

# SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE City of Milwaukee

## 2020 Annual Report

The attached report is submitted pursuant to s. 320-47 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.



## SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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**Purpose: (Per s. 320-47 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances)**

The Sister Cities Committee is created to assist the City, through its Common Council, with the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships in accordance with Sister Cities International regulations.

**MEMBERS**

**Khalif J. Rainey, Chair**

(Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee)

**Oscar Tovar**

(Representative of Mayor Tom Barrett)

**Alexander Durtka, Jr.**

(Representative of the International Institute of Wisconsin)

**Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharyya**

(Representative of the Health Commissioner)

**Bruce Spann**

(Public Member)

**STAFF**

Mr. Chris Lee, Staff Assistant

**Milwaukee Sister Cities Website**

<http://city.milwaukee.gov/sistercities>

## **SISTER CITIES AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGES SUMMARY 2020**

**The City of Milwaukee had 6 (six) active sister city relationships with signed agreements:**

- Daegu Metropolitan City, South Korea
- Galway, Ireland
- Irpin, Ukraine
- Medan, Indonesia
- Tarime District, Tanzania
- Zadar, Croatia

**The City of Milwaukee had no new sister city relationship established with a signed agreement in 2020.**

**The City of Milwaukee had 1 (one) new sister city relationship pending a signed agreement in 2020.**

- Tema, Ghana

**The City of Milwaukee had 1 (one) sister city relationships renewed in 2020:**

- Zadar, Croatia

**The City of Milwaukee had 1 (one) expiring sister city relationship with a signed agreement in 2020.**

- Bomet County, Kenya

**The City of Milwaukee had 2 (two) sister city relationships without a local nonprofit organization sponsor in 2020:**

- Bomet County, Kenya
- Medan, Indonesia

**The City of Milwaukee has no active or pending friendly exchange relationships.**

## **Annual Reports from Local Sponsors of Sister City Relationships**

2020 Annual Reports were submitted, received, and approved for the following sister city relationships:

- Bomet County, Kenya
- Daegu Metropolitan City, South Korea
- Galway, Ireland
- Irpin, Ukraine
- Medan, Indonesia
- Tarime District, Tanzania
- Zadar, Croatia

All 2020 annual reports received from the committee are attached within CCFN 141899 for Bomet County, CCFN 160733 for Daegu Metropolitan City, CCFN 181446 for Galway, CCFN 171188 for Irpin, CCFN 190453 for Medan, CCFN 160176 for Tarime District, and CCFN 201103 for Zadar.

2019 Annual Reports were submitted, received, and approved for the following sister city relationships:

- Bomet County, Kenya
- Tarime District, Tanzania
- Zadar, Croatia

All 2019 annual reports received from the committee are attached within CCFN 141899 for Bomet County, CCFN 160176 for Tarime District, and CCFN 201103 for Zadar.

The tables below summarize the City's current active sister city relationships, local sponsoring entities, and information.

Current Sister City Relationships								
Sister City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Signed Sister City Relationship Agreement	Relationship Expiration	Sister City Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Daegu Metropolitan City, South Korea	The Water Council	160733	3/28/2017	4/6/2017	9/20/2017	9/20/2022	3/20/2022	5/6
Galway, Ireland** (2002 - Present)	Irish Festivals, Inc.	181446	2/5/2019	2/15/2019	8/15/2008	5/23/2024	11/23/2023	3/16
Irpin, Ukraine (2018 - Present)	St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church	171188	12/19/2017	1/2/2018	3/15/2018	3/15/2023	10/15/2022	2/1
Medan, Indonesia (2014 - Present)	VACANT	190453	9/24/2019	10/4/2019	10/30/2014	10/30/2024	4/30/2024	11/3
Tarime District, Tanzania (2016 - present)	Mosorec International Foundation	160176	7/6/2016	7/14/2016	11/7/2016	11/7/2021	5/7/2021	8/13
Zadar, Croatia (2015 - Present)	Federation of Croatian Societies, Inc. of Milwaukee	201103	12/15/2020	12/28/2020	5/12/2015	5/12/2025	11/12/2024	1/27
*Sister city relationship renewed.								
**This relationship was established prior to the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.								

The tables below summarize the City's current pending new sister city relationships, local sponsoring entities, and information.

Pending Sister City Relationships								
Sister City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Signed Sister City Relationship Agreement	Relationship Expiration	Sister City Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Tema, Ghana	Ghana-Milwaukee Association, Inc.	191027	11/5/2019	11/15/2019				
*Requires a signed sister city relationship agreement. A signing ceremony will be scheduled in the near future when both mayors from both cities are able to come together.								

The table below summarizes the City's terminated sister city relationships since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.

Terminated Sister City Relationships*										
Sister City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Signed Sister City Relationship Agreement	Relationship Expiration	Sister City Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline	File Number Terminating Relationship	Effective Termination Date
Morogoro, Tanzania (2007 - 2012)	Hope in Tanzania Foundation	070043	5/8/2007	5/15/2007	8/3/2007	8/3/2012*	2/3/2012	6/14/2014	161199	4/6/2017
Carora, Venezuela* (2009 - 2016)	The Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin	131429*	3/4/2014	3/7/2014	3/24/2009	3/8/2019	9/8/2018	4/6	160547	10/19/2016
uMhlathuze, South Africa* (2008 - 2019)	VACANT	140008*	5/13/2014	5/22/2014	5/1/2008	5/23/2019	11/23/2018	6/21/2014	191028	11/15/2019
*Since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.										

The tables below summarizes the City's expired sister city relationships, local sponsoring entities, and information which has yet to be renewed.

