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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

Chairman Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II
Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy
Dennis Wiser
Ronald D. Hart
O. Keith Fair

Monday, January 23, 2012

5:00 PM

City Hall Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Q.A. Shakoor, II, Terry McCarthy, Dennis Wiser, Ronald D. Hart and O. Keith Fair

Approval of Minutes for the January 9, 2012 Meeting.

to Approve the Minutes

1. [12-7267](#)

Subject: Communication to the Mayor and City Council from the Alderpersons of the 5th and 15th districts requesting to discuss having the city provide the same health insurance benefits to State-registered domestic partners and their dependants, that is now provided to married couples.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

1-23-12: Defer the item until the next scheduled Finance & Personnel Committee meeting pending legal review and financial impact.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Mozol and Deputy City Attorney Scott Letteney appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

2. [12-7290](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney requesting authorization to represent employee Rodney King in the lawsuit, Dawn Balcer, et al v. American Family Insurance, et al, Racine County Case No. 11-CV-3204.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

1-23-12: The City Attorney's office be authorized to represent Rodney King in the lawsuit, Dawn Balcer, et al v. American Family Insurance, et al, Racine County Case No. 11-CV-3204.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [balcer_001](#)

Deputy City Attorney Scott Letteney appeared before the Committee requesting authorization to represent City employee Rodney King in a lawsuit.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

3. [11-7228](#)

Subject: Communication from Old Timers Athletic Club to waive the fees for hanging banners around the City and on park fences.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 1-23-12: Deny the request from the Old Timers Athletic Club to waive the fees for hanging banners around the City and on park fences.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Old Timers](#)

Tom Molbeck, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

4. [12-7245](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to apply for the Assistance to Fire Fighters SAFER Grant. (Grant Control #2012-001)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 1-23-12: Permission be granted for the Fire Chief to apply for the Assistance to Fire Fighters SAFER Grant. (Grant Control #2012-001)

Fiscal Note: The official grant guidance document has not been released yet; however, the Fire Chief has been advised the grant will be for a three-year period of time and cover 100% of the costs associated with the three firefighting positions. He has also been advised that there should not be any conditions that the fire department continues with the three positions at the conclusion of the grant period.

Attachments: [safer grant application request 1 5 12](#)

Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee requesting permission to apply for the Assistance to Fire Fighters SAFER Grant.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Dennis Wisner, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

5. [12-7289](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to enter into a contract agreement to retain Engberg-Anderson for architectural design services for a City Animal Control facility.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

1-23-12: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a contract agreement to retain Engberg-Anderson for architectural design services for a City Animal Control facility for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the first three phases.

Fiscal Note: Up to \$10,000 for the first three phases of the project.

Attachments: [Animal Control Arch Request](#)

Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Public Health Administrator and Tom Friedel, City Administrator appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

6. [11-7169](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Racine County Economic Development Corporation submitting for review and approval its 2012 Brownfield Services contract with the City.

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 1-3-12: That the Authority supports the use of \$55,000 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the renewal of the RCEDC brownfields initiative contract for 2012.

Further recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

Further recommends that the proposed agreement be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee of the Common Council for its review and approval.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

1-23-12: To approve the Racine County Economic Development Corporation's 2012 Brownfield Services contract with the City.

Fiscal Note: The funds, \$55,000, are available in the city's 2012 capital budget.

Attachments: [Brownfield agreement RCEDC City](#)
[RDA Res. 11-18](#)

Karen Frost from RCEDC and Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development appeared before the Committee to submit for review and approval the 2012 Brownfield Services contract with the City.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Alderman O. Keith Fair was excused from the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

7. [11-7170](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Racine County Economic Development Corporation submitting for review and approval its 2012 Entrepreneurship Initiative contract with the City.

Recommendation of the Redevelopment Authority on 1-3-12: That the Authority supports the use of \$69,400 from the Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Fund for the Entrepreneurship Initiative contract for 2012.

Further recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into the agreement with RCEDC.

Further recommends that the proposed agreement be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee of the Common Council for its review and approval.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 1-23-12: To approve the Racine County Economic Development Corporation's 2012 Entrepreneurship Initiative contract with the City and that specific metrics be delivered to the Committee by the next scheduled Finance & Personnel Committee meeting.

Fiscal Note: The funds, \$69,400, are available in the city's 2012 capital budget.

Attachments: [RCEDC Launch Box Agreement](#)
[RDA Res. 11-19](#)

Karen Frost from RCEDC and Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development appeared before the Committee to submit for review and approval the 2012 Entrepreneurship Initiative contract with the City.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Ronald D. Hart, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012 at City Hall, Room 301.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ald. Q.A. Shakoor, II, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee**