



# City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

*ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR*

*Ald. Terry Witkowski, Vice-Chair*

*Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Ald. Mark Borkowski, and Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski*

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Monday, March 21, 2016

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City hall

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Meeting convened at 1:45 P.M.

**Present** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski, Zielinski

1. [151524](#) Communication related to the 2015 annual report and activities of the Ethics Board.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*Annie Wacker - Chair of the Ethics Board*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

2. [151486](#) Substitute resolution relating to the appeal of Yvonne Allen for property damage. (7th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*Pat Fricker - ACA*  
*Chuck weigman - Fleet Division*

*Ms. yvonne Allen - appellant*  
*Mr. Edmond Allen, Ms. Allen's son*

*Ald. Witkoski moved to settle this appeal in the amount of \$3,828.91*  
*There were no objections.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

No 0

3. [151608](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Lucille Tisdale and Eddie Tisdale for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

4. [151494](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of April Stern for property damage. (7th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Pat Fricker - ACA*

*Randy Krouse - Forestry Division*

*On behalf of Ms. Stern, Mr. Scott Wheeler - Property Manager*

*Based on City Attorney and Forestry Department testimony, Ald. Zielinski moved denial.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 1 - Witkowski

5. [151511](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Terry and Jacqueline Radtke for property damage. (13th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Pat Fricker - ACA*

*Nancy Alvarado - Sewer Maintenance*

*Mr. Terry Radtke - appellant*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

6. [151512](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Progressive Insurance on behalf of Kim Branch for property damage. (3rd Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Pat Fricker ACA*

*Dave Lawrence - Tow Lot Manager*

*Michael Shack Progressive Ins Rep*

*Kim Branch - claimant*

*Based on City Attorneys and Tow Lot manager testimony, Ald. Zielinski moved denial.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

7. [151102](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Gary and Marlene Brunn for property damage. (5th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Claim settled with City Attorney as of 3/18/16.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

8. [151361](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2977-2979 N. Martin L. King Jr Drive in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner LaRonnie W. Gilliam.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Amy Turim - DCD*

*Emily Mckeown - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*

*LaRonnie Gilliams*

*DNS charges*

*Reinspection fees \$60.84*

*Projecting Sign invoice \$33.46*

*Fire Prevention Permit fee \$101.41*

*TOTAL \$195.70 Due by noon on February 8, 2016. This amount was paid 3/9/16*

*2012-2015 Taxes if paid by April \$19,399.54*

*If paid by May 16, 2016 \$19,632.73*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

No 0

9. [151506](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2314 N. 15th Street in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner Jantira Nakhapakorn.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
Karen Taylor - DCD  
Emily Mckeown - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Deputy City Treasurer  
Jantira Nakhapakorn, former owner  
Counsel, James Iby

*DNS Reinspection fees of \$136.89  
Vacant Building fees \$101.40  
TOTAL \$238.29 Due March 28, 2016 by Noon*

*Other properties owned by applicantwith outstanding charges:  
2945 N 12th St \$202.80  
1031 W Wright St \$202.80  
2367 N 8th St \$354.90  
TOTAL \$760.50 DUE by noon on March 28, 2016 by noon*

*2012-2015 Taxes if paid by April \$13,891.85  
If paid by May 16, 2016 \$14,049.52*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

10. [151612](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5361 N. 57th Street in the 2nd Aldermanic District to former owner TW Enterprises LLC.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
Karen Taylor - DCD  
Emily Mckeown - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Deputy City Treasurer  
TW Enterprises, LLC, Atty. Riley

*2012-2015 Taxes if paid by April \$9,334.15  
If paid by May 16, 2016 \$9,442.31*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

11. [151638](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5457 N. 91st Street in the 2nd Aldermanic District to former owner James Hightower and Lucretia S. Hightower.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Mckeown - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Deputy City Treasurer*

*James Hightower, former owner*

*2013-2015 Taxes if paid by April \$19,845.68*

*If paid br May 16, 2016 \$20,087.96*

*Other properties owned by applicant:*

*5453 N 91st St Outstanding 2015 bill totals \$5,275.62*

*4144 N 51st BIVD Outstanding 2014-2015 bill totals \$4,144.09 (2014 \$2,417.65  
2015 \$1,726.44)*

*4150 N 51st BLVD 2014-2015 Outstanding bill totals \$5,274.37 (2014 \$2,737.37  
2015 \$2,537)*

*Mr. Hightower needs to make payment plan before Council on 3/29/16*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

12. [151668](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1838 N. 25th Street in the 15th Aldermanic District to former owner Sonya Lockett.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Mckeown - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Deputy City Treasurer*

*Sonya Lockett, former owner*

*2010 & 2015 taxes if paid by April \$6,239.89 if paid by May 16, 2016 \$6,322.71*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

13. [151681](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1701-1703 W. Lincoln Avenue in the 12th Aldermanic District to former owner F&P Properties (Application made by Francisco Sanchez).

