



# 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*

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Tuesday, November 1, 2022

7:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

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#### A. Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 13 - Jones, Tate II, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Taft, Jarrett and Sebastian  
**EXCUSED:** 2 - Coe and 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) October 17th, 2022

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

**PRESENT:** 13 - Jones, Tate II, Paffrath, Kaprelian, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Perez, Taft, Jarrett and Sebastian  
**EXCUSED:** 2 - Coe and Horton

#### D. Proclamations

[0831-22](#)

**Subject:** Election Hero Day

#### E. Public Comments

*The following people appeared to speak before the Common Council:*

*Michael Schrader  
Zach Zdroik  
Shawn Rivers  
Matthew Gorbaty  
Matt Ostergaard  
Mercedes Dzindzeleta  
Kresha Mi*

## F. Committee Reports

### Committee of the Whole Report, by Ald. Tate II

#### [0791-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting the proposed 2023 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Ordinances, and Fee Schedules as attached anticipated to be included in adoption of this item.

**Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 10-27-2022:**

That the proposed 2023 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Associated Budget, Ordinances, and Fee Schedules as attached anticipated to be included in adoption of this item, be Approved as Amended.

**Fiscal Note:** A copy of the 2023 City of Racine Budget consisting of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds are on file in the Office of the Finance Director and on the City Website.

**A motion was made by Alder Taft, seconded by Alder Jones, that this be Adopted As Amended: The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

**AYES:** 10 - Jones, Paffrath, Peterson, West, McCarthy, Peete, Land, Taft, Jarrett and Sebastian

**NOES:** 2 - Kaprelian and Perez

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Coe and Horton

**ABSTENTIONS:** 1 - Tate II

#### [0670-22](#)

**Subject:** Submission of the Proposed 2023 Waterworks Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

**Recommendation of the Racine Waterworks Commission on September 20, 2022:**To Adopt Operations & Maintenance Budget as presented

**Recommendation of the Racine Waterworks Commission on September 20, 2022:** To Adopt Capital Improvement Plan as presented and that the item be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in 10-27-2022:**  
That the submission of the Proposed 2023 Waterworks Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, be Approved.

**A motion was made by Alder Tate II seconded by Alder Sebastian, that this communication be approved: The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

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

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Coe and Horton

[0656-22](#)

**Subject:** Submission of the Proposed 2023 Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

**Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Commission on September 20, 2022:** To Adopt Operations & Maintenance Budget as presented

**Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Commission on September 20, 2022:** To Adopt Capital Improvement Plan as presented and that the item be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 10-27-2022:**  
That the submission of the Proposed 2023 Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, be Approved.

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

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

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Coe and Horton

[0657-22](#)

**Subject:** Consideration of the 2023 Sewer Service Rates

**Recommendation of the Racine Wastewater Commission on September 20, 2022:** Approve and that the item be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 10-27-2022:**

That the Consideration of the 2023 Sewer Service Rates, be Approved.

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

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

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Coe and Horton

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

[0776-22](#)

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

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-24-2022:** That the claim be disallowed.

**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**

[0777-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney’s Office, submitting the claim of Chester Isom for consideration for disallowance.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-24-2022:** That the claim be disallowed.

**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**

[0778-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the City Attorney meet with the Finance and Personnel Committee concerning litigation in which the City is likely to become involved, specifically related to the claims of Eleuterio A. Ortiz and Secura Insurance.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-24-2022:** To accept and approve the settlement agreement as presented.

**Fiscal Note:** The settlement amount of \$62,457.39 shall be paid from Account 11202-56200, Contingency

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

motion was APPROVED on a Voice Vote in Consent

[0783-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Paffrath, on behalf of the Department of City Development, for review and approval of the 2023 Operating Plan for Business Improvement District No. 4, Douglas Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-24-2022:** That the 2023 Operating Plan for Business Improvement District No. 4, Douglas Avenue, be approved. Further that the Finance Director be authorized and directed to include the District's special charges on the 2022 property tax bills of the affected parcels.

**Fiscal Note:** It is estimated that \$41,125 will be raised through bid assessments that will be placed into the Douglas Avenue Business Improvement District's revenue account.

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

[0787-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for, and if awarded, accept the 2022 Local Community Grant (#00485).

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-24-2022:** That the Chief of Police be granted approval to apply for, and if awarded, accept the 2022 Local Community Grant (#00485).

**Fiscal Note:** Grant amount is \$3,500. **City Match:** N/A

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

[0792-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Department of City Development, requesting permission to apply for, and if awarded, accept the FY2023 United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant for the City of Racine (Grant Control# 00484).

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-24-2022:** That the Interim Assistant Director of City Development, or her designee, be authorized to act on behalf of the City to submit to the US EPA an application for a Community-Wide Assessment Grant, sign all forms and documents necessary, pay all fees, and take necessary action to undertake, direct, complete, and carry out grant activities, if awarded.

**Fiscal Note:** The City will apply for the maximum amount of funding of

\$500,000 to be used over a grant period of four years. There are no match requirements for this grant.

