



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. MARK A. BORKOWSKI, CHAIR

Ald. Cavalier Johnson, Vice-Chair

Ald. Robert Bauman, Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski, and Ald. Nikiya Dodd

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Monday, December 10, 2018

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

Meeting convened at 1:32 p.m.

Present 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski, Dodd

1. [181234](#) Appointment of Michael Kruse to the Ethics Board by the Mayor. (5th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individual appearing:

Michael Kruse

A motion was made by ALD. DODD that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

2. [181089](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Atty. Ashton Kirsch on behalf of Nicholas Hunt for personal injuries. (10th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Pat Fricker - ACA

Claimant and counsel did not appear.

Ald. Johnson moved denial based on nonappearance. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

3. [181185](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Tionne Reed for property damage. (10th Aldermanic District)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- Appearing:*
Pat Fricker - ACA
Tionne Reed
Carol Rindt, DPW - Sewer
- Ald. Zielinski moved denial. (Prevailed 5-0)*
- A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd
- No** 0
4. [181096](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Atty. Kimberly Powers on behalf of Chase Graff for personal injuires.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- Appearing:*
Pat Fricker - ACA
- Claimant and counsel did not appear.*
- Ald. Johnson moved denial based on nonappearance. (Prevailed 5-0)*
- A motion was made by ALD. JOHNSON that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd
- No** 0
5. [181257](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Marquette Price for property damages. (1st Aldermanic District)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- Appearing:*
Pat Fricker - ACA
Marquette Price
Sgt. Christopher Marshall, MPD
- Ald. Johnson moved denial. (Prevailed 5-0)*
- A motion was made by ALD. JOHNSON that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

6. [180970](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Zemon and Osceria Hayes for property damages. (1st Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Pat Fricker - ACA

Zemon Hayes

Osceria Hayes

Richard Dollhopf, DPW - Parking

Notwithstanding the department's testimony and City Attorney's recommendations, Ald. Zielinski moved to grant \$1000.00 of this claim. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

7. [181092](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1538 S. 23rd Street, in the 8th Aldermanic District to its former owner Glenn & Cynthia Steiner (Application made by Attorney William Judge).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum-Gathing - DCD

Emily McKeown - DNS

James Klajbor - Deputy City Treasurer

Atty. William Judge

No objections from DCD and DNS. No municipal court judgments.

Taxes at \$5,685.88 if paid by 1/17/19. Recovery of city service charges stand at \$1,228.31.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

8. [181068](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2364 S. 20th Street, in the 12th Aldermanic District to its former owner Alice LaGosh Trustee Alice LaGosh Revoc Trust (Application made by Sandra LaGosh, personal representative to the trust).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Deborah McCollum-Gathing - DCD
Emily McKeown - DNS
James Klajbor - Deputy City Treasurer
Kathy LaGosh
Sandra LaGosh

No objections from DCD and DNS. DNS requests all code violations to be corrected in a timely matter by the applicant.

Trust has two municipal court judgements (case numbers 12082123 & 1210992) outstanding in the amount of \$1,260 due by 12/17/18 (prior to CC 12/18/18).

Taxes at \$12,562.87 if paid by 1/17/19. Recovery of city service charges stand at \$3,225.19.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

9. [180993](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4230 W. Thurston Avenue, in the 1st Aldermanic District to its former owner Willie Paige (Application made by Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC, C/O Gray & Associates).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Deborah McCollum-Gathing - DCD
Emily McKeown - DNS
James Klajbor, Deputy City Treasurer
Atty. Ian Thomson, Gray & Associates (counsel)

No objections from DCD.

Amounts due to DNS by noon on December 17, 2018 (prior to CC 12/18/18) are as follows:

\$604.52 in litter clean up fees.
\$7,696.58 in total reinspection fees from additional ownership interest at 9825 W Carmen Ave (\$833.20), 4553 N 27th St. (\$172.82), 3507 N 42nd St. (\$2,032.00), and 2801 N 26th St (\$1,209.24).

