



City of Milwaukee

City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. MARK A. BORKOWSKI, CHAIR
Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Vice-Chair
Ald. Michael J. Murphy, Ald. Jose G. Perez, and
Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr.

Staff Assistant, Joanna Polanco, 414-286-2366
Fax: 414-286-3456, jpolan@milwaukee.gov
Legislative Liaison, Jeffrey Osterman, 414-286-2262,
joster@milwaukee.gov

Monday, April 10, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

AMENDED 4/5/2023
File 221864 has been added.

Meeting convened at 9:07 AM

Present 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, Chambers Jr.

Excused 1 - Murphy

1. [221197](#) Reappointment of Steve Volkman to the Board of Review by the Mayor.
(13th Aldermanic District)
A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:
Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.
No 0
Excused 1 - Murphy
2. [211408](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Suburban Commercial Corporation
Claimant withdrew this claim.
A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:
Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.
No 0
Excused 1 - Murphy
3. [221161](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Roshundra Bridges, by her attorney Natasha R. Misra, for property damage.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

4. [211277](#) Resolution relating to the claim of George Lewis.

Appearing:
George Lewis - claimant
ACA Clint Muche

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

5. [220803](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Patrick and Stephanie Russell.

This item has to be held to the call of the chair until further notice, Mrs. Russell is recovering from a unexpected drastic fall, after she received hearing notices of this hearing.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

6. [220372](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Alfred Smith for property damage.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

7. [220266](#) Resolution relating to the claim of E North LLC

Appearing:

ACA Clint Much
Lori Sheely -Wter Works
Reed Mier - Water Works

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

8. [211934](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Raymond and Norma Lathan.

Appearing:
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond (Norma) Lathan
Mr. Lathan - sons of the Lathan online
ACA Clint Muche

Ald. Bauman moved denial; based on the complexity of this claim that are best address at the court level.

The Lathans offered an extensive testimony regarding their claim.

Ald. Bauman withdrew his motion to denied and Moved to settle the claim in the amount of \$7,000.

There were no objections.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

- [211934](#) Substitute resolution relating to the claim of Raymond and Norma Lathan.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

9. [221617](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Silvia Marin.

Appearing:
ACA Clint Muche
Jason Sanders - Sewers
Silvia Marin, her son Joseph, to interpret

*Sewer Contractor and
Juan Carlos Pacheco - 901 W Windlake - also affected by this incident.*

Due to lack of communication received from the City Atty's office and additional documentation that Ms. Marin will be providing to the committee, Ald. Chambers moved to hold this item until the May 1st hearing. There were no objections.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

10. [221389](#) Resolution relating to the claim of American Family Insurance on behalf of Rosa Montes.

*Appearing:
Ian Brown - forestry
Anna Doherty - AFI*

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

11. [221563](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Julia D'Amato for property damage.

*Appearing:
Amy Turim - DCD
Odalio Ohiku - Muni Court
Tanz Rome - DNS
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer
Hannah Jahn - ACA
Dennis Walker & Jeffrey Walker*

Ald. Pratt requests this item be held.

Per Amy Turim on behalf of the Depart. of City Development request for these individuals to make the property inhabitable before it can be return to the Walker's. Water heater

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

12. [221818](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5547 N 37th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District to its former owner Dennis M Walker.

Appearing:

Amy Turim - DCD

Odaloo Ohiku - Muni Court

Tanz Rome - DNS

Jim Klajbor - Treasurer

Hannah Jahn - ACA

Dennis Walker & Jeffrey Walker

Ald. Pratt requests this item be held.

Per Amy Turim on behalf of the Depart. of City Development request for these individuals to make the property inhabitable before it can be return to the Walker's. Water heater

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

13. [221819](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1641 N Franklin Place Unit 5, in the 3rd Aldermanic District to its former owner Michael J Whitcomb.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

14. [221798](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3627 N 14th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner Charles A Morton.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

15. [221820](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2468 W Auer Avenue, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner Major Turnaround LLC Attn: Michael Moore.

Appearing:
Amy Turim - DCD
Odalo Ohiku - Muni court charges
Tanz Rome - DNS
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer
Michael Moore

Applicant also has ownership interest at 3139 N 21st St., with 2021 & 2022 delinquent taxes in the amount of \$3,167.49 for which Ald. Bauman moved denial to return this property back to Mr Michael Moore. There were no objections.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

16. [221750](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5120 W Courtland Avenue, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner Yvonne N. Turner.

