



City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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Ald. Peter Burgelis, Vice-Chair

Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Ald. Milele A. Coggs, and Ald. Sharlen P. Moore

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9:15 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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Meeting convened at 9:26 a.m.

Present 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, Moore

Also present:

*William Christianson, City Comptroller
Nik Kovac, Budget Director
Chris Hilliard, LRB*

1. [250274](#) Substitute resolution amending Common Council File Number 241394 relative to gap financing for housing projects.

Sponsors: Ald. Stamper

*Appearing:
Ald. Russell Stamper, II, 15th Ald. Dist.*

This resolution adds new construction and housing rehabilitation projects within the resources reserved in the Council-Led Transfer Fund. Specifically, these activities are authorized under the \$300,000 line item for the organizations Rooted & Rising, VIA Community Development Corp, and Metcalfe Park Community Bridges.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

2. [250338](#) Communication from the Zilber Foundation providing a status update on

the City of Milwaukee's investment in the Bridge project.

Sponsors: Ald. Dimitrijevic

Appearing:

Lianna Bishop, Zilber Foundation

Steph Silkowski, The Bridget Project

A presentation was given on the City's investment in the Bridge Project and early findings for the first project year. The presentation is contained in the file.

There was discussion on health implications for moms, possible additional investment, housing data on the participants, tracking of funds spent by participants, local partnerships supporting the project, future plans beyond the current project term, challenges encountered, Milwaukee metrics, research efforts,

Ms. Silkowski said she will follow-up to provide housing data on the participants and further breakdown of metrics.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

3. [250198](#)

Communication from the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Public Works relating to the creation of a long-term, sustainable financing strategy for City infrastructure to reduce the growing backlog of poor-condition local roads as called for in Amendment 40B to the 2025 City Budget.

Sponsors: Ald. Burgelis

Appearing:

Kevin Muhs, DPW City Engineer

City Engineer Muhs provided a summary of the DPW report, as contained in the file, respective to existing pavement quality, street capital investment levels, federal and state grants dedicated to arterial roads, amount to eliminate backlog at \$821 million with \$752 million estimated for local and collector streets ineligible for federal grant funding, high impact paving, and potential revenue sources (enhance State Local Road Improvement Program, additional levy-backed borrowing, increase vehicle registration fee, implement a transportation utility, other options), and non-fiscal limitations (staff capacity, impact on public/private utilities, contractor capacity), and next steps.

There was discussion on vehicle registration fee (compared to other cities, fee increase, value and weight fee structure), pavement impact (heavier vehicles, weather), parking impact on road use, and short and long term plans.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

4. [250291](#)

A substitute ordinance relating to the clawback of city pay during military training for city employees.

Sponsors: Ald. Taylor, Ald. Dimitrijevic, Ald. Burgelis, Ald. Spiker, Ald. Coggs and Ald. Moore

Appearing:
Ald. Laressa Taylor, 9th Ald. Dist.

City Comptroller Christianson gave an overview.

This ordinance clarifies the circumstances under which full-time employees may receive full pay during military leaves of absence and eliminate the clawback of City pay during military training.

Ald. Taylor was in support.

All committee members added as cosponsors.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

5. [250211](#)

An ordinance amending four air space leases with the Wisconsin Center District in North Vel R. Phillips Avenue, West Wells Street and West Kilbourn Avenue.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Items 5 and 6 were taken together.

Appearing:
Preston Cole, DOA Director
James Bohl, DOA Innovation Director
Ald. Robert Bauman, 4th Ald. Dist.

Director Cole and Bohl gave an overview and context on the files.

In accordance with state law, this ordinance amends four existing air space leases with the Wisconsin Center District in the 4th Aldermanic District.

There was discussion on agreements of other cities, agreement terms, district commitments, municipal services fee for parking spots, State taxes on debt service, district projected tax revenues, interest on making negotiations, and default provisions.

The files were held to be reheard at a later point in the meeting due to legal questions.

This file was reconsidered after item 14, CCFN 250252.

Appearing:

Mary Schanning, Deputy City Attorney

Deputy Schanning addressed legal questions regarding default provisions.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

6. [250212](#)

Substitute resolution amending and restating a service and benefits agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Wisconsin Center District.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Items 5 and 6 were taken together.

Appearing:

Preston Cole, DOA Director

James Bohl, DOA Innovation Director

Ald. Robert Bauman, 4th Ald. Dist.

