



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**ALD. MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, CHAIR**

**Ald. Peter Burgelis, Vice-Chair**

**Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Ald. Milele A. Coggs, and Ald. Sharlen P. Moore**

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Wednesday, October 8, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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**Meeting convened at 9:25 a.m.**

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

**Also present:**

*William Christianson, City Comptroller*

*Nik Kovac, Budget Director*

*Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist*

1. [250937](#) Communication from the Comptroller's office relating to the audit of the 2024 financial statements of the City of Milwaukee.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Pres. Ald. Jose Perez, 12th Ald. Dist.*

*Paul Frantz, Baker Tilly*

*City Comptroller Christianson and Mr. Frantz presenting on the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The audit was deemed sufficient. Submission of the summary version was yet to be determined.*

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

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

**No** 0

2. [250955](#) A substitute ordinance relating to the city's accounting practices.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Perez

*Appearing:*

*Pres. Ald. Jose Perez, 12th Ald. Dist.*

*William Christianson, City Comptroller*

*Pres. Perez commented on the intent of the file.*

*There was discussion on external outstanding debt (receivables and reimbursables relative to collection, monitoring, reporting, oversight, balance, closing, verification), annual reporting, liability, statute of limitations, impact on continuing contractor business, and lowering the reimbursable fund.*

*Information request was made for further information on efforts to recover debt from companies and individuals (Ald. Coggs).*

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

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

**No** 0

3. [250987](#)

Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to the on-going negotiations between United Health Care and Ascension Wisconsin and their effect on City employees.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Spiker, Ald. Dimitrijevic and Ald. Moore

*Appearing:*

*Molly King, DER Benefits Director*

*Scott Schultz, Gallagher Benefit Services*

*Members said they were disappointed with the contract dispute and gap in services and wanted to think of ways to help employees.*

*Director King gave prepared remarks regarding the status of the on-going negotiations.*

*There was discussion on continuum of care coverage, emergency care coverage, and Medicare Advantage Plan.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic and Moore added as cosponsors.*

**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, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

**No** 0

4. [250942](#)

Resolution relating to amendments to the City of Milwaukee Deferred Compensation Plan Master Agreement to allow for special disaster-related distributions and loans as permitted by SECURE 2.0.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Spiker

*Appearing:*

*Beth Cleary-Conradson, Deferred Compensation Director*

*Director Cleary-Conradson commented on the intent of the file to assist employees during times of special disasters.*

*There was discussion on distribution and loan repayment, income tax implications, and self certification.*

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

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

**No** 0

5. [250943](#)

Communication from the Department of Administration - Budget and Management Analysis Division regarding vacancy requests, fund transfers and equipment requests.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*The vacancy agenda was read.*

*Appearing:*

*Aaron Lipski, Fire Chief*

*Sha'Nese Burnell-Jones, DNS*

*Brian Kaufman, DNS*

*A/C Craig Sarnow, MPD*

*April Nwandu, MPD*

*Makisha Porter, DPW-Operations*

*Ald. Spiker moved to hold to the call of the chair request no. 11976 for Fire Captain. (Failed 1-4) Ayes - Spiker; Noes - Moore, Coggs, Burgelis, Dimitrijevic*

*Ald. Spiker moved to hold to the call of the chair for one cycle requests no. 11969 and 11970 for Police Sergeant (5 positions) and Police Lieutenant (3 positions). (Prevailed 3-2) Ayes - Moore, Coggs, Spiker; Noes - Burgelis, Dimitrijevic*

*Ald. Spiker requested for further information on the vacancy request for Urban Forestry District Manager.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved approval of the file, as amended. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Communication to Finance be APPROVED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**No** 0

6. [250946](#)

Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to classification studies or other studies scheduled for Fire and Police Commission action.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Moore

*Appearing:*

*Miriam Horwitz, Fire and Police Commission*

*Jay Pucek, Fire and Police Commission Deputy Director*

*Andrea Knickerbocker, DER*

*Ald. Spiker requested for historical documentation regarding the authority to determine recruitment flexibility pay for the Chief of Police.*

*Ald. Spiker moved to hold to the call of the chair for one cycle. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**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, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

**No** 0

7. [250948](#)

Communication from the Department of Employee Relations amending the Salary and Positions Ordinances relating to clerical or administrative corrections.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

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

**No** 0

8. [250559](#)

Resolution relating to acceptance and funding of a U.S. Department of Labor Growth Opportunities Program - Employ Milwaukee Growth Opportunities Milwaukee subrecipient grant.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Stamper

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

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

**No** 0

9. [250951](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing attendance at conventions, seminars and other travel.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

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

**No** 0

10. [250949](#)

A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2025 rates of pay of

offices and positions in the City Service.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Ald. Coggs moved to amend the file to delete Part 6 in its entirety relating to the footnote for recruitment flexibility for the Fire Chief, which also impacts the title of Chief of Police. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Ordinance be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**No** 0

[250949](#)

A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2025 rates of pay of offices and positions in the City Service.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

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

**No** 0

11. [250950](#)

A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2025 offices and positions in the City Service.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

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

**No** 0

12. [250871](#)

A substitute ordinance establishing the 2026 vehicle registration fee.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Director Kovac commented on the intent of the file.*

*Appearing:*

*Ald. Larresa Taylor, 9th Ald. Dist.*

*Members discussed the irregularity of the file before the committee's consideration today and wanting to follow regular budget hearing and amendment deliberations on the file as well as conducting public engagement and an equity impact analysis from the Office of Equity and Inclusion.*

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

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

**No 0**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.**

**Chris Lee, Staff Assistant  
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Council Records Section**

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