



# 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**

**Ald. James Bohl, Jr., Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., and Ald. Robert  
Donovan**

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Monday, May 16, 2011

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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Meeting convened at 1:39 P.M.

Also present:

Jan Smokowicz - Asst. City Attorney

Ald. Bohl joined the meeting at 1:41 P.M

1. [110091](#) Appointment of Jeffery Roman to the Equal Rights Commission by the Mayor. (15th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**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. [110047](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Matt Coffaro for property damage. (9th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individuals present:*

*Asst. City Atty. Jan Smokowicz*

*Brian Field - DPW Fleet Services*

*Mr. Matt Coffaro, Claimant*

*Ms. Jacqueline Coffaro, daughter of claimant - witness*

*Mr. Field submitted pictures from the scene Ald. Bohl moved to make it part of the record. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Bohl moved to support motion pay claim in the amount \$1844.00. Prevailed 5-0*

**A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED.**

This motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

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

**No** 0

[110047](#)

Substitute resolution relating to an appeal from Matt Coffaro for property damage. (9th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

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

**No** 0

3. [110025](#)

Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Kathryn Gebhardt (f/k/a Kathryn Smith), in the amount of \$24,000.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**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

4. [110024](#)

Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Kathleen Huber, in the amount of \$6,000.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

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

**No** 0

5. [110044](#)

Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of AT&T in the amount of \$30,000.

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

**No** 0

6. [110040](#)

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.

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

**No** 0

7. [110017](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5014 N 55th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Betty J. Hawkins)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individuals present:*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Steven Devogans on behalf of Ms. Hawkins*

*Tammy Neeb - DNS*

*Richard Schmidt - Treasurer's office*

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

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

**No** 0

8. [110062](#)

Resolution approving the establishment of election ward lines in the City of Milwaukee.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Hamilton

*Individuals present:*

*LRB- Richard Pfaff, Richard Watts*

*Ald. Coggs*

*President Hines*

*Individuals from the Public:*

*Vincent Knots*

*Juan Carlos Ruiz - Wisconsin Latino Commission*

*1. Motion by Ald. Witkowski to amend file 110062 by assigning the area of proposed ward 182 bounded by N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., W. Walnut St., E Pleasant St., N. Water St., N Milwaukee St., E Ogden Ave., N Broadway., E Juneay Ave., and W Juneay ave to proposed Ward 183. The area of proposed ward 182 west of this area is assigned to proposed ward 180. Prevailed by 4-0 Ald. Donovan excused.*

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

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

**No** 0

*2. Motion by Ald. Witkowski to amend file 110062 by assigning the area of proposed ward 133 east of N. Sherman Blvd to proposed ward 136. Prevailed 5-0*

**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be AMENDED.**

**This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**No** 0

*3. Motion by Ald. Davis to amend file 110062 by assigning the area of proposed ward 167 east of N. 39th St., to proposed ward 168. Prevailed 5-0*

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

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

**No** 0

*4. Motion by Ald. Bohl to amend file 110062 by assigning the area of proposed ward 10 east of the Little Menomonee River to proposed ward 32. Prevailed 5-0*

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

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

**No** 0

**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. [110011](#)**

Communication from the Election Commission relating to the payment of poll workers.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individual present:*

*Sue Edman - Executive Director of the Election Commission*

**A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE AND ASSIGNED TO to the FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE . This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**No** 0

**10. [110046](#)**

Communication from the National League of Cities relating to the Open Society Institute's Black Male Achievement program.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Davis and Ald. Hamilton

*Individual present:*

*Leon Andrews Jr., National League of Cities*

**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

15. [101564](#) Resolution relative to legislative bills.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individuals appearing:*

*Joe'Mar Hooper, Intergovernmental Relations  
Paul Vornholt, Intergovernmental Relations  
Chief Edward Flynn, Milwaukee Police Department  
Ald. Nik Kovac, 3rd District  
Ald. Milele Coggs, 6th District*

*--- AB-7 Requiring certain identification in order to vote at a polling place or obtain an absentee ballot, verification of the addresses of electors, absentee voting procedure in certain residential care apartment complexes and adult family homes, identification cards issued by the Department of Transportation, creating an identification certificate issued by the Department of Transportation, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.*

*--- AB-92 Eliminating the enrollment cap for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and extending the program to permit private schools located in Milwaukee County to participate.*

*--- SB-90/ AB-126 Carrying a concealed weapon; licenses authorizing persons to carry concealed weapons; possessing or transporting a firearm, bow, or crossbow under certain circumstances; disorderly conduct limitations; photographic identification cards for former law enforcement officers; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures; requiring the exercise of rule-making authority; making appropriations; and providing penalties. (License/Permit)*

*No position taken. Instructions given to attempt to improve the bill. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Davis in opposition to the bill as written and Ald. Bohl in opposition to not taking a position) Ald. Bohl suggests that the committee support the bill with changes.*

*--- SB-93 Going armed with weapons, possessing or transporting a firearm, bow, or crossbow under certain circumstances, disorderly conduct limitations, and electric weapons. (Constitutional)*

*Motion by Ald. Witkowski to take a position opposing SB-93. Prevailed 4-0.*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Davis

[101564](#) Substitute resolution relative to legislative bill.

**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, Bohl and Donovan

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Davis

11. [110116](#)

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

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Davis

12. [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.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Davis

13. [110081](#)

Resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek passage of state legislation changing food license expiration dates.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Bohl

**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, Bohl and Donovan

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Davis

14. [100991](#)

An ordinance relating to revision of various provisions of the code for purposes of correcting errors, clarifying language and eliminating obsolete provisions.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individual present:*  
*Richard Withers LRB*  
*Repeal of Chapter 112 -*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Davis

16. [101588](#) Resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee's support for the implementation of a high-speed rail system between the cities of Milwaukee and Chicago.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Witkowski

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Davis

**Meeting adjourned at 5:07 P.M.**

**Joanna Polanco**

**Staff Assistant**

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