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Mckeown - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Deputy City Treasurer*

*F & P Properties C/O Francisco Sanchez, former owner*

*DNS charges*

*Fire Protection permit fees \$101.40*

*Reinspection fee \$60.84*

*TOTAL \$164.24 Due March 28 by noon*

*Other property owned by applicant with outstanding charges at*

*1773 S Muskego Ave \$50.70 due March 28, 2016*

*2012-2015 Taxes if paid by April \$27,488.46*

*If paid by May 16, 2016 \$27,803.46*

**OTHER PROPERTIES OWNED BY APPLICANT:**

*324-0882-5 1829 - 1835 W CENTER ST 2012-2015 OUTSTANDING (DNA)*

*2012 taxes are \$7,244.32 – 2013 taxes are \$6,236.66 – 2014 taxes are \$4,757.12 –*

*2015 taxes are \$5,091.99 = Grand Total \$23,330.09*

*459-0530-1 1773 S MUSKEGO AV 2013-2015 OUTSTANDING (DNA)*

*2013 taxes are \$3,110.70 – 2014 taxes are \$2,853.59 – 2015 taxes are \$2,531.51 =*

*Grand total \$8,495.80*

*460-1628-3 1663 S MUSKEGO AV 2013-2015 OUTSTANDING (2016-05 inrem)*

*2013 taxes are \$1,143.11 – 2014 taxes are \$220.31 – 2015 taxes are \$886.09 =*

*Grand total \$2,249.51*

*Per committee, Mr. Sanchez needs to show the Treasurer office proof of payment plan before property 1701-1703 W Lincoln Ave can be return back to him.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

14. [151685](#) Resolution relating to a settlement agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the United States Department of Justice pertaining to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**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 Borkowski

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

15. [151199](#)

A substitute ordinance relating to revision of various provisions for purposes of correcting errors, clarifying language and eliminating obsolete provisions.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

16. [151687](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the establishment of an Outstanding Debt Work Group.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Witkowski, Ald. Hamilton and Ald. Kovac

*Appearing:*  
*Ald. Witkowski sponsor*

*Comptroller - Martin Matson*

*Ald. Witkowski moved to accept proposed Sub A. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Bauman, Borkowski, Hamilton and Zielinski be added as co-sponsors. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Bauman moved following documents offered by Ald. Witkowski, be made part of the permanent file: City-paid Collection Fee Summary, Open Citations as of 3/1/16 and Outstanding Receivable at Year End 2010-2014.*

*There were no objections.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

[151687](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the establishment of an Outstanding Debt Work Group.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Witkowski, Ald. Hamilton, Ald. Kovac, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Borkowski, Ald. Zielinski and Ald. Murphy

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Borkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

**The following files will be placed on file as no longer needed:**

17. [151485](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Sandra Turney for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

18. [150977](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Annie Travis for property damage. (15th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**A motion was made ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE This motion PREVAILED by Voice Vote**

19. [131531](#) Resolution terminating the contract between the City of Milwaukee and the Kohn Law Firm, S.C.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Bauman

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

20. [131530](#) Resolution prohibiting the City or any of its agents from entering into payment plans for delinquent property taxes or special charges without authorization from the Common Council.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Bauman

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

21. [131518](#) Substitute resolution relating to directing the City Attorney to promptly pursue legal action to abate excessive noise and other adverse effects associated with demolition and reconstruction activities on the Hoan Bridge and I-794 Lake Freeway Project.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Bauman

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

22. [140093](#) Resolution directing the City Attorney to cease all litigation relating to City's obligation to pay public utility relocation costs related to the Milwaukee Streetcar project.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Donovan and Ald. Davis

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

23. [141326](#) Resolution relating to a referendum question on borrowing for the Milwaukee Streetcar project to be placed on the spring 2015 general election ballot.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Donovan

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

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

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

**The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, March 21, 2016 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 will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.**

*Ald. Bauman moved committee go into Closed Session*

*Ald. Bauman*

*Ald. Borkowski*

*Ald. Witkowski*

*Ald. Zielinski*

*Ald. Hamilton*

*Mark Nicolini - Budget*

*Miriam Horwitz - Deputy CA*

*La Keisha Butler - ACA*

*Kathryn Block - ACA*

*Gashan korban - DPW*

*Bill Christianson - Budget*

*Dennis Yaccarino - Budget*

*Monique Lofton - Budget*

*Mike Krause - DPW*

*Ryan Hayes -MPD*

*Rick Moore - MPD*

*Oscar Tovar - Mayor's office*

*Neil Albrecht - Election Commission*

*Steven Fronk - OHLS*

*Nancy Olson - IT*

*Robin Pederson - ACA*

*Captain James Shepard MPD*

*Sarah Zarate - President Michael Murphy's office*

**Meeting adjourned at**

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