



# City of Milwaukee

## Meeting Minutes

### JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**ALD. MICHAEL S. D'AMATO, CHAIR**

**Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, Vice-Chair**

**Ald. Robert Bauman, Ald. Michael Murphy, Ald. James Bohl, Jr.**

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Monday, November 6, 2006

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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*Meeting convened: 9:21 A.M.*

**Present** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy, Bohl

1. [060914](#) Resolution endorsing the proposed 2007-2008 City of Milwaukee Legislative Package.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individuals present:*

*Sharon Cook, Terry Perry, Jennifer Gonda and Michael Miller - Intergovernmental Relations*

*Ald. Bohl moves to amend the proposed legislative packet to add Common Council resolution 060459 (deleting the provision in state law exempting cemetery trust funds from open records regulation) and Common Council resolution 060086 (related to the sale or exchange of drug paraphernalia).*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

2. [060013](#) Resolution relative to various legislative bills.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*A title-only file at the time of the meeting.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

3. [060778](#) Substitute resolution introducing state legislation permitting cities of the first class to authorize Common Council members to issue citations for violation of certain ordinances.

**Sponsors:** Ald. McGee Jr.

**A motion was made by ALD. HAMILTON that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion FAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 1 - Hamilton

**No** 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**Sponsors:** Ald. McGee Jr.

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

**Aye** 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 1 - Hamilton

4. [060880](#) An ordinance relating to the composition and term of office for certain commissioners of the community relations-social development commission.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Hines Jr.

*A title-only file at the time of the meeting.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

5. [060850](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against a certain parcel identified by Tax Key No. 462-1691-000-1, 215 W. Maple St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 2005 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

6. [060820](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled South Star, Inc. v. City of Milwaukee.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

7. [060853](#) Resolution to settle the claim of Attorney D. Michael Guerin for defense of various police officers.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*The committee would like more information related to the claim of Sgt. Wagner prior to the Council meeting on November 14th as to why the billing is as high as it is.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

8. [060905](#) Resolution to settle claim of Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for defense of various police officers.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

9. [060869](#) Resolution authorizing the cancellation of seven Milwaukee Fire Department invoices in the total amount of \$588,745.05 relative to services provided between 1990 and 1999.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

10. [060849](#) Communication from the Comptroller's Office transmitting a report relative to the creation of a City website to report potential fraud, waste and abuse within City government.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Communication-Report be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

11. [051004](#) 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. HAMILTON that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

**Items below will be heard no earlier than 9:45 A.M.:**

12. [060798](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 7834 W. Winfield Ave., in the 2nd Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Alvin Harrison, administrator for estate, upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

13. [060799](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 2500 N. Holton St., in the 3rd Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Gregory Smith, agent for Alexian Investment Group, Inc., upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Willie Smith, brother of Gregory Smith, is present for Alexian Investment Group. Applicant must pay \$75 in reinspection fees and \$75 in code compliance fees and record all properties prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee..*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

14. [060800](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 508 E. Wright St., in the 3rd Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Gregory Smith, agent for Alexian Investment Group, Inc., upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Willie Smith, brother of Gregory Smith, is present for Alexian Investment Group. Applicant must pay \$1,475 in pending reinspection fees prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee..*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

15. [060796](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 3072-74 N. 28th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Kelvin Owten upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Applicant must pay \$125 in pending nuisance abatement fees and updates the property recording information prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

16. [060804](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 4767 N. 53rd St., in the 7th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Ronald Rayman, upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Applicant's friends, who are present at committee, must properly record the property prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

17. [060805](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 1138 W. Scott St., in the 12th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Raymond Christensen, Jr., upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Brother of the applicant present.*

*Applicant must properly record the property prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

18. [060797](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 2420 S. 6th Street, in the 14th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Rutilio Ramirez upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Applicant must properly record the property prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

19. [060803](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 1960 N. 26th St., in the 15th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Natasha White, upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Applicant must properly record the property prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

20. [060802](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 2516 W. Lloyd St., in the 15th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Lenard Monroe, upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Wife of the applicant present.*

*Applicant must pay \$75 in pending recording fees and properly record the property prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

21. [060801](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 2044 N. 32nd St., in the 15th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Rodney Bates, upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real

estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Applicant must properly record the property prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

22. [060795](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 2025 W. Center Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Percy Latham upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Applicant must pay \$110 in pending nuisance abatement fees and properly record the property prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

23. [060794](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 1821-23 W. Clarke Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Terrence Adams upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Applicant must pay \$3,300 in pending reinspection fees and \$590.10 for pre-demolition inspection fees prior to the November 14th Council meeting or the matter will be returned to committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

**Items below will be heard no earlier than 10:00 A.M.:**

24. [060809](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Lynn Lesko, Claims Adjuster for EMC Insurance Companies on behalf of Sherwood Temkin for property damage. (5th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*John Truchan - EMC Insurance Companies*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

25. [060806](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from James Riemann, Manager for the Milwaukee County Transit System for property damage. (15th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

26. [060744](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Artistis Hall for property loss. (1st Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

27. [060811](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Benjamin and Delsenia Harris for property damage. (13th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Claimants not present.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

28. [060546](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Linda Shackelford for property damage. (7th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Matter taken up out of order at 10:38 A.M. at the request of the claimant.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl



No 0

29. [060810](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Amy Werdin for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 4 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman and Bohl

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Murphy

30. [060808](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from A. K. Ogunkunle for property damage. (5th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Settlement in the amount of \$1,000.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

31. [060915](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Paul Holzhauer for property damage. (10th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Held at the claimant's request as he could not be present.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

32. [060852](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Mary Berg, Paralegal for Halling & Cayo, S.C. on behalf of John Binter for property damage. (14th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present: Amy Doney - 1010 S. 48th St. - girlfriend of the claimant, who was also present during the incident.*

*Settle in the amount of \$500.*

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

**Aye** 3 - D'Amato, Bauman and Bohl

**No** 2 - Hamilton and Murphy

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 3 - D'Amato, Bauman and Bohl

**No** 2 - Hamilton and Murphy

33. [060815](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Betty Ellison-Harpole for personal injuries.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

34. [060812](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Margaret McCain for personal injuries. (15th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Claimant not present.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

35. [060814](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Atty. Phillip Ramthun on behalf of Maurice Neal, Sr. and Maurice Neal, Jr. for personal injuries. (4th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Claimant not present.*

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

36. [060813](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of AT&T for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

**No** 0

*Meeting adjourned: 11:35 A.M.*

*Linda M. Elmer*

*Staff Assistant*

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