



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ALD. MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, CHAIR

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Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Ald. Milele A. Coggs, and Ald. Sharlen P. Moore

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Monday, October 6, 2025

1:00 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

2026 BUDGET HEARINGS

This is also a virtual meeting. Those wishing to view the proceedings are able to do so via the City Channel - Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable - or on the Internet at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/citychannel>

Meeting convened at 1:09 p.m.

Present 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, Moore

Also present:

*William Christianson, City Comptroller
Nik Kovac, Budget Director
Keith Broadnax, LRB Manager
Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist
Charles Roedel, Deputy Comptroller*

1. [250001](#) Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2026 budget.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

-City Attorney

*Appearing:
Angelique Pettigrew, Budget Office
Evan Goyke, City Attorney
Tawauna Swanigan, City Attorney's Office
Robin Pederson, Deputy City Attorney
Mary Schanning, Deputy City Attorney
Julie Wilson, Deputy City Attorney
Naomi Sanders, Deputy City Attorney*

An overview presentation was given on the City Attorney on the following topics:

Budget Summary, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Organization Chart, Budget by Service, Demographics, Major Highlights (Employment, Administrative & Health), Major Highlights (Real Estate, Contracts & Education), Major Highlights (Litigation Section), Major Highlights (Neighborhood Revitalization, Ordinance Enforcement & Housing Section), Service Uniformity, Environmental Impact, AI Technologies, 2025 Amendment Update

There was discussion on compliance review of 2026 grants, desire to add litigation staff, time frame to close litigation claims, non-traffic cases, engagement with community leadership, ACA new hires (recruitment, training, experience, age), policy and use of AI tools, legal counsel service to MPS, operational savings for transitioning into the Microsoft Office environment, outstanding license cases, ACA demographics, use of social media, aldermanic requests for legal opinions, internship opportunities, reckless driving and accountability, Damages and Claims fund level, free speech rights, Collins settlement, pending settlement funds, and legality of federal troops deployment.

Information requests were made as follows:

Further information on new ACA hirings relative to professional experience, credentials, and age. (Ald. Spiker)

Information on outstanding licensing cases (Ald. Coggs)

ACA demographics (Ald. Coggs)

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

-Treasurer

Appearing:

Tyler Calligaro, Budget Office

Spencer Coggs, City Treasurer

LaQuisha Schroeder, Deputy City Treasurer

An overview presentation on the City Treasurer was given on the following topics: 2026 Budget Summary, Salaries and Positions, Operating Expenses, Special Funds, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Org Chart, Core Services, Budget Breakdown by Service, 2025 Major Updates, Department Demographics, Service Uniformity, Climate, 2025 Amendment Update

There was discussion on tax payment receipt mailings, timing of tax property bills, requests for receipt mailings, notification of property tax bills being available, printing of receipts, increase in operating expense, and decrease in miscellaneous revenue.

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

3:00 P.M

-Comptroller

Appearing:

Angelique Pettigrew, Budget Office

William Christianson, City Comptroller

Charles Roedel, Deputy Comptroller

Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr., 2nd Ald. Dist.

An overview presentation on the City Comptroller was given on the following topics:

Budget Summary, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Org Chart and Demographics, Budget by Service, Administration, General Accounting, Payroll Administration, Internal Audit, Financial Advisory, Public Debt, Systems Support, Key Performance Indicators, 2026 Major Updates, Service Uniformity, Environmental Impact, 2025 Amendment Update

There was discussion on formalizing a fund balance policy, redrafting of the budget footnote on developing a fund balance policy, ongoing reporting of department budget status, bond rating projection, summer flood impact on 25-year end projection, decrease in actual revenues estimate, audit determinations, Workday replacement and impact on employees (self service, time entry and tracking, alternative work arrangement), Tax Stabilization Fund (withdrawal and impact, balance, growth, contribution, recommendation), change in positions, fraud prevention

Information requests were made as follows:

How AWA would be incorporate into Workday (Ald. Spiker)

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

-City Clerk

Appearing:

Shaketa Winters, Budget Office

James Owczarski, City Clerk

Dana Zelazny, Deputy City Clerk

Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr., 2nd Ald. Dist.

Ald. Laressa Taylor, 9th Ald. Dist.

Paul Karczewski, City Channel Manager

Brad Houston, City Records Center Manager

An overview presentation for the City Clerk was given on the following topics:

Budget Summary, Salaries and Positions, Operating & Equipment Expenses, Special Funds, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Capital Expenses, Budget by Service, Org Chart, Core Services, Department Demographics, Key Performance Indicators, 2026 Major Updates (Licenses, PID, City Records, HPC), Service Uniformity, Environmental Impact, Artificial Intelligence, 2025 Amendment Update

There was discussion on budget footnotes regarding internships/apprenticeships and City Action app (licensing, LRB, Youth Council), MKE Community Excellence Fund SPA, bartender license, recognition and awards (Wisconsin Community Media Award, graphic design, historic designation), enterprise records management system capital request, special funds, use of AI tools into LRB research, PID graphic design

Information requests were made as follows:

List of special funds and 5-year history of carryover and expense of those funds (Ald. Spiker)

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Burgelis

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

**Chris Lee, Staff Assistant
Council Records Section
City Clerk's Office**

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<http://milwaukee.legistar.com/calendar>.**