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

[0795-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Human Resources Director, requesting that the signing bonuses previously authorized by the Common Council in August of 2021 be expanded to all Non Represented Full Time long unfilled positions, and an additional \$50,000 of City ARPA funds be allocated for purposes of recruitment.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-24-2022:** That the signing bonuses previously authorized by the Common Council in August of 2021 be expanded to all Non Represented Full Time long unfilled positions defined as 3 months or more for purposes of recruitment, and an additional \$50,000 of City ARPA funds be allocated for these purposes.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds in the amount of \$50,000 are available in the compliance category of ARPA to be reprogrammed for this purpose.

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

[0796-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Benefits Manager, requesting permission to appear before the Finance and Personnel Committee to discuss the City's Stop Loss Insurance coverage for 2023.

**Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 10-24-2022:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement for the City's 2023 Health Insurance Stop Loss Coverage with American Fidelity Assurance Company through Brown & Brown.

**Fiscal Note:** Estimated cost for City only is about \$810,000. Funds are allocated in the 2023 budget under Account #70312 52130 Stop Loss Premium.

**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**

[0784-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, submitting bid results for 2023 Solid

Waste Disposal Services.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-25-22:** That the Solid Waste Disposal Services contract be awarded to GFL Environmental - Emerald Park Landfill LLC based on the following disposal costs:

1. Municipal Solid Waste: \$40.00 per ton
2. Household Bulky Waste: \$45.00 per ton
3. Street Sweepings: \$23.00 per ton
4. Scale-in, Scale out Time: 15 minutes

Based on average yearly tonnages for each of the items, the total cost of the contract award is approximately \$1,110,000.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds to defray the costs of this contract are available in the following Org Objects:

14006 52215 Waste Disposal  
60484 52215 Waste Disposal

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

[0785-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the City Engineer, requesting extension of Underground Utility Locate Services.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-25-22:** That the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to extend the agreement, from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, with Precise Underground Marketing Corporation, to provide underground facility locating services for the City-owned fiber optic and electrical systems with a per ticket price of the following: Pre-Screens \$13.07, Locates \$16.72, Site Visit \$16.72, Emergency (During business hours) \$28.19, Emergency (After business hours) \$57.01, Projects \$35.25.

**Fiscal Note:** Estimated contract amount is \$80,000 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 a Voice Vote in Consent**

[0786-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the City Engineer, requesting approval of an Intergovernmental Agreements with the Village of Mount Pleasant for assessable paving projects on Winthrop Avenue and Eaton Lane.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-25-22:** That the intergovernmental agreements with the Village of Mount Pleasant be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** The Village of Mount Pleasant will reimburse the City of Racine the Village's pro rata share of the construction and administration costs, estimated to be \$271,000.00.

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

[0793-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the City Engineer submitting the assessment rates established for 2023 Public Hearings for 2024 construction of Portland Cement Concrete Paving and Curb and Gutter.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-25-22:** That the proposed special assessment rates established for 2023 Public Hearings for 2024 construction of Portland Cement Concrete Paving and Curb & Gutter be approved. See attached.

**Fiscal Note:** These rates are established so that the abutting property owner pays their pro rata share of the cost of such street 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**

[0782-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage Titan Retalia Gas and Food Mart INC, DBA JD United Petroleum located at 1530 Douglas Ave, Anuradha Rai, Agent. (4 District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-24-2022:** That the application for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage Titan Retalia Gas and Food Mart INC, DBA JD United Petroleum located at 1530 Douglas Ave, Anuradha Rai, Agent. (4 District), 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**

[0750-22](#)

**Subject:** Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting to appoint a City of Racine Humane Officer



**Staff Recommendation to the Public Safety & Licensing**

**Committee on 10.10.2022:** Approval to appoint a City of Racine Humane Officer.

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

**on 10-10-2022:** That the Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting to appoint a City of Racine Humane Officer

**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**

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

[0801-22](#)

**Subject:**Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting approval of RYDE Racine's waiving of fares for veterans of the United States Armed Forces utilizing fixed-route transit service.

**Staff Recommendation:** That the Transit Commission approve RYDE Racine's waiving of fares for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

**Fiscal Note:** Loss of veteran adult fares at two dollars per ride and senior citizen or disabled fares at one dollar per ride.

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

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

[0808-22](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication by Mayor Mason requesting permission to apply for the 2022 Department of Transportation Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant phase 1. (Grant Control #00487).

**Staff Recommendation:** To approve the request to apply for the 2022 Department of Transportation Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant.

**Fiscal Note:** The award could be up to \$2,000,000 with no cost sharing or matching required.

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

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

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Coe and Horton

[0810-22](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of Public Health Director Bowersox, requesting to apply for the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant.

**Fiscal Note:** up to \$50,000 no City match

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

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

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Coe and Horton

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

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

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

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Coe and Horton

**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 7:45 PM by Alder West.  
The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Tuesday, November 15, 2022  
ATTEST: TARA MCMENAMIN  
CITY CLERK*