



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR
Ald. Terry Witkowski, Vice-Chair
Ald. James Bohl, Jr., Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., and Ald. Robert
Donovan

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Tuesday, April 6, 2010

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 1:36 P.M.

Present 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis, Donovan

Excused 1 - Bohl

1. [091499](#) Appointment of Carlos Amador to the Equal Rights Commission by the Mayor. (3rd Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

2. [091531](#) Communication from the City Attorney relative to expenditures from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individual present:
Barbara Woldt, City Attorney's Office

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

3. [091568](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2008 and 2009 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Davis in opposition of 544 S. 1st St.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

4. [091543](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Atty. Robert Figg on behalf of Denise Denton for personal injuries. (12th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Claimant not present.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

5. [091570](#) Resolution requesting approval of the Board of Ethics Rules and Procedures.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Dwight Ellis, Chairman, Ethics Board

Ann Wacker, Ethics Board member

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

6. [091517](#) Substitute resolution related to procedures for initiating in rem proceedings.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individual present:

Ald. Bauman

A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF

THE CHAIR. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

No 0

Excused 2 - Bohl and Donovan

7. [091518](#) An ordinance related to procedures for initiating in rem proceedings.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Individual present:

Richard Withers, Legislative Reference Bureau

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

No 0

Excused 2 - Bohl and Donovan

8. [091473](#) Resolution relative to legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Brenda Wood, Common Council Liaison

Sue Edman, Director of Election Commission

Sharon Robinson, Director, Dept. of Administration

Ald. Witkowski moved for support of AB-892 (Electronic voter registration and proof of residence for voting in an election and granting SB-645 rule-making authority). Prevailed. 4-0

Ald. Donovan moved for support of increased funding for summer jobs programs for youth through age 24. Prevailed. 4-0

A motion was made by ALD. DONOVAN that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

- [091473](#) Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

9. [091311](#)

Substitute resolution opposing early release of prisoners from state facilities and urging suspension of the state's early release program.

Sponsors: Ald. Donovan

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be RECONSIDERED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

*Individual present:
Senator Lena Taylor*

*Senator Taylor handed out the following documents:
Brief timeline of actions in the legislature; and
Report by the The Council of State Governments Justice Center titled: Justice Reinvestment in Wisconsin, Analyses & Policy Options to Reduce Spending on Corrections and Increase Public Safet (May 2009).*

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

10. [091611](#)

Substitute resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee's support for pending federal legislation, H.R. 4812, Local Jobs for America Act.

Sponsors: Ald. Davis

Ald. Davis offered a proposed substitute A.

A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

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Sponsors: Ald. Davis

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

11. 091610

Substitute resolution directing the City Clerk to contract for lobbying services.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Individual present:
Ald. Bauman

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

Meeting adjourned: 2:44 P.M.

Terry J. MacDonald

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