



City of Milwaukee

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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 7, 2010

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 1:37 P.M.

Present 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis, Donovan

Excused 1 - Bohl

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, June 7, 2010 in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Ald. Witkowski moves that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Roll call:

Ayes -- Ald. Davis, Ald. Donovan, Ald. Witkowski and Ald. Hamilton - 4

Excused: Ald. Bohl

Individuals present

Miriam Horwitz, Bruce Schrimpf, Sue Lappen and Adam Stephens - City Attorney's Office

Kim Montgomery - Mayor's Office

1. [100181](#)

Substitute resolution to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Milwaukee Gay Arts Center, Inc. v. City of Milwaukee, et al, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 08-C-0958.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

2. [100175](#)

Resolution authorizing settlement of the claims of Michelle A. Brown (formerly MacDonald) and Earl M. Cosey, Jr.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

3. [100138](#)

Resolution to authorize settlement of wage, penalties and attorney's fees claims made by Philip Sliwinski in Sliwinski v. City of Milwaukee.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Donovan

No 1 - Davis

Excused 1 - Bohl

2:00 P.M.

4. [100169](#)

Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2008 and 2009 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

5. [091531](#)

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

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

The City Attorney's Office will provide information relating to costs of the Jude case to Ald. Davis.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

6. [100137](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from James Mlaker for property damage. (13th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

7. [100199](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Geneva Edwards for property damage. (15th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Claimant not present.

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

No 0

Excused 2 - Bohl and Donovan

8. [100194](#) Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation relating to the regulation of precious gem and gold dealers.

Sponsors: Ald. Bohl

Held at the request of the sponsor.

RECESS: 2:23 P.M.

RECONVENE: 2:32 P.M.

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 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

No 0

Excused 2 - Bohl and Donovan

2:30 P.M.

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Ald. Davis moves that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Roll call:

Ayes -- Ald. Davis, Ald. Donovan, Ald. Witkowski and Ald. Hamilton - 4

Excused: Ald. Bohl

Individuals present:

Ald. Witkowiak and Michael McGuire - A.D. 12

Bruce Langsdorf - District Attorney's Office

Chief Flynn - Police Dept.

Kim Montgomery - Mayor's Office

9. [091542](#)

Communication from the Milwaukee Police Department and the District Attorney's Office relating to allegations of voter fraud.

Sponsors: Ald. Witkowiak, Ald. Donovan, Ald. Bohl and Ald. Witkowski

Individuals present:

Ald. Witkowiak - A.D. 12

Bruce Landgraf - Assistant District Attorney

Edward Flynn, Chief of Police and Lt. David Salazar - Police Dept.

Sue Edman - Election Commission

Bob Spindell - Election Commissioner

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Donovan

No 0

Excused 2 - Bohl and Davis

3:15 P.M.

10. [100068](#) Resolution opposing local policies that encourage discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity and calling on the federal government to enact and enforce uniform and effective immigration policies.

Sponsors: Ald. Witkowiak

Held at the request of the sponsor.

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Donovan

No 0

Excused 2 - Bohl and Davis

Meeting adjourned: 4:01 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant

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