



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**ALD. MICHAEL S. D'AMATO, CHAIR**  
**Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, Vice-Chair**  
**Ald. Robert Bauman, Ald. Michael Murphy, Ald. James Bohl, Jr.**

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Thursday, March 27, 2008

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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*Meeting convened: 9:14 A.M.*

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

1. [071470](#) Substitute resolution relative to various legislative bills.

*Individuals present:*

*Paul Vornholt - Intergovernmental Relations*

*Sharon Robinson - Department of Administration*

*Ald. D'Amato moves for support of U.S. Senate Bill 1078/U.S. House Bill 1850.*

*Ald. Murphy would like more details on U.S. Senate Bill 1078/U.S. House Bill 1850 as it progresses.*

**A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**No** 0

**A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY 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

2. [071547](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2801-2803 W. State Street, in the 4th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Lillie Walker Williams for the estate of Lonnie Williams)

*Ms. Walker Williams not present.*

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

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

**No** 0

3. [071290](#) A substitute ordinance relating to the extension of deadlines for filing appeals with the board of review and the presentation of evidence at board of review hearings.

*Individuals present:*  
*Jennifer Gonda - Intergovernmental Relations*  
*Mary Reavey - Assessment Commissioner*  
*Deputy City Attorney Vince Moschelle*  
*Att. Maureen McGinnity opposing the legislation*  
*Att. Robert Gordon opposing the legislation*

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**No** 0

4. [071602](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the denial of claims filed with the City of Milwaukee.

**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

5. [070993](#) Communication from the City Attorney relative to expenditures from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account.

**A motion was made by ALD. BOHL 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

6. [071581](#) Substitute resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections grant for the City of Milwaukee Drivers License and Employment Project. (Community Development Grants Administration)

**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

7. [071541](#) Resolution canceling various City invoices.

**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

8. [071558](#) Substitute resolution to settle claim of Cermele & Associates for 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

**9:30 A.M.**

9. [071531](#) Communication from the Wisconsin Army National Guard relating to the major reorganization of the armory located on Capitol and Richards Street.

*Individuals present:*  
*Lieutenant Colonel John Schroeder*

**A motion was made by ALD. D'AMATO that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**No** 0

10. [071524](#) Resolution relating to Milwaukee Board of School Directors proposals for closing or reconstituting schools.

*Chris Steele - Milwaukee Public Schools Intergovernmental Relations Office*

**A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY 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 9:45 A.M.:**

11. [071543](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Attorney Lawrence Knauf on behalf of Brian Loffredo for property damage. (4th Aldermanic District)

*Held at the request of the attorney of the claimant.*

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN 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

12. [071507](#) Resolution relating to the claim by Attorney Alan Eisenberg on behalf of Emma Jean Glass and Sammie Lee Glass regarding harassment charges by the Department of Neighborhood Services.

*Attorney not present, so Ald. D'Amato moved to hold to the call of the chair at 11:20 A.M. Attorney appeared, so Ald. D'Amato moved to reconsider at 11:21 A.M.*

**A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY 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

13. [071542](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Wanda Ruffin for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

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

**Aye** 3 - D'Amato, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 2 - Hamilton and Bohl

14. [071516](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Lisa Washington for property damage. (9th Aldermanic District)

*Grant in the amount of \$395.*

**A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. The motion FAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 2 - Hamilton and Bohl

**No** 3 - D'Amato, Bauman and Murphy

**A motion was made by ALD. D'AMATO 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

**10:00 A.M.**

**The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 27, 2008 in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., 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 Item #15...Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled David Hollins, Jr. v. Demetrius Ritt, et al., in the amount of \$20,000 and then will go into open session.**

*Ald. Murphy moves 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 Item #15...Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled David Hollins, Jr. v. Demetrius Ritt, et al., in the amount of \$20,000 and then will go into open session.*

*Roll call:*

*Ayes - Ald. D'Amato, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Bohl, Ald. Murphy and Ald. Hamilton - 5*

*Individual present:*

*Jan Smokowicz - City Attorney's Office*

15.     [071544](#)     Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled David Hollins, Jr. v. Demetrius Ritt, et al., in the amount of \$20,000.

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

**No** 0

16.     [050297](#)     Substitute resolution relating to the removal of construction waste dumped on City-owned land located near the intersection of East Stewart Street and South Marina Drive.

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

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

**No** 0

*Meeting adjourned: 12:15 P.M.*

*Linda M. Elmer*

*Staff Assistant*

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