



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ALD. MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, CHAIR

Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Vice-Chair

Ald. Peter Burgelis, Ald. Milele A. Coggs, and Ald. Sharlen P. Moore

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Monday, September 30, 2024

10:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

2025 BUDGET PUBLIC INPUT HEARING

This is also a virtual meeting. Those wishing to view the proceedings are able to do so via the City Channel - Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable - or on the Internet at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/citychannel>.

Meeting convened at 10:09 a.m.

Present 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, Moore

Also present:

William Christianson, City Comptroller

Nik Kovac, Budget Director

Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist

1. [240001](#) Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2025 budget.

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Appearing to provide public testimony:

Debra Gillispie testified in objection to the raising of property taxes. She has limited income as a senior citizen. She advocated for ways to lower property taxes, such as increasing homeownership in vacant homes, and privatizing police pension. She had concerns of residents being priced out of their homes and increases to property tax assessment not being equitable between homeowners and investors.

There was no virtual testimony. It was noted one person had pre-registered but was not present.

eComments on file were read as follows:

Ax DeLessio-Parson wrote that there was the misalignment of budget funds in the proposed budget, too much funds were being devoted into the police, and more

invested was needed elsewhere to support the community.

Ben Turk wrote that the budget was over-funding the police, contributing to the racial disparities and extortion of communities of color, and should entail participatory budgeting.

Director Kovac said that Act 12 requires sworn public safety positions to be maintained and/or increased and that privatizing of police pensions was not an option.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

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Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

**Chris Lee, Staff Assistant
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City Clerk's Office**

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Public comments made using the eComments system can be found within the following file:

[240758](#)

Communication relating to public comments on the Mayor's Proposed Executive Budget for 2025.

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