



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR**

**Ald. Terry Witkowski, Vice-Chair**

**Ald. James Bohl, Jr., Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., and Ald. Robert  
Donovan**

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Thursday, March 29, 2012

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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**Amended 3/26/12 - File number 110995 has been removed**

**Amended 3/28/12 - File number 111660 has been added**

**Meeting convened at 1:37 P.M.**

**Present** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

1. [111620](#) Resolution authorizing the denial of claims filed with the City of Milwaukee.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individual present:  
Asst Atty. Margaret Daun*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

2. [111628](#) Resolution directing Intergovernmental Relations Division - Department of Administration to seek uniform statewide solid waste regulatory reform for dealing in discarded, salvageable and recyclable materials.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Hines Jr.

*Individuals present:  
Keith Stanley - Asst to Ald. Hines  
Rich Withers - LRB  
MPD Captain Joseph Warren*

*Ald. Davis asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of this resolution.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

3. [111597](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Gladys Birdsong.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individual present:*

*Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

4. [111557](#) An ordinance relating to the refunding of administrative review appeals board filing fees.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Zielinski

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

5. [111645](#) Resolution relating to the mailing of assessment notices to property owners by the office of the Assessor.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Bohl

*Individual present:*

*Mary Reavey - Deputy Commissioner*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

6. [111573](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 8671 W. Greenbrook Drive, in

the 9th Aldermanic District to Jessica Hartmann, agent for Educators Credit Union.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Motion by Ald. Witkowski to place on file based on non appearance of Jessica Hartmann*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

7. [111449](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3870 N. 24th St., in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Funta Watson)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individuals present:*

*Lynne Steffen - DNS*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Rich Schmidt - Treasurer Office*

*2008-2011 Delinquent Taxes Due*

*If paid in April \$11, 752.11*

*if paid by May 11, 2012 \$11,887.31*

*Also Mr. Watson has ownership interest on:*

*5414 N 52nd St Tax Key #190-1108-9*

*Delinquent 2011 taxes \$2,063.82*

*Mr. Watson has set up payment plan for this property.*

*2713-15 N 39th St, Tax Key#308-0396-X*

*Delinquent 2008-2011 taxes totaling \$16,265.53 (this property is covered under his Chapter 128).*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

6. [111573](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 8671 W Greenbrook Dr., in the 9th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Jessica Hartmann, agent for Educators Credit Union)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be RECONSIDERED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

*Individuals present:*

*Lynne Steffen - DNS*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Rich Schmidt - Treasurer Office*

*Mr. Dave Davis - property owner*

*2007 - 2011 Delinquent Taxes Due*

*If Paid in April \$30,829.70*

*if paid by May 11, 2012 \$31,167.44*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

8. [111509](#)

Resolution relating to an appeal from Ozzie Davis for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individuals present:*

*Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty*

*Dave Lawrence - Tow Lot Manager*

*Claimant - Mr. Ozzie Davis*

*Mr. Davis confirms that the claim he submitted was in the amount of \$1,113.69*

*Claimed denied based on testimonies of the City Attorney and Tow Lot Manager.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

*Ald. Bohl was excused*

*Roll was taken at 2:35 P.M.*

**Present** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis

**Excused** 2 - Bohl, Donovan

9. [110896](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Shannon McDonald for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individuals present:*

*Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty*

*Dave Lawrence - Tow Lot Manager*

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

10. [111428](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Liana Korek for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individuals present:*

*Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty*

*Dave Lawrence - Tow Lot Manager*

*Liana Korek - Claimant*

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

11. [111651](#) Resolution amending the election ward lines in the City of Milwaukee.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Hamilton

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

12. [111652](#) An ordinance relating to amending aldermanic district boundaries commencing in 2012.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Hamilton

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

13. [111208](#) Resolution relating to legislative bills.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individual present:*

*Ms. Paulina De Haan - Health Department*

*Ald. Davis moved to opposed the following legislations:*

*S.2188 National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2012*

*S.2213 Respecting States' Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2012*

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

[111208](#) Substitute resolution relating to legislative bills.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individual present:*

*Ms. Paulina De Haan - Health Department*

*Ald. Davis moved to opposed the following legislations:*

*S.2188 National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2012*

*S.2213 Respecting States' Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2012*

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

14. [111660](#) Communication relating to the creation of a Milwaukee Jobs Act.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Hamilton

*Individuals present:*

*Bethany Sanchez - Fair Housing Council,*

*Dana Schultz - 9to5*

*Jennifer Epps-Addison - Citizen action*

*Steve Schawrz- Local 113*

*Mandela Barnes - Micah  
Todd Sprewer- Sprewer Construction*

*Ald. Wade, Coggs and Kovac  
Clifton Crump - DCD  
Joe'Mar Hooper - Deputy City Treasurer  
Ossie Kendrix - Manager of Small Business Development  
Dan Thomas - DPW  
David Sivyver - DPW*

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

1. [111620](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the denial of claims for excessive tax assessments filed with the City of Milwaukee.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Resolution be RECONSIDERED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

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**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bohl and Donovan

**Meeting adjourend at 4:52 P.M.**

**Joanna Polanco**

**Staff Assistant**

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