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Meeting Minutes

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ALD. MARK A. BORKOWSKI, CHAIR

Ald. Cavalier Johnson, Vice-Chair

Ald. Robert Bauman, Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski, and Ald. Nikiya Dodd

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Monday, December 9, 2019

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

12/5/19 AMENDED

File Number 191052 has been removed.

File Number 191313 has been added.

Meeting convened at 1:34 PM

Present 3 - Borkowski, Bauman, Dodd

Excused 2 - Johnson, Zielinski

1. [190761](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Ashley Lewis for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Based on non-appearance, Ald. Zielinski moved denial.

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman and Dodd

2. [191195](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Janice Quin for property damage. (9th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

ACA Katryna Rhodes

Ms. Janice Quin

Mr. James Washington

Mr. Jerry Nixon - eyewitness of the situation

Based on City Attorney's recommendations and City Department's testimony, Ald.

Johnson moved denial of this appeal.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

3. [190995](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Ann F. Alioto

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Based on City Attorney's recommendation and City Department's testimony, Ald. Zielinski moved denial.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

4. [191075](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Sara Ann Vorpahl on behalf of Alex and Evelyn Hintz for property damage. (4th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
ACA - *Katryna Rhodes*
Sara Ann Vorpahl - *Acuity*
Nicole Braser - *Acuity*
Mr. Alex Hintz

Based on City Attorney's recommendations, Ald. Zielinski moved denial of this appeal.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

5. [181312](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2714 W. Melvina Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner Gregory Schroeder & Jennifer Bonfiglio.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Amy Turim
Deborah McCollum
Norma Lewis
Nicole Larsen

Mr. Schroeder was not present when called. Based on information related to the Chair, Mr. Schroeder was waiting for AAA due to a flat tire on the road.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

6. [190631](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3624 N. 86th Street, in the 5th Aldermanic District to its former owner Robert Sain, Jr..

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

no one was present when called.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

7. [190989](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3261-3263 N 16th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner Live N4 Better Entertainment, LLC (application made by Marquise Harris).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
amy turim
Deborah McCollum Gathing DCD
Norma Lewis - DNS
Jim Klajbor
Marquise Harris

Other properties owned by applicant, that would need to be paid prior to 12/17/19
3257 N 16th Street 2017-2018 outstanding \$2,245.12

2715 N 48th Street 2018 outstanding \$4,459.08

3044-3046 N 39th Street 2018 outstanding \$6,921.46

There is an building code violation judgment, if pay by December 16, 2019 \$1,112.16

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Bauman and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

Abstain 1 - Dodd

8. [191043](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3710 W Frederica Place, in the 8th Aldermanic District to its former owner Maria E. Hernandez.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Amy Turim

Deborah McCollum Gathing

Norma Lewis

Jim Klajbor

Maria Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez' daughter, Elzia Hernandez

There are pending DNS \$30.48 for 1818 W Greenfield Ave that is due prior to 12/17/19 Council.

Other properties

3837 W Michigan St 2018 outstanding \$3,465.22

There are Municipal Court judgement for building code violations, if paid by 12/16/19 amount is \$239.41

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

9. [191045](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 317 W Ring Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner Bosses Sports Bar & Grill LLC (Appliction made by Kenneth Harper).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Amy Turim

Deborah McCollum Gathing

Norma Lewis

Jim Klajbor

no one show up when called.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

10. [191046](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2011-2013 N 40th Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner Bernard Chessum.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Bauman and Dodd

No 0

Excused 2 - Johnson and Zielinski

11. [191051](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1127-1129 W Rogers Street, in the 12th Aldermanic District to its former owner Jose Carrillo.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Amy Turim

Deborah McCollum Gathing

Norma Lewis

Jim Klajbor

Mr. Jeffrey Simon with Mr. Carrillo, as his interpreter.

Outstanding Reinspection fees \$2,743.20 due prior to 12/17/19

Outstanding building code violation judgments if paid by 12/16/19 \$1,453.74 , if paid by 1/16/20 \$1,457.04

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Bauman and Dodd

No 0

Excused 2 - Johnson and Zielinski

12. [191078](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3728 W Brown Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner Savannah Wren.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Amy Turim
Deborah McCollum Gathing
Norma Lewis
Jim Klajbor
Savannah Wren

Vacant building fee due \$254.00

Other properties 1818 W Nash Street Outstanding 2017-2018 \$1308.54

Municipal Court judgment for building code violations if paid by 12/16/17 \$2317.10

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Bauman and Dodd

No 0

Excused 2 - Johnson and Zielinski

13. [191081](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2213-2215 N Hi Mount Blvd, in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner Edgar G Cavazos.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Appearing:
Amy Turim
Deborah McCollum Gathing
Norma Lewis
Jim Klajbor
Mr. Edgar Cavazos
Maria Cavazos

Litter fees \$172.82 due prior to 12/17/19 Common Council

Municipal court judgment due in the amount of \$344.47 if paid by 12/16/19.

