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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Personnel Committee

Chair Natalia Taft
Vice Chair Marcus West
Alder Sam Peete
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder John Tate II

Monday, July 11, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

EXCUSED: 1 - Chair Taft

Approval of Minutes for the May 31, 2022 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Vice Chair West, to Approve the Minutes.

[0466-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the Finance Director, requesting that the City of Racine Common Council support the release of the United States EDA's federal interest in the qualifying loan fund administered by the Racine County Economic Development Corporation.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: To approve a resolution supporting the release of the United States EDA's federal interest in the qualifying loan fund administered by the Racine County Economic Development Corporation.

Fiscal Note: NA

Business Lending Partners Finance Manager Carolyn Engel, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0485-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into agreement, Contract #2022074, with Housing Resources Inc. for Home Buyer Assistance Counseling and Administration of Down Payment Assistance.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and

sign the services agreement, Contract #2022074 with Housing Resources Inc. for Home Buyer Assistance Counseling and Administration of Down Payment Assistance for the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: This is a three year contract totaling \$442,883. Funds are available in account 22960 52100 22906 ARPA Home Buyer Assistance Professional Services.

Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0450-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting authorization to purchase the reconstruction of RYDE Racine's Drive Thru Bus Wash at the Transit Garage, Requisition #403, with Reliable Plus.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Transit & Mobility Director be authorized to purchase the reconstruction of RYDE Racine's Drive Thru Bus Wash at the Transit Garage, Requisition #403, with Reliable Plus.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 60282011 57300 for approximately \$219,300.00.

Transit & Mobility Director Jung, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Vice Chair West, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0463-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Urban Mass Transit Assistance - Operating 2022 Program Grant Agreement per Wis. Stats. 85.20 between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control #00468).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the Urban Mass Transit Assistance - Operating 2022 Program Grant Agreement per Wis. Stats. 85.20 between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control #00468).

Fiscal Note: Revenue of \$2,126,086 as determined by Wis. Stats. 85.20.

Transit & Mobility Director Jung, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair West, seconded by Alder Horton, that this

file be Recommended For Approval.

[0464-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 2022 Urban Mass Transit Paratransit Assistance Contract between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control #00469).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the 2022 Urban Mass Transit Paratransit Assistance Contract between WisDOT and the City of Racine (Grant Control #00469).

Fiscal Note: Revenue of \$96,394 as determined by Wis. Stats. 85.205.

Transit & Mobility Director Jung, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair West, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0492-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft on behalf of the Fire Chief requesting permission to apply for and if approved accept the 2022 Wisconsin Department of Health EMS Flex Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance replacing the oldest ambulance in the fire department fleet (Grant Control #00464).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Fire Chief be authorized to apply for and if awarded accept the 2022 Wisconsin Department of Health EMS Flex Grant for the acquisition of a new ambulance (Grant Control #00464).

Fiscal Note: The grant is for \$200,000 and the city match is \$80,000 to be budgeted in the 2023 CIP program.

Assistant Fire Chief Wolf, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0493-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft on behalf of the Fire Chief requesting authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Racine Fire Department Mobile Integrated Health Care program and the Care Improvement Plus Wisconsin Insurance doing business as United Healthcare Community Plan for the delivery of post discharge patient visits.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Fire Chief be authorized to sign the Memorandum of

Understanding on behalf of the fire department with United Health Care Community Plan. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

Fiscal Note: This program will provide the fire department with \$600 per member to locate and engage United members to be enrolled in the MIH High Utilizer Program and in addition United shall pay the fire department \$300 per completed visit or a total of \$900 per member for three completed visits.

Assistant Fire Chief Wolf, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0446-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Chief of Police, requesting permission to apply for the 2022/2023 Mayor's Gang Collaborative Grant (#00462).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for the 2022/2023 Mayor's Gang Collaborative Grant (#00462).

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$63,400 **City Match:** None

Police Chief Robinson, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Vice Chair West, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0491-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, requesting permission to accept the WI ARPA Grant allocation in the amount of \$784,000 to be allocated to public safety as attached.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Mayor and City Clerk be granted permission to accept the WI ARPA Grant.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$784,000. No City match is required.

Finance Director Fischer and Mayor Mason, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Vice Chair West, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0494-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason submitting a Resolution regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse the Lead Service Lateral Replacement Project.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

7-11-2022: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to approve and sign the Resolution regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse the Lead Service Lateral Replacement Project.

Fiscal Note: The Racine Water Utility, on behalf of the City of Racine, applied for a Safe Drinking Water Loan through the State of Wisconsin. The Financial Assistance Agreement will make available up to \$1,104,000.00 in a principal forgiveness loan for lead service lateral replacements.