Appearing:
Amy Turim
Odalo Ohiku
Tanz Rome
Jim Klajbor
Yvonne Turner

Muni Court outstanding balance of \$259.87

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

17. [221782](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2105 W Vilter LANE, in the 8th Aldermanic District to its former owner Eufrocina Hernandez-Lopez.

Appearing:
Amy Turim
Odalo Ohiku
Tanz Rome

Patricia (daughter-in law to interpret) for Ms. Eufrocina Hernandez-Lopez

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

18. [221767](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2842 N 12th Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner Eddie Jones-Smith.

*Appearing:
Amy Turim
Mr. Eddie Jones-Smith
Odaló Ohiku
Tanz Rome
Jim Klajbor*

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

19. [221860](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1633-35 N 18th Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner Cassandra J Roberson.

*Appearing:
Amy Turim
Odaló Ohiku
Tanz Rome
Jim Klajbor
Ms. Cassandra J Robertson and niece, Princess Holloway*

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

20. [221864](#) A substitute ordinance relating to the retention of outside counsel by the office of the city attorney.

*Appearing:
Ald. Spiker - sponsor*

*Robin Pederson - City Atty
Tom Miller - City Atty*

Ald. Bauman asked to be added as co sponsor, there were no objections.

*After members discussed this ordinance, there may be more language added.
SUBSTITUTE may be offered at the next Common Council April 18th.*

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

21. [221775](#) Resolution expressing support for the federal Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act of 2023.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

22. [221815](#) Resolution cancelling real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing tax key numbers on the 2020, 2021, and 2022 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

*Appearing:
Bill Bowers - Deputy Assessor's
Hannah Jahn*

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

23. [221660](#) Resolution relating to legislative bills.

*Appearing:
Jim Bohl
Jordan Primokow
Katie Jaeger*

--- SB-157 Relating to: ambulance assessment program supplemental reimbursements, payment of administrative costs, and making an appropriation.

Ald. Chambers moved committee support this item

**A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Resolution be AMENDED.
This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

Aye 3 - Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 2 - Borkowski, and Murphy

[221660](#)

Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

Excused 2 - Borkowski, and Murphy

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session on Monday, April 10th, 2023 in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (e), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. This discussion concerns pending state legislation; 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 may go into open session for the regular agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

This meeting will be webcast live at www.milwaukee.gov/channel25.

NOTA: Para los clientes de cable de Spectrum que deseen ver subtítulos en español, ya están disponibles en el Canal de la Ciudad. En su control remoto de cable Spectrum, presione “MENÚ.” Seleccione “SUBTÍTULOS/CAPTIONS.” Use la flecha hacia abajo hasta “ESTÁNDAR/STANDARD,” luego use la flecha hacia arriba y cambie a “CC3.”

In the event that Common Council members who are not members of this committee attend this meeting, this meeting may also simultaneously constitute a meeting of the Common Council or any of the following committees: Community and Economic Development, Finance and Personnel, Judiciary and Legislation, Licenses, Public Safety and Health, Public Works, Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development, and/or Steering and Rules. Whether a simultaneous meeting is occurring depends on whether the presence of one or more of the Common Council member results in a quorum of the Common Council or any of the above committees, and, if there is a quorum of another committee, whether any agenda items listed above involve matters within that committee's realm of authority. In the event that a simultaneous meeting is occurring, no action other than information gathering will be taken at the simultaneous meeting.

Times for specific agenda items are estimations. If items cannot be heard at their specified times, they will be heard as soon as practicable thereafter.

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities through sign language interpreters or auxiliary aids. For assistance contact the Legislative Services ADA Coordinator at 286-2998, (FAX)286-3456, (TDD)286-2025 or by writing to Room 205, City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

City Hall and the Zeidler Municipal Building are accessible by "The Hop" City Hall Stations, the MCTS Green Line, Gold Line, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30, 33, and 57 bus routes. Visit <https://www.ridemcts.com/> for more information.

Bike racks are available on Water Street, Market Street, and Broadway, and a BublR Bike Share station is located on the northeast corner of Kilbourn Avenue and Water Street.

Limited parking for persons attending meetings is available at reduced rates (5 hour limit) at the Milwaukee Center on the southwest corner of Kilbourn Avenue and Water Street. Parking tickets must be validated in the first floor Information Booth in City Hall.

Persons engaged in lobbying as defined in s. 305-43-4 of the Milwaukee Code are required to register with the City Clerk's License Division. Lobbyists appearing before a Common Council committee are required to identify themselves as such. More information is available at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/Lobbying>.