



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ALD. MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, CHAIR

Ald. Peter Burgelis, Vice-Chair

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

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Thursday, May 29, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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 9:16 a.m.

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

Also present:

William Christianson, City Comptroller

Nik Kovac, Budget Director

Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist

1. [250213](#)

Communication from the Department of Administration - Budget and Management Division relating to the impact of the proposed federal budget on the City of Milwaukee's 2026 budget.

Sponsors: Ald. Dimitrijevic and Ald. Burgelis

Appearing:

Jordan Primakow, Intergovernmental Relations Division

Joshua Benson, Comptroller's Office

Director Primakow gave an update on the proposed federal budget and impact on the City's 2026 budget and the community. Proposed are cuts to Medicaid and SNAP benefits and increased tax cuts for wealthy corporations and businesses. Locally, proposed are cuts to federal block grant funding, municipal bonding tax exempt status, federal funding for the Health Department, and federal clean energy funding and programs impacting the Environmental Collaboration Office. In conclusion, there is much uncertainty. IRD is working with many advocacy groups and municipalities.

Director Kovac commented. Potential impacts include CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funding. Respective agencies and City staffing under those programs may be

impacted. The City may have to find funding alternatives for these programs, fund them with levy dollars, or reduce services.

There was discussion on potential cost impact to municipal bonding, potential increases to law enforcement funding and programs, expansion to child tax credits, and commitment to preserve communities and programs that will be impacted.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

2. [250198](#)

Communication from the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Public Works relating to the creation of a long-term, sustainable financing strategy for City infrastructure to reduce the growing backlog of poor-condition local roads as called for in Amendment 40B to the 2025 City Budget.

Sponsors: Ald. Burgelis

Ald. Burgelis commented on the need for a realistic funding strategy from DPW and have not seen submission of a report as required by budget amendment 40B to the 2025 City budget.

*Appearing:
Amber Danyus, Mayor's Office*

Ms. Danyus said that a report will be submitted by the deadline and that DPW requests to hold the file due to their inability to appear at the meeting today.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

3. [250196](#)

Substitute resolution approving an agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Flock Group Inc. for the provision of pole-mounted security cameras.

Sponsors: Ald. Spiker

Ald. Spiker provided context on the City's acquisition and use of ALPR cameras.

Ald. Burgelis noted his objection to discussion and public testimony beyond the matter of an indemnification agreement.

Ald. Burgelis moved that ALPR information, submitted by him, be entered into the file for the record. There was no objection.

Appearing:

*Kathy Block, City Attorney's Office
Heather Hough, Police Dept.
Evan Goyke, City Attorney
Rhonda Kelsey, Purchasing Division*

There was discussion on the intent of the file, germaneness on discussing on policy, origin of the ALRP, use of ALPR surveillance countywide, contracting with Flock Group, Inc., and use of ALPR cameras.

*Public testimony in opposition:
Amanda Merkwae, ACLU of Wisconsin
Ron Jansen, resident
Ms. Muhammad, resident
Jason Haas, lobbyist for JusticePoint*

Those in opposition testified with concerns over infringement on civil liberties and increasing costs to the City with the acquisition or expansion of Flock surveillance technology.

*Public testimony in support:
Tara Cavazos, South 27th Street BID 43
Leif Otteson, Gateway to Milwaukee BID 40*

Ms. Cavazos testified that the BID has been providing the funding for the cameras.

Those in support testified that the cameras are beneficial to reduce or assist in criminal investigations, are in demand by residents, are in use by many others, and have support from residents.

Ald. Burgelis moved that the Finance and Personnel Committee convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conducting specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Ayes - Moore, Coggs, Spiker, Burgelis, Dimitrijevic

The committee convened into closed session at 10:46 a.m.

Present - Moore, Coggs, Spiker, Burgelis, Dimitrijevic

*Also present:
William Christianson, City Comptroller
Nik Kovac, Budget Director
Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist*

*Appearing:
Kathy Block, City Attorney's Office
Laura Engan, Police Dept.
Rhonda Kelsey, Purchasing Division
Heather Hough, Police Dept.
Phillip Simmert, II, Police Dept.*

Ald. Spiker moved that the committee reconvened into open session. There was no

objection.

The committee reconvened into open session at 11:54 a.m.

Ald. Spiker said he was supportive of a motion to hold the file due to legal concerns on the indemnification provision of the contract agreement.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 1 - Burgelis

4. [250199](#)

Communication from the Department of Administration - Budget and Management Analysis Division regarding vacancy requests, fund transfers and equipment requests.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

The vacancy agenda was read.

A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Communication to Finance be APPROVED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

5. [250201](#)

Communication from the Department of Administration informing the Finance and Personnel Committee of waivers granted for certain single or sole source contracts or contract amendments.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Rhonda Kelsey, Purchasing Director*

Director Kelsey gave a summary of the waivers granted.

A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Communication to Finance be PLACED ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

6. [250202](#)

Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to classification studies scheduled for City Service Commission action.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Andrea Knickerbocker, Dept. of Employee Relations*

Ms. Knickerbocker gave a summary of the classification studies report.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

7. [250203](#)

Communication from the Department of Employee Relations amending the Salary and Positions Ordinances relating to clerical or administrative corrections.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Andrea Knickerbocker, Dept. of Employee Relations

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

8. [250243](#)

Communication from the Fire Department amending the Positions Ordinance to add position authority for Firefigher/Fire Paramedic positions.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Chief Aaron Lipski, Fire Dept.

There was discussion on adding the positions as a result of the Local 215 labor agreement.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

9. [250011](#)

Substitute resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a 2025 Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group Program grant.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

10. [250057](#) Resolution relating to acceptance and funding of a 2024-2025 Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma grant.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

11. [250135](#) Substitute resolution relative to acceptance and funding of the 2025-26 The Wisconsin Congenital Disorder/Newborn Screening grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

12. [250204](#) A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2025 rates of pay of offices and positions in the City Service.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. MOORE that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

13. [250205](#) A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2025 offices and positions in the City Service.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

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Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Chris Lee, Staff Assistant
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City Clerk's Office

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