



City of Milwaukee

City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ALD. RUSSELL W. STAMPER, II, CHAIR

Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa, Vice-Chair

Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic, Ald. DiAndre Jackson, and Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr.

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Monday, October 20, 2025

6:00 PM

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
2901 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.**

Special Public Hearing 6-8 PM

Meeting convened: 6:09 PM

(Ald. Jackson arrived at 6:19 PM)

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Substitute resolution relative to the establishment of the Year 2026 Funding Allocation Plan.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mr. Mario Higgins, Community Development Block Grants Director, gave his presentation on anticipated 2026 funding, which is currently in stasis due to the federal government shutdown. He is anticipating a 6% cut in CDBG funding (approximately \$1 million), but stable funding for HOME, Emerging Solutions Grant and HOPWA categories.

Speakers:

- 1. Trasus Wright - Lindsey Heights Civic Action Committee - he thinks cuts should be picked up the residents and strongly supports Earn and Learn. He would like year-round youth programs.*
- 2. Michael Clouthier - Milwaukee Democratic Socialists of America - supports Right to Counsel and Eviction Free MKE.*
- 3. Ann Lopez - deputy District Attorney for the Milwaukee County DA's Office - supports continued funding of the Community Partnership Unit. She would like increased funding due to higher salaries and also increased funding for Safe and Sound.*
- 4. Christal West - Safe and Sound - the homeless population is growing and seniors the most. They provide inflatable tents for Tent City and partner with the Dominican Center. Tents are insulated for the winter.*
- 5. Nicole Goins - Pretty Girls Are Educated - this is a youth mentorship program for girls ages 6-18. The focus is on the importance of community engagement, continuing education and personal development and engagement. They have placed 9 Little Free Libraries in the community.*
- 6. Montreal Cain - Executive Director of MERA Cares - offers alternatives to incarceration and works with incarcerated youth. They have served over 3,500 youth over the past 3 years, 10% of whom have been incarcerated. He would like \$150,000 in 2026 to match already committed funds. They are a court-ordered youth program.*

7. *Joseph Rossetta - supports hunger and homeless prevention - owns a burned building on Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. that he is trying to sell.*

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

Aye 5 - Stamper, Zamarripa, Dimitrijevic, Jackson, and Chambers Jr.

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Meeting adjourned: 7:28 PM

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant