



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. WAYNE P. FRANK, CHAIR

Ald. Donald F. Richards, Vice Chair

Ald. Marvin E. Pratt, Ald. Fredrick G. Gordon, Ald. Thomas G. Nardelli

Staff Assistant, Kathleen Marquardt, 286-2231

Monday, February 23, 1998

9:00:00 AM

Room 301-B of City Hall

9:00 A.M.

- 1) [971685](#) Appointment of Laura Engan to the Community Relations-Social Development Commission by the Mayor's Office. (3rd Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Ald. Nardelli that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Pratt and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Gordon
- 2) [971650](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled Thraen v. City of Milwaukee, et al., Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 96-CV-001679.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Pratt and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Gordon
- 3) [971640](#) Appeal of James Kasmerchak relative to claim for property damage. (4th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Settle in the amount of \$1,209.34, by Ald. Richards. Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Richards and Frank - 2.
Noes:--Ald. Pratt and Nardelli - 2. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Ald. Nardelli that this matter be RECOMMEND TO DISALLOW & INDEF. POSTPONE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Pratt and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Gordon

- 4) [971359](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Ameritech relative to claim for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Pratt and Nardelli

No 0

Absent 1 - Gordon

- 5) [971492](#) Substitute resolution authorizing settlement of the claim of Ameritech File No. 97-S-410.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Settle in the amount of \$8,013.69

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Pratt and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Gordon

- 6) [971563](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from George Riley relative to claim for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMEND TO DISALLOW & INDEF. POSTPONE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Frank, Richards and Nardelli

No 2 - Pratt and Gordon

- 7) [971567](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Sandra Riley relative to claim for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Ald. Pratt that this matter be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Pratt and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Gordon

- 8) [971571](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Vincent Bond relative to claim for property damage.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMEND TO DISALLOW & INDEF. POSTPONE. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 3 - Frank, Richards and Nardelli
- No** 2 - Pratt and Gordon
- 9) [971647](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Maude Hunt relative to claim for property damage.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMEND TO DISALLOW & INDEF. POSTPONE. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 3 - Frank, Richards and Nardelli
- No** 2 - Pratt and Gordon
- 10) [971655](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 1996 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate. (Assessor's Office)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Ald. Pratt that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Frank, Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli
- No** 0
- 11) [971709](#) Communication from the Equal Opportunities Enterprise Program transmitting the 1996 Annual Report for the Equal Rights Commission.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- Receive*
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Frank, Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli
- No** 0
- 12) [971665](#) Communication from the Comptroller's office transmitting a report relative to the sewer user charges.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Ald. Pratt that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye 5 - Frank, Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

10:00 A.M.

- 13) [971734](#) Communication transmitting a report from the Municipal Court Resource Needs Evaluation Study Committee.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Amend salary & positions ordinances included in report; Mr. Westbrook will talk to Intergovernmental Relations to see if they could contact the National Court Administration for grants for court study. Further, evaluate in six months the progress of the measures taken in the court ; City Clerk - LRB and DOA-Budget to assist in this process and results reported to the Common Council.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be to the FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Pratt

- 14) [971628](#) Resolution appropriating funds from Special Purpose Account Number 01-053-8001 for the payment of salaries or fees for municipal court commissioners.

Sponsors: Ald. Frank

A motion was made by Ald. Gordon that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AND ASSIGNED TO to the FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Frank, Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

- 15) [971702](#) Communication from Judge James A. Gramling, Jr. relative to obtaining additional funds for Wisconsin Correctional Service from the Contingent Fund.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Pratt

- 15a) [971613](#) An ordinance restricting the advertisement of tobacco products on certain billboards and signs.

Sponsors: Ald. Kalwitz and Ald. Pratt

Not referred from Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee

10:15 A.M.

- 16) [971398](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3346 N. 15th Street, in the 10th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner 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: JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ald. Pratt that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Frank, Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

- 17) [971450](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3006 West Orchard Street, in the 16th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner 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: JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ald. Nardelli that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Frank, Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

- 18) [971507](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1920 South 24th Street, in the 8th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner 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: JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ald. Nardelli that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Gordon and Nardelli

No 1 - Pratt

- 19) [971508](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4430 North 36th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner 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: JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ald. Pratt that this matter be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Pratt and Gordon

No 1 - Nardelli

20) [971509](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 7664 North 107th Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner 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: JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Frank, Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

21) [971516](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4629 North 38th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner 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: JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

To resolve issue with County

A motion was made by Ald. Gordon that this matter be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Frank, Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

10:30 A.M.

21a) [971733](#)

Resolution seeking introduction and passage of state legislation relating to campaign financing reform.

Sponsors: Ald. Richards

Add Ald. Frank ,Gordon and Pratt as co-sponsors

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Pratt

21b) [971737](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relative to the expansion of the

Lincoln Yards Tow Lot

Sponsors: Ald. Frank

Ald. Frank moved approval of this plan as outlined in the communication file, in principle, with the understanding that DPW will seek Common Council authorization during the next Council cycle for contingent borrowing, through submission of a resolution for introduction at the February 26 special Council meeting, in the amount of \$3.8 million necessary for expansion of the Lincoln Yards Tow facility, for approval by the Finance and Personnel Committee at a special meeting to be held prior to approval by the Common Council at its March 3 meeting.

Ald. Frank further moved:

- 1. That 7 additional City of Milwaukee positions be created and funded in the Department of Public Works to support the increased activity of the two facility expansion.*
- 2. That DPW be directed to submit monthly written progress reports to the Common Council regarding this expansion project.*
- 3. That due to the critical timing of this expansion, that the CPW be authorized to begin the activities necessary to implement this project including interviews for new positions; preparation and execution of various contracts for material removal and incinerator demolition at the tow lot site, towing services, and any other agreements that are needed to commence before March 20, 1998, to ensure timely implementation of this project.*
- 4. That all of the aforementioned activities be effectuated from currently budgeted parking funds with reimbursement to be made from the contingent borrowing proceeds to be approved by the Council on March 3.*
- 5. That the 1998 Positions Ordinance be amended to add the following positions to the Department of Public Works, Tow Lot Section:*
 - 3 Tow Lot Attendants, Pay Grade 220*
 - 2 Office Assistant III's, Pay Grade 425*
 - 1 Tractor Operator, Pay Grade 956*
 - 1 Accounting Assistant II, Pay Grade 445*
- 6. That an ordinance be drafted for introduction at the March 3 Common Council meeting to establish new vehicle towing/storage fees: \$75 for towing; \$10 per day storage.*
- 7. That a resolution to approve this plan and expand the City tow lot be introduced for Immediate Adoption at the March 3 Common Council meeting.*

Ald. Frank further moved that this communication file, as well as a copy of his motion, be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

The motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Chair Frank that this matter be to the FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Pratt

22) [971241](#)

Substitute resolution relative to various legislative bills.

Sponsors: JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ald. Gordon that this matter be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Frank, Richards, Gordon and Nardelli

No 0

Excused 1 - Pratt

Adjourned at 11:45 AM

CHRISTINE M. TODD

Staff Assistant