifteen-Eighteen located at 1520 Washington Ave Shikelya Buckley Agent. (3 District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 09-26-2022: That the Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Fifteen-Eighteen LLC DBA The Fifteen-Eighteen located at 1520 Washington Ave Shikelya Buckley Agent be conditionally Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

[0688-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for DPM Entertainment, LLC DBA Kouzena220, located at 220 6th Street, Paul Maheras, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 09-26-2022: That the Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for DPM Entertainment, LLC DBA Kouzena220, located at 220 6th Street, Paul Maheras, Agent be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Planning Heritage and Design Report, by Ald. Peete[0689-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, consideration of a request by Fullerton Engineering o.b.o. Dish Wireless, for a conditional use permit for a rooftop wireless telecommunications facility at 314 Sixth Street, as allowed per Sec. 114-508 of the Municipal Code. (PHDC-22).

Recommendation of Planning, Heritage, and Design Commission

on 09-21-22: That the request for a conditional use permit for a rooftop wireless telecommunications facility at 314 Sixth Street be approved, subject to conditions a. - i.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

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

0725-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation of funds relating to American Rescue Plan Act - Violence Reduction Initiative

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 9/26/2022: That the Allocation of ARPA funds be approved.

Fiscal Note: There is sufficient ARPA money to fund the staff recommendation of six applications for a total of up to \$389,724.

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

0726-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation of funds for Community Development Block Grant.

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 9/26/2022: That the allocation of up to \$1,689,082 in CDBG for Administration (\$372,858), Public Services - Home Ownership (\$8,643), Public Infrastructure and Facilities (\$804,221), and Code Enforcement (\$503,360) be approved.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient FY 2022 CDBG funds to fund the staff recommendation.

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

0727-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation up to \$212,619 in prior year funds (FY 2019 and FY 2021) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities/Infrastructure.

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 9/26/2022: That

the allocation of up to \$212,619 in CDBG in prior year funds (FY2019 and FY2021) be approved.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient prior year CDBG (FY2019 and FY2021) funds to fund the staff recommendation.

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

[0728-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation up to \$235,585 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV Round 2 for Public Services.

Recommendation of the CDBG Advisory Board on 9/26/2022: That the adoption of up to \$235,585 in CDBG CV II be approved.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient CDBG CV II funds to fund the staff recommendation.

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

Transit Commission Report, by Ald. Jones

[0711-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to accept funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's FFY22 Surface Transportation Program for replacement RYDE Racine paratransit vehicles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Transit & Mobility Director be granted permission to accept funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's FFY22 Surface Transportation Program for replacement paratransit vehicles (Grant Control #00446)

Fiscal Note: Total approximate cost of the vehicle replacement project is \$310,472 with grant amount being \$248,378, 20% local match of \$62,094 available in the capital plan under 60282 49240.

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

[0712-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to accept funding through the Federal Transit Administration's FFY22 Low or No Emission Vehicle Program - 5339(c) for the purchase of 4 35 ft fixed-route electric transit buses.

Staff Recommendation: That the Transit & Mobility Director be granted permission to accept funding through the Federal Transit Administration's FFY22 Low or No Emission Vehicle Program - 5339(c) for the purchase

of 4 35 ft fixed-route electric transit buses (Grant Control #00449).

Fiscal Note: Total approximate cost of electric bus purchase \$4,484,522 with grant amount being \$3,796,872, local match of \$687,650 available in the capital plan under 60282 49240.

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

[0713-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to accept funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's 2022 Public Transit Assistance Program (PTAP) for transit capital projects.

Staff Recommendation: That the Transit & Mobility Director be granted permission to accept funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's 2022 Public Transit Assistance Program (PTAP) for transit facilities and bus capital projects (Grant Control 00479).

Fiscal Note: Total approximate cost transit facilities and bus capital projects cost equaling \$2,285,000 with grant amount being \$1,828,000, local match not to exceed \$457,000 available in the capital plan under 60282 49240.

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

[0714-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 2023 contract for RYDE bus service in the Village of Caledonia, Village of Mount Pleasant and Village of Yorkville.

Staff Recommendation: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the 2023 contract for RYDE bus service in the Village of Caledonia, Village of Mount Pleasant and Village of Yorkville.

Fiscal Note: Contracts will provide \$555,000 in revenue.

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

[0716-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to purchase 18 replacement transit destination signs.

Staff Recommendation: That the Transit Commission approve the purchase of 18 replacement transit destination signs from Hanover Displays Inc., at the price of \$123,690.00.

Fiscal Note: Total cost approximately \$123,690.00. Grant amount being \$98,952.00, local match of \$24,738.00 available in the capital plan under 60282 49240.

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

[0717-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to purchase digital cameras for 22 fixed-route buses and 6 paratransit vehicles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Transit Commission approve the purchase of cameras from AngelTrax for 22 fixed-routes buses and 6 paratransit vehicles, utilizing state consortium pricing, at the price of \$114,428.00.

Fiscal Note: Total cost approximately \$114,428.00. Grant amount being \$91,542.00, local match of \$22,886.00 available in the capital plan under 60282 49240.

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

[0718-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to enter into a professional services agreement with McKinstry Essention, LLC to perform an Investment Grade Audit as required by the United States Department of Energy for Solar & Energy Savings Project.

Staff Recommendation: That the Transit & Mobility Director be granted permission to enter into a professional services agreement with McKinstry Essention, LLC to perform an Investment Grade Audit as required by the United States Department of Energy for Solar & Energy Savings Project.

Fiscal Note: Cost not to exceed \$102,000. Funding available through federal award for project.

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

Community Development Authority Report, by Ald. Tate II

[0703-22](#)

Subject: Communication from the Acting Executive Director that the Community Development Authority designate the boundaries of the project area and adopt the Redevelopment Plan for the Regency Mall and High Ridge Center Properties, and submit the boundaries of the project area and redevelopment plan to the Common Council for approval, with a recommendation that the Common Council declare the project area to be a blighted area in need of a blight elimination and urban renewal project.

Recommendation of the Community Development Authority on

09-22-22: That the boundaries of the project area and the Redevelopment Plan for the Regency Mall and High Ridge Center Properties be adopted. Further that the project area be declared a blighted area in need of a blight elimination, slum clearance, and an urban renewal project.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Office of the Mayor Report, by Ald. Tate, II[0741-22](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting to cancel the October 18th, 2022 Common Council meeting.

Recommendation of Mayor Mason: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Taft, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

[0746-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the following appointments:

Jason Meekma to the Waterworks Commission for a term expiring September 30th, 2026

Jason Meekma to the Wastewater Commission for a term expiring September 30th, 2026

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

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Taft, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

F. Council Vote on Consent Agenda Items (Communications, Committee Reports, Resolutions)

A motion was made by Alder John Tate II, seconded by Alder Jeff Coe, that this be Considered as Reported Adopted by the following vote

AYES: 14 - Coe, Jones, Tate II, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Taft, Jarrett and Sebastian

EXCUSED: 1 - Horton

G. 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.

H. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM by Alder West.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Monday, October 17, 2022

ATTEST: TARA MCMENAMIN

CITY CLERK