Racine Water Utility Director Gitter, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0497-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the Interim Assistant Director of City Development requesting authorization to change the pay grade of Clerical Positions in City Development to Grade F.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

7-11-2022: That the request for pay grade changes be approved.

Fiscal Note: Sufficient Funding exists to defray the cost and is available in Org-Obj 16001 50100. Grade F: \$45,094.40-\$57,990.40

Finance Director Fischer, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Vice Chair West, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0500-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason on behalf of the City Administrator requesting authorization to change the pay grade of the Director of City Development Position from Grade R to Grade S and to change the pay grade of the Assistant Director of City Development from Grade N to Grade O.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

7-11-2022: That the request for both pay grade changes be approved.

Fiscal Note: Sufficient Funding exists to defray the cost and is available in Org-Obj 16001 50100. Grade S: \$107,224-\$137,862.40 and Grade O: \$88,088-\$113,256

City Administrator Vornholt, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair West, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0498-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Director of Human Resources requesting permission to adjust the pay grade for one position in the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Director of Human Resources be authorized to adjust the pay grade for one position in the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department.

Fiscal Note: Sufficient funding exists in the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department budget to accommodate this proposed change.

CIO MIS Director Edwards, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0496-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting authorization to accept the Wisconsin Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant (Grant Control #0470).

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to accept the Wisconsin Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Fiscal Note: Grant amount is \$3,362,543. Local match is required up to 25% (\$840,636). Funds available in account #20314 52100 22912.

City Administrator Vornholt, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair West, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0495-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting the City receive 1009 Park Avenue and 1108 Villa Street from Racine County and transfer property to Racine Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of redevelopment.

Staff Recommendation: That the City of Racine approve receipt of the properties from Racine County and transfer them to Racine Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of redevelopment.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: To defer the receipt of the properties from Racine County and transfer them to Racine Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of

redevelopment.

Fiscal Note: Habitat will reimburse the City for title transfer, recording, or any other applicable fees, estimated at approximately \$120.

This communication was deferred by Vice Chair West and Alder Tate II.

A motion was made by Vice Chair West, seconded by Alder Tate II to defer this communication.

[0487-22](#)

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

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the claim be disallowed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy City Attorney Roubik, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Vice Chair West, that the disallowance of this claim be Recommended for Approval.

[0510-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, Alder Rouse, Alder Peete, Alder West, and Alder Paffrath proposing that the Common Council pass a resolution placing a referendum on the November 8, 2022, election ballot for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the question of whether the State of Wisconsin should legalize and regulate the full adult use of marijuana in Wisconsin.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Committee recommend the Common Council pass a resolution placing a referendum on the November 8, 2022, election ballot for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the question of whether the State of Wisconsin should legalize and regulate the full adult use of marijuana in Wisconsin.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mayor Mason, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair West, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

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 a matter that, for competitive or bargaining reasons, requires a closed session, specifically negotiation for the purpose of the purchase of property for the Department of Public Works Transfer Station Development Project, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(d) to consider strategy for crime detection or prevention.

A motion was made by Alder Tate II, seconded by Alder Horton, to go into Closed Session.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

PRESENT: 4 - Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

EXCUSED: 1 - Chair Taft

Open Session

The Finance and Personnel Committee will return to open session and may take action on any of the matters discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Alder Peete, seconded by Alder Tate II, to go into Open Session.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

PRESENT: 4 - Vice Chair West, Alder Peete, Alder Horton and Alder Tate II

EXCUSED: 1 - Chair Taft

0508-22

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting authorization for the administration to negotiate the purchase of 6030, 6110, and 6300 Twenty-First Street for the purposes of the Department of Public Works Transfer Station Development Project.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the administration be authorized to negotiate the purchase of 6030, 6110, and 6300 Twenty-First Street for the purposes of the Department of Public Works Transfer Station Development Project

Fiscal Note: To be discussed.

City Administrator Vornholt, Commissioner of Public Works Rooney, and Foth Consulting Representative Andrea Larenz, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair West, seconded by Alder Tate II, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0448-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, requesting permission for the Police Department to enter into agreement, Contract #2022080, with Flock Group Inc. for Flock Safety Raven.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Police Department be authorized to execute and sign the services agreement, Contract #2022080 with Flock Group Inc. for Flock Safety Raven for the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 45131 57300

Police Chief Robinson, appeared before the committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair West, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

[0449-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, requesting permission for the Police Department to enter into agreement, Contract #2022065, with Flock Group Inc. for Flock Falcon Cameras.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 7-11-2022: That the Police Department be authorized to execute and sign the services agreement, Contract #2022065 with Flock Group Inc. for Flock Falcon Cameras for the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 20307 57300 31065.

Police Chief Robinson, appeared before the Committee to speak on the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair West, seconded by Alder Horton, that this file be Recommended For Approval.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:12p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:30p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Alder West, Vice Chair

Finance & Personnel Committee