



City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes
JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE

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Monday, October 15, 2007

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:17 A.M.

Present 4 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Bohl

Excused 1 - Murphy

Roll call taken at 9:26 A.M.

Present 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy, Bohl

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007, Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 19.85(1) (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the City with respect to litigation in which it is engaged.

Ald. D'Amato moved that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1) (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the City with respect to litigation in which it is engaged and will also convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the City with respect to Item #1...Resolution to approve settlement agreements in the matters of Art Ketchman, et al v. City of Milwaukee, et al, and Gregory Baur, et al v. City of Milwaukee, et al and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Roll call:

Ayes - Ald. D'Amato, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Bohl and Ald. Hamilton - 4

Individuals present:

Miriam Horwitz, Sue Lappen, Patricia Fricker and Rudy Konrad - City Attorney's Office

Ald. Murphy joined the committee in closed session at 9:26 A.M.

1. [070853](#) Resolution to approve settlement agreements in the matters of Art Ketchman, et al v. City of Milwaukee, et al, and Gregory Baur, et al v. City of Milwaukee, et al.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

9:30 A.M.

2. [070650](#) Communication from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services - Division of Children and Family Services relating to licensing, monitoring and regulating group and family foster homes.

Individuals present:

Denise Revels-Robinson - Director of the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Deborah Blanks - Milwaukee Child Welfare Policy Partnership and Executive Director of the Social Development Commission

Cathy Swessel - foster care and adoption services

Cinda Stricker - licensing chief

Chris Morano - Wraparound Milwaukee

Adrian Hunter - Servant Manor

Held at the request of Ald. Hamilton.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

3. [070814](#) Resolution relative to various legislative bills.

Individuals present:

Terry Perry and Jennifer Gonda - Intergovernmental Relations

Kristine Hinrichs - Milwaukee Municipal Court

Ald. D'Amato moved for opposition to AB-418. There were no objections.

Ald. D'Amato moved for opposition to AB-496. There were no objections.

Ald. Bauman moved for support of SB-269/AB-520, with the proposed amendment (eliminating the prohibition of the imposition of fees for local government emergency services).

Ald. D'Amato moved for opposition to AB-482. There were no objections.

Ald. D'Amato moved for opposition to SB-258. There was one objection (Ald. Bohl voted "no")

A motion was made by ALD. D'AMATO that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

[070814](#) Substitute resolution relative to various legislative bills.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

4. [070746](#) Resolution implementing the City of Milwaukee Election Commission's Adopt-a-Site program, whereby persons affiliated with certain charitable organizations may fully staff polling wards during each election and assign his or her compensation to the affiliate charitable organization.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

10:00 A.M.

5. [070769](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 4216 N. Sherman Blvd., in the 7th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to John Moore upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

A Further Resolved clause will be added to direct the Comptroller's Office to combine 4214 and 4216 addresses into one tax bill.

The Staff Assistant will research how to refund the \$1,370 administrative fee.

A motion was made by ALD. D'AMATO that this Resolution be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

- [070769](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4216 N. Sherman Blvd., in the 7th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate. (John Moore)

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

6. [070770](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 2767-2769 N. 13th St., in the 15th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Anthony McNeail upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.

Individuals present:

Jeanetta Robinson - community activist

Owner needs to pay \$3,275 in outstanding fines prior to the return of this property.

Item was held to allow the owner to set up a payment plan for the outstanding fines.

The Committee would also like to have a letter in the file from Ald. Hines stating his support for the payment plan and return of the property.

A motion was made by ALD. D'AMATO that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

7. [070771](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 2365 N. Richards St., in the 6th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Doris Hurse upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.
Valerie Hurse, daughter of the property owner, present.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

8. [070772](#) Resolution authorizing return of real estate located at 2524-2524A N. 16th St., in the 15th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee, to Ann Cain upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate.
Att. Andrew Shaw also present.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

9. [070774](#) Resolution canceling various City invoices.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

10. [070781](#) Resolution relative to the payment of a special improvement bill placed on the 2004 Tax Roll and appropriating funds for this purpose with the total cost of the bill being \$95.38.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

11. [070810](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2006 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

12. [070815](#) Resolution to settle claims for the defense of various police officers.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Items below will be heard no earlier than 10:15 A.M.:

13. [070667](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Mary Ayala for property damage. (14th Aldermanic District)
Claimant not present.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

14. [070777](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Lynnette Lowery-Cowser for property damage. (8th Aldermanic District)

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

15. [070775](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Denise Wall-Valadez for property damage. (2nd Aldermanic District)
Held at the request of the claimant.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

16. [070779](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Wesley Bishop for property damage. (1st Aldermanic District)

Claimant not present.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

17. [070778](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Veronica Junior for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

Held at the request of the claimant.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

Ald. D'Amato excused from the rest of the meeting at 12:17 P.M.

Present 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy, Bohl

Excused 1 - D'Amato

18. [070776](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Earl Hines for storage fees. (6th Aldermanic District)

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

19. [070665](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Tammy Harris for property damage. (2nd Aldermanic District)

Claimant not present.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

20. [070760](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Anthony Rudig for property damage. (12th Aldermanic District)
Claimant not present.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

21. [070579](#) Resolution relating to the Claim of Howard Tolefree for loss of property. (5th Aldermanic District)
Claimant not present.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

22. [070761](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Antoinette A. Colla for personal injuries.
Claimant not present.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

Meeting adjourned: 12:22 P.M.

*Linda M. Elmer
Staff Assistant*

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