Expired Sister City Relationships*								
Sister City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Signed Sister City Relationship Agreement	Relationship Expiration	Sister City Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Bomet County, Kenya (2015 - 2020)	VACANT	141899	7/21/2015	7/30/2015	11/23/2015	11/23/2020	5/23/2020	8/29
*Since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.								
*Chapter 335 Sister Cities established that sister city relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution. There was no resolution to extend the relationship.								

The table below summarizes the City's expired friendly exchange relationships since October 10, 2014 when Chapter 335 Sister Cities established that friendly exchange relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution.

Expired Friendly Exchange Relationships							
Friendly Exchange City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Relationship Expiration	Friendly Exchange Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Ninbo, China (2005 - 2014)		050754	9/27/2005	10/6/2005	10/10/2014*		11/5
*Chapter 335 Sister Cities, on October 10, 2014, established that friendly exchange relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution. There was no resolution to extend the relationship.							



## **Accomplishments and Activities in 2020**

### **Changes in Committee Membership**

Ald. Khalif J. Rainey of the 7<sup>th</sup> aldermanic district in the City of Milwaukee joined as a new member and chair of the committee, replacing Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II, with his appointment as the new chair of the City's Community and Economic Development Committee in May 2020.

### **Renewal of Sister City Relationships**

#### **Bomet County, Kenya (PENDING)**

The Sister Cities Committee at its November 23, 2020 meeting recommended to renew the sister city relationship with Zadar contingent upon acquisition of a local nonprofit sponsor. A local nonprofit sponsor was still pending. The sister city relationship had expired on November 23, 2020. Subject to the acquisition of a local nonprofit sponsor, a resolution would be submitted to the Common Council of its adoption and the Mayor for his signature.

The sister city relationship with Bomet County was first established on July 30, 2015 when the original resolution CCFN 141899 was signed by the City of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett. An official agreement for the sister city relationship was signed at Milwaukee City Hall on November 23, 2015 between Mayor Tom Barrett and Governor H.E. Hon Isaac Ruto of Bomet County.

Both cities share a common interest in education, health care and business, and mutual understanding. Activities of the relationship thus far include students visiting Bomet, supply of materials to Bomet, and the drilling of a water well in Bomet. There is no current local sponsor to the relationship. The previous local sponsor was the Pan-African Community Association, Inc., which is no longer in existence.

#### **Zadar, Croatia**

The sister city relationship with the City of Zadar, Croatia was renewed on December 28, 2020 after Mayor Tom Barrett signed a resolution renewing

the sister city relationship via Common Council File Number 201103. The Sister Cities Committee at its November 23, 2020 meeting recommended to renew the sister city relationship with Zadar. The Common Council adopted resolution CCFN 201103 to renew the sister city relationship on December 15, 2020.

The sister city relationship with Zadar was first established on November 25, 2014 when the original resolution CCFN 140088 was signed by the City of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett. An official agreement for the sister city relationship was signed at Milwaukee City Hall on May 12, 2015 between Mayor Tom Barrett and Consul General of the Republic of Croatia Dr. Jelena Grcic Polic on behalf of the Mayor of Zadar Bozidar Kalmeta.

Both cities share a common interest in business, culture, health care, education tourism, and other areas. The relationship has been centered on culture and water research and education. There is a main focus to build a water research project between middle schools from both cities. The Milwaukee local sponsor to the relationship is the Federation of Croatian Societies, Inc. of Milwaukee.

## **Sister Cities Committee meetings held in 2020:**

July 20, 2020

November 23, 2020

### **2020 Committee Meeting Highlights:**

At the **July 20, 2020** meeting, the committee:

- Welcomed Ald. Khalif J. Rainey as a new member and chair to the committee.
- Held review of the renewal application to extend the sister city relationship with Zadar, Croatia due to nonappearance by the local nonprofit sponsor.
- Reviewed and approved the 2019 annual reports for the sister city relationships with Tarime District (Tanzania) and Bomet County (Kenya); reviewed and approved the 2020 annual reports for the sister city relationships with Bomet County (Kenya), Galway (Ireland), and Irpin (Ukraine); and held review of 2019 annual report for the sister city relationship with Zadar (Croatia) and the 2020 annual report for the sister city relationship with Daegu Metropolitan City (South Korea) due to nonappearance.
- Was given sister city relationship status update from Ghana Milwaukee Association Inc. regarding a delay in the signing of the sister city relationship with Tema, Ghana.
- Discussed the success of the virtual 2020 Sister Cities International annual conference, the uncertainty regarding the 2020 Holiday Folk Fair and a meet-and-greet due to the COVID-19 pandemic and departure of City Clerk event coordinator staff, and continued efforts to promote sister cities.
- Reviewed and approved the 2019 Sister Cities Committee annual report.

At the **November 23, 2020** meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed and approved the renewal applications to extend the sister city relationships with Zadar (Croatia) and Bomet County (Kenya) with the contingency that a local nonprofit sponsor organization be acquired for the relationship with Bomet County.
- Reviewed and approved the 2019/2020 annual report for the sister city relationship with Zadar (Croatia) and the 2020 annual reports for the sister city relationships with Daegu Metropolitan City (South Korea), Tarime District (Tanzania), and Medan (Indonesia).

- Approved the withdrawal of the Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce as the local nonprofit sponsoring organization for the sister city relationship with Medan (Indonesia).
- Was given another sister city relationship status update from Ghana Milwaukee Association Inc. regarding a delay in the signing of the sister city relationship with Tema, Ghana and potential future exchange possibilities with Port Milwaukee.
- Discussed the success of the virtual 2020 Holiday Folk Fair and uncertainty on a meet-and-greet.