DNS requesting the restoration of electrical service and occupancy permit at additional ownership interest at 5714 N. 43rd St., which taxes are paid in full.

Municipal court judgement (case number 16046126) outstanding in the amount of \$691 due by 12/17/18 (prior to CC 12/18/18).

Taxes at \$1,478.75 if paid by 1/17/19. Recovery of city service charges stand at \$360.65.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

10. [181179](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5116 N. 49th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District to its former owner Trinity Property Preservation LLC.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum-Gathing - DCD

Emily McKeown - DNS

James Klajbor, Deputy City Treasurer

Bernice Adams-Watson, Trinity Property Preservation LLC

No objections from DCD.

\$1,576.80 in DNS fees for additional property interest at 5110 N. 39th St. due by Dec. 17, noon (prior to CC 12/18/18).

\$2,543.45 in delinquent taxes at 5110 N. 39th St. due by Dec. 17 (prior to CC 12/18/18).

Two municipal court judgements (case numbers 03056790 & 03087369) outstanding in the amount of \$3,670 due by 12/17/18 (prior to CC 12/18/18).

Taxes at \$4,148.54 if paid by 1/17/19. Recovery of city service charges stand at \$1,257.22.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

11. [180827](#)

Resolution directing the Election Commission to implement a program to train and certify all City employees, including Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee employees, who interact with the public to register residents of the City of Milwaukee to vote.

Sponsors: Ald. Rainey

Appearing:

Ald. Khalif Rainey, 7th Ald. Dist.

Neil Albrecht, Election Commission

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

12. [181230](#) Communication from the Department of Public Works, Infrastructure Services Division transmitting the 2019 Assessment Rates Report.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Mary Dziewiontkoski - DPW

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

13. [181198](#) Resolution authorizing the cancellation of balances on invoices issued to Federal Marine Terminals in the amount of \$49,179.94.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Jackie Carter - Port

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

14. [181252](#) Resolution cancelling real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing tax key numbers on the 2017 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Peter Bronek - Assessor's Office

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

15. [181277](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the cancellation of uncollectible receivables relative to the Milwaukee Fire Department.

Sponsors: Ald. Witkowski

Appearing:
Yvette Rowe - Fire Dept.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

16. [170937](#)

Communication from the Fire and Police Commission relating to updates and current activities.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

LaKeisha Butler - F&PC

Kari Gipson - F&PC

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

17. [181313](#)

Communication from various agencies relating to a status update on Collins et al. vs. the City of Milwaukee et al.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals appearing:

Jan Smokowicz, Deputy City Attorney

Karyn Rotker, ACLU

Paul Mozina

LaKeisha Butler, F&PC

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

18. [181053](#)

Communication from the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division relating to City-County intergovernmental relations.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Danielle Decker - IRD

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session on Monday, December 10, 2018 in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee convened into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved.

Ayes - Dodd, Zielinski, Bauman, Johnson, Borkowski

Meeting convened into closed session at 3:30 p.m.

Present - Dodd, Zielinski, Bauman, Johnson, Borkowski

Individuals appearing at the table:

Grant Langley, City Attorney

Jan Smokowicz, Deputy City Attorney

Adam Stephens, Deputy City Attorney

Heather Hough, Asst. City Attorney

Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, 1st Ald. Dist. & CC President

Ald. Jose Perez, 12th Ald. Dist.

Ald. Nik Kovac, 3rd Ald. Dist.

Ald. Milele Coggs, 6th Ald. Dist.

Ald. Russell Stamper, 15th Ald. Dist.

Ald. Johnson left the committee at 3:46 p.m.

Ald. Zielinski left the committee at 3:55 p.m.

Meeting convened into open session at 4:32 p.m. There was no objection.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

**Chris Lee, Staff Assistant
Council Records Section
City Clerk's Office**

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