



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. MARK A. BORKOWSKI, CHAIR

Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Vice-Chair

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Larresa Taylor*

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened at 9:04 AM

Present 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., Taylor

1. [231351](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5038 N 19th Place, in the 1st Aldermanic District to its former owner Dwight D Leachmon.

Per email received 2/20/24 from Mr. Leachmon

Tomorrow (02/21/2024) I am scheduled for a hearing. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this hearing. Can I please be rescheduled for a future hearing?

I qualify and applied for the Wisconsin Help for Homeowners Program which provides tax foreclosure assistance. The SDC services residents of Milwaukee. My application was submitted 01/29/2024 and has now been assigned to a case manager. Once my application is verified and finalized the program mails payment directly to city for my delinquent taxes. I've reached out to my case manager to see if I can get an exact date and amount of the payment. I will convey to you that information once I receive it.

Asst Atty, Hannah Jahn said that the Homeowners Program will be coming to its conclusion and the likelihood of the approval of this application is very low.

Ald. Murphy moved denial of this return based on this testimony, he also stated to Ms. Jahn that if anything different would surfaced prior to council, things could changed.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

2. [231549](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at

3149 N 78th Street, in the 5th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Joanne Kalkhoff.

Appeared: Son of Ms. Kalkhoff

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

3. [231433](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2922 N 16th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner Beatrice Carnes/Karen A. Carnes, application made by Evan Carnes (Heir).

*Mr. Evan Carnes
Deborah MccOllum- Gathing
Odaló Ohiku
Tanz Rome
Jim Klajbor*

Following unpaid charges/fees need to be paid prior to the next Council, February 27, 2024.

DNS fees \$4,673.60

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

4. [231434](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2808-2810 N 48th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner Tyler M. Brown, application made by Columbia Savings & Loan.

Based on the request to hold this item, per the Columbia Saving and Loan representative, Ald. Murphy moved to hold.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

5. [231386](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 7020 W Mill Road, in the 9th Aldermanic District to its former owner, Brenda Marie Ackland c/o Nicole Harvie (POA).

Per communication received on 2/19/24 from Nicole Harvie, FPOA for Brenda Ackland,

*In regards to the upcoming court hearing for the return of Real Estate at 7020 W. Mill Rd on Wed, Feb. 21st;
I've been made aware of a conflict for the court hearing and an out-of-state work training.
I'm hoping to reschedule the court hearing.
Can we change the date once more?*

Ald. Bauman moved to hold, based on this request.

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 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

6. [231559](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1800 N 48th Street, in the 10th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Shirley M Fijalkowski.

Per phone conversation with Ms. Shirley Fijalkowski on 2/20/24 who would be unable to attend this meeting due to being sick.

Ald. Murphy moved to hold.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

7. [231558](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2325 - 2327 N Sherman BLVD, in the 15th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Sunny Sky Properties LLC Attn: Martin Bethke.

Mr. Martin Bethke was present

Following unpaid charges/fees need to be paid prior to the next Council, February 27, 2024.

DNS Special charges \$254.00

Applicant also has ownership interest at 2828 N 49th Street 2023 delinquent taxes \$4,974.45

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

8. [230462](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Dale Evers for property damage.

*Appearing:
Asst Atty. Clint Muche*

No one appeared on behalf of Dale Evers

Although this was the first time this claim was scheduled, other claims have come before the committee of the same nature; and based on the City Attorney's recommendation, Ald. Chambers moved denial. There were no objections.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

9. [230700](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Sabrina Wade.

*Asst Atty. Clint Muche
DPW Streets - Carnita Rembert
Atty. Eric Andrew from Dunk Law Firm, appearing for Ms. Sabrina Wade*

Ald. Bauman moved denial of this claim, based on the committee's capability to address a claim of this nature and amount.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

10. [231057](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Edward Hill.

*Asst City Atty. Clint Muche
Edward Hill
Manager Tow Lot - Peter Knox*

Based on the City Atty's recommendation, Tow Lot testimony, Ald. Bauman moved denial.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

11. [230771](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Jamal LaBlanc for property damage.

*Asst. City Atty. Clint Muche
DPW Streets Carnita Rembert
Jamal LeBlanc via GTM*

Based on City Atty's recommendation, Ald. Bauman moved denial.

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, Murphy, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

12. [231324](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Crystal Hurd.

Clint Muche - Asst City Atty.

Jason Sanders - Sewer

Elizabeth Garza - Sewer

Justin Hurd , husband of Ms. Crystal Hurd

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

13. [230380](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Allison R. Schneider for property damage.

Asst City Atty. - Clint Muche

Brian Fields - DPW Fleet

Allison R. Schneider

Notwithstanding the City Attorney's recommendation, Ald. Bauman moved to approve the settlement of this claim in the amount of \$1,502.95

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

Aye 2 - Borkowski, and Bauman

No 3 - Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

Based on the recommendation of the City Attorney and the City Department's testimony, Ald. Murphy moved denial.

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

Aye 3 - Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 2 - Borkowski, and Bauman

14. [231540](#) Resolution relating to the claim of I'Rhiana Thompson (minor); Lawanda Withers (Mother)

Asst City Atty. Clint Muche

Lawanda Withers (mother) & I'Rhiana Thompson (minor) appeared with Counsel, Kirsten Hendra - Karp / Iancu Family Law

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

15. [231100](#)

Resolution authorizing payment of costs and attorneys' fees in the lawsuit entitled Citizen Complaint of Mr. Tocco Harris Against Officers Richard Michalak and Jacob Baczak, FPC No. 2022-088.

Appearing:

Jennifer Williams - Deputy City Attorney

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

16. [231600](#)

Resolution approving the settlement of the lawsuit entitled Naomi Gehling v. City of Milwaukee (City Attorney's Office), Equal Rights Division Case No. CR202200320, cross-filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as Charge No. 26G202200485, and appropriating up to \$40,000.00 from the Common Council Contingent Fund for this purpose.

Appearing:

Deputy City Atty. Todd Farris

Outside Counsel Daniel Finerty - Lindner & Marsck S.C.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

[231600](#)

Substitute resolution approving the settlement of the lawsuit entitled Naomi Gehling v. City of Milwaukee, Equal Rights Division Case No. CR202200320, cross-filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as Charge No. 26G202200485 and appropriating funds for this purpose.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

17. [231606](#)

Resolution approving a contract between the City of Milwaukee and Chenhalls Nissen, S.C. for legal services relating to securing an employment-based nonimmigrant visa for a Health Department

employee.

Appearing:

Lindsey O'Connor - MHD Human Resources

Dr David Payne - MHD Lab

Theresa Montag - Asst City Atty

A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED.

This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Murphy, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman, and Chambers Jr.

[231606](#)

Substitute resolution approving a contract between the City of Milwaukee and Chenhalls Nissen, S.C. for legal services relating to securing an employment-based nonimmigrant visa for a Health Department employee.

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Murphy, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman, and Chambers Jr.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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