



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
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Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

*ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR*

*Ald. Terry Witkowski, Vice-Chair*

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Donovan*

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Monday, June 6, 2011

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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Meeting convened at 1:40 P.M.

1. [110199](#) Reappointment of Dwight Ellis to the Ethics Board by the Mayor. (4th Aldermanic District)  
  
**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**  
  
Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan  
  
No 0
2. [101480](#) Reappointment of Steven Volkman to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (13th Aldermanic District)  
  
**A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**  
  
Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan  
  
No 0
3. [101481](#) Reappointment of Dorothy Helmenstine to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (11th Aldermanic District)  
  
**A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**  
  
Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan  
  
No 0
4. [101482](#) Reappointment of Debroah Spannraft to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (4th Aldermanic District)  
  
**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

5. [110030](#)

Communication from the City Attorney relating to semiannual reports as to the determination and disposition of all claims pending and closed and litigation matters closed through December 31, 2010.

*Individual present:*

*Barbara Woldt - City Atty*

**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Communication-Report be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

6. [110116](#)

Communication from the City Attorney relative to expenditures from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account.

*Individual present:*

*Barbara Woldt - City Atty*

**A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

7. [110191](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of the Time Warner Cable for a tax refund.

*Individuals present:*

*Linda Burke - Deputy City Atty*

*Celeste Flynn - Time Warner Cable*

**A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

8. [110107](#)

Resolution relating to an appeal from Walt Paget, agent for Triple Crown, Inc. for property damage. (4th Aldermanic District)

*Individuals present:*

*Jan Smokowicz - Asst. City Attorney*

*Robert Bryson - Infrastructure Services Transportation*

*Walt Paget, agent for Triple Crown, Inc. - claimant*

*Ald. Donovan moved payment of the appeal in the amount of \$2059.20*

**A motion was made by ALD. DONOVAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

9. [110192](#) Resolution relating to the claim of the Carlata Wesley for property damage. (5th Aldermanic District)

**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

10. [110143](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Nidal Bibi for property damage. (13th Aldermanic District)

*Individuals present:*

*Jan Smokowicz - Asst. City Atty*

*Bernice Flemming - Water Works Adm*

*Mr. Nidal Bibi - Claimant*

**A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

11. [110215](#) Resolution authorizing payment from the common council contingent fund of the judgment against the City for \$61,175.08 in favor of Giuffre Bros. Inc. for refund of personal property taxes.

**A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

12. [110159](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2009 and 2010 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

13. [110216](#) Communication from the office of the Assessor relating to its reassessment

notification policies.

*Individuals present:*

*Mary Reavey - City Assessor's*

*Peter Weissenfluh - Deputy City Assessor's*

*Atty. Heiner Giese - Giese & Weden Law Offices*

**A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

14. [110149](#)

Resolution relative to legislative bills.

*Individual present:*

*Paul Vornholt - IRD*

*Mr. Vornholt will provide a written report based on the document the Intergovernmental Relations Division prepared earlier this year on how Governor' Walker complete budget and how it impacts the City of Milwaukee.*

**A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

15. [110202](#)

An ordinance changing the number of aldermanic districts from 15 to 13.

*Individuals present:*

*Ald. Dudzik - 11th Aldermanic District*

*Richard Pfaff - Legislative Reference Bureau Manager*

**A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

**No** 1 - Bohl

16. [110063](#)

An ordinance relating to aldermanic district boundaries commencing in 2012.

*Individuals present:*

*Richard Pfaff - LRB*

*Richard Watts - LRB*

*Members of the Public - Speakers:*

*Juan Carlos Ruiz - WI Latino Action Coalition*

*Darryl Morin - LULAC of Wisconsin - 5012 W Ashland Way Franklin WI 53132*

*Sylvia Ortiz - LULAC Council - 1433 W Harrison Ave 53215*

*Jose Perez - 1112 S 8th - Vice Chair of the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce*

*Virginia Zerpa - Latino Health Coalition - 2422 N Booth 53212*

*Christine Newmann-Ortiz - 1027 S 5th SWt 53204 - Voces de la Frontera*

*Jesus Salas - 1027 S 5th SWt 53204*

Salvador Sanchez - 1027 S 5th SWt 53204  
Aaron Rodriguez- 9314 S 33rd St - Hispanics for Leaderships  
Jesus Rodriguez - 3215 N Bartlett Ave 53211  
Al Janson - 2959 S 43rd St 53219  
LaShawndra Varron - 2100 W Pierce St. #137 53204  
Jayme Montgomery Baker - 1639 N Mayflower Ct 53205  
Jaime Alvarado -  
Christopher Ahmuty - 207 E Buffalo St 53202 - ACLU of Wisconsin

Members of the Public - Non Speakers:  
Felix Questell Jr. - 911 W Maple Ave 53204  
Vincent Knox - 2446 N 46th St 53210  
Daisy Cubias

June 24th Will be the next workshop for the public  
June 27 Jud Leg Committee mtg take action on these proposals  
July 6 Common Council action will be taken based on the recommendation of this  
Committee

**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Ordinance be HELD TO  
CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

**Meeting adjourned at 5:15P.M.**

**Joanna Polanco**

**Staff Assistant**

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