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

Aye 2 - Borkowski and Dodd

No 1 - Bauman

Excused 2 - Johnson and Zielinski

14. [191099](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2769 N. 48th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner Affordable Real Estate Management, LLC (application made by Affordable Real Estate Management LLC c/o Anthony B. Taylor, Sr.).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Amy Turim

Deborah McCollum Gathing

Norma Lewis

Jim Klajbor

Affordable Real Estate Management, LLC:

Veronica Taylor, daughter of Mr. Taylor & Anthony Ashwood

Outstanding DNS charges on 3282 N 17th Street in the amount of \$640.08

Other properties owned by applicant:

3282 N 17th street 2018 Outstanding

\$2,981.88

3445 N 58th Street

2018 outstanding

\$4,588.07

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Bauman and Dodd

No 0

Excused 2 - Johnson and Zielinski

15. [191100](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1601 W. Lincoln Avenue, in the 12th Aldermanic District to its former owner Lopez Baking Properties, LLC (application made by Jose Lopez).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 1 - Dodd

16. [191101](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2119 S. 5th Place, in the 14th Aldermanic District to its former owner Parminderjeet S. Dhillon.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Amy Turim

Deborah McCollum Gathing

Norma Lewis

Jim Klajbor

Parminderjeet Dhillon

DNS outstanding Reinspection fees in the amount of \$304.80 and \$909.60 for another property.

Municipal Court judgments for building code violations:

if paid by 12/16/19 \$3,772.07

If paid by 1/16/20 \$3,785.61

to arrange payment, applicant should contact Alyssa Braggs at Arnold Scott Harris, P.C.

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman and Dodd

17. [191102](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3264 N. 24th Place, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner Dana M. Williamson.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Amy turim

Deborah McCollum Gathing

Norma Lewis

Jim Klajbor

Dana Williamson

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Bauman

No 0

Excused 2 - Zielinski and Dodd

18. [191103](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3417 N. 6th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner Tranae Anthony.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Amy turim

Deborah McCollum Gathing

Norma Lewis

Jim Klajbor

Tranae Anthony

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Bauman and Dodd

No 0

Excused 2 - Johnson and Zielinski

19. [191104](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2730-2732 W. Garfield Avenue, in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner James A. Swain and Gerita Floyd.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Amy turim
Deborah McCollum Gathing
Norma Lewis
Jim Klajbor
James Swain and Gerita Floyd

Litter nuisance fees are paid in the amount of \$1,320.80 due prior to CC 12/17/19

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

20. [191108](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 6953 N. 78th Court, in the 9th Aldermanic District to its former owner Cheryle K. Steele-Pulley c/o Tiffany N. Robinson (application made by Estate of Edward Brown c/o Attorney John Zeckel).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Amy Turim
Deborah McCollum Gathing
Norma Lewis
Jim Klajbor
Atty. John Zeckel
Mr. Edward Brown

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

21. [191194](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4215

N. 100th Street, in the 5th Aldermanic District to its former owner Patricia Ann Wade.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Zielinski

22. [191201](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3727 N. 41st Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner Angeline Mills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Amy Turim
Deborah McCollum Gathing
Norma Lewis
Jim Klajbor
Angeline Mills with counsel

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

23. [191202](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1036-1038 W. Wright Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner George I. Noble and Nora Conway.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Amy Turim
Deborah McCollum Gathing
Norma Lewis
Jim Klajbor
George Noble & Nora Conway

DNS Litter nuisance fees outstanding in the amount of \$812.80

Applicant has ownership interest in 2134 N 25th Street with 2018 outstanding taxes in the amount of \$9,230.39

*Mr. Noble has municipal court judgment:
\$5,695.00 plus interest*

also there are traffic fines

*Ms. Nora Conway has municipal court judgment:
\$2,227.07 if paid by 12/16/19*

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

24. [191206](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3435 W. Clybourn Street, in the 4th Aldermanic District to its former owner Agape Properties, LLC (application made by Agape Properties LLC c/o Angelique Sharpe).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Amy Turim
Deborah McCollum Gathing
Norma Lewis
Jim Klajbor
Agape Properties LLC:
Angelique Sharpe*

DNS outstanding Vacant Building charge in the amount of \$1,016.00

2639 N 5th taxes paid in full

There is no entity registered with the State of WI.

Based on discussion, Ald. Bauman moved to hold to clarify the correct owner of this property.

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Bauman

No 0

Excused 2 - Zielinski and Dodd

25. [191207](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1427 W. Hayes Avenue, in the 12th Aldermanic District to its former owner Sergio Ramirez & Manuel Ramirez Gutierrez.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Amy turim
Deborah McCollum Gathing*

*Norma Lewis
Jim Klajbor
Sergio Ramirez, Interpreter Maribel Murillo*

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

26. [191250](#) Communication from the Equal Rights Commission relating to a report on its 2019 activities and accomplishments.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Chez Ordonez - chair of Equal Rights Commission
Jessica Langill - Equal Rights Commission
Sharon Robinson - Director of Administration*

Per Ald. Zielinski to bring this item back at the February 3, 2020 JL Meeting. There were no objections.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

27. [191318](#) An ordinance relating to the number of board members on the equal rights commission.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Sharon Robinson*

A motion was made by ALD. JOHNSON that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

28. [191251](#) Resolution cancelling real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing tax key numbers on the 2018 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Peter Bronex - Assessor's Office

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Dodd

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

29. [191265](#) Resolution deferring payments of the special assessments and appropriating funds for this purpose.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Mary Dziejwiontkoski | Project Programming Manager | City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Dodd

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

30. [191266](#) Resolution providing for continuance of deferred payment of assessments for worthy indigent resident property owners.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Mary Dziejwiontkoski | Project Programming Manager | City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Dodd

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

31. [191313](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the denial of Saint John's Communities LLC's claim of alleged unlawful tax.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Dodd

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

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meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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