Mr. Cole and Mr. Bohl gave an overview of the files.

This resolution amends and restates the PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT found in Common Council file 191960 between the City of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Center District and outlines the terms and conditions of the restated agreement attached to this resolution.

This file was reconsidered after item 14, CCFN 250252.

Appearing:

Mary Schanning, Deputy City Attorney

Deputy Schanning addressed legal questions regarding default provisions.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 1 - Burgelis

7. [250286](#)

Resolution authorizing the Department of Administration to enter into a cooperative intergovernmental licensing agreement with the City of Wauwatosa for use of the City of Milwaukee's Labor Compliance Reporting software.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

James Bohl, DOA Innovation Director

This resolution authorizes the Department of Administration to enter into a 6-year,

non-exclusive, non-transferable, and revocable licensing agreement for the City of Wauwatosa to use the City of Milwaukee's Labor Compliance Reporting software, pursuant to s. 66.0301, Wis. Stats.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

10:30 AM

8. [250227](#) Communication from the Office of the Comptroller relating to the Report of Milwaukee Water Works On-site Safety and Health Assessments.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Adriana Molina, Comptroller Audit Division Manager

Bashkim Baca, Comptroller Audit Division

Ken Alderden, Hausman Group

Patrick Pauly, Water Works Superintendent

A presentation was made on the audit report, findings, recommendations, and response. The report is contained in the file.

There was discussion on deficiencies and Water Works response plans, particularly regarding confined space and tethering of workers.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

9. [250315](#) Communication from the Department of Administration - Budget and Management Analysis Division regarding vacancy requests, fund transfers and equipment requests.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

The vacancy agenda was read.

Appearing:

Sha'Nese Burnell-Jones, Dept. of Neighborhood Services

A motion was made by ALD. DIMITRIJEVIC that this Communication to Finance be APPROVED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

10. [250052](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to classification studies scheduled for Fire and Police Commission action.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- Appearing:*
Andrea Knickerbocker, Dept. of Employee Relations
Amanda Lewis, Fire Dept.
- Ms. Knickerbocker gave an overview of classification study reports, as contained in the file.*
- A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore
- No** 0
11. [250317](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to classification studies scheduled for City Service Commission action.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- Appearing:*
Andrea Knickerbocker, Dept. of Employee Relations
- Ms. Knickerbocker gave an overview of classification study reports, as contained in the file.*
- A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore
- No** 0
12. [250318](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations amending the Salary and Positions Ordinances relating to clerical or administrative corrections.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- Appearing:*
Andrea Knickerbocker, Dept. of Employee Relations
- A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore
- No** 0
13. [250350](#) Communication from the Department of Administration - Budget and

Management Division amending the Positions Ordinance relating to position authority for positions in the Department of Public Works - Operations Division.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Director Kovac commented on the Position Ordinance change.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

14. [250252](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$275,000,000 of school revenue anticipation notes, and a purpose for Direct Loan Notes, for the purpose of financing the operating budget of the Milwaukee Public Schools on an interim basis.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Joshua Benson, Comptroller's Office*

This resolution authorizes the issuance by the City of Milwaukee (the "City") of its school revenue anticipation notes up to the aggregate amount of \$275,000,000 (the "RANs") under Section 67.12(1), Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of financing the operating budget of the Milwaukee Public Schools ("MPS") on an interim basis.

There was discussion on State aide and withholding of any funds.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

15. [250132](#)

Substitute resolution relative to acceptance and funding of the 2025-2026 Wisconsin Well Woman Program grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

16. [250136](#)

Substitute resolution relative to acceptance and funding of the 2025-2026 Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant from the

Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

17. [250137](#)

Substitute resolution relative to acceptance and funding of the 2025-2026 Cities Readiness Initiative grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

18. [250054](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing attendance at conventions, seminars and other travel.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

19. [250319](#)

A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2025 rates of pay of offices and positions in the City Service.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

20. [250320](#)

A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2025 offices and positions in the City Service.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, and Coggs

No 0

Excused 1 - Moore

The following files may be placed on file as no longer necessary:

21. [250083](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations amending the Positions Ordinance relating to position authority for the positions of Budget and Fiscal Policy Analyst IV and Innovation Policy Analyst in the Department of Administration.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

22. [250196](#) Substitute resolution approving an agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Flock Group Inc. for the provision of pole-mounted security cameras.

Sponsors: Ald. Spiker

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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

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