



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ALD. MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, CHAIR

Ald. Scott Spiker, Vice-Chair

Ald. Milele A. Coggs, Ald. Michael J. Murphy, and Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr.

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Monday, October 16, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

2024 BUDGET PUBLIC INPUT HEARING

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 9:22 a.m.

Present 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Coggs, Murphy, Chambers Jr.

Also present:

*Aycha Sawa, City Comptroller
William Christianson, Deputy City Comptroller
Nik Kovac, Budget Director
Bryan Rynders, Budget & Policy Manager
Tea Norfolk, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist
Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa, 8th Ald. Dist.
Pres. Jose Perez, Common Council/12th Ald. Dist.
Ald. Jonathan Brostoff, 3rd Ald. Dist.
Lamont Westmoreland, 5th Ald. Dist.
Aaron Lipski, Fire Chief
James Bohl, IRD Director
David Hensley, Fire Assistant Chief*

1. [230001](#) Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2024 budget.

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*Appearing to provide public testimony:
Heather Dummer Combs, Take Root Milwaukee
Pamela Bell, Take Root Milwaukee
Amanda Merkwae, ACLU of Wisconsin
James Stein, ACLU of Wisconsin*

Ms. Dummer Combs testified in favor \$2 million DCD downpayment assistance

program for homebuyers.

Ms. Bell testified that there were barriers to homebuying lending and assistance, disparity in wealth, that there were self help programs and products to disadvantaged groups, and advocated for homeownership.

Ms. Merkwae testified in advocacy of additional capacity, resources, accessibility, early voting locations, and staffing for the Election Commission.

Mr. Stein testified in advocacy of increasing staff, early voting locations, and accessibility for the Election Commission.

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, Spiker, Coggs, Murphy, and Chambers Jr.

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Public comments made using the eComments system can be found within the following file:

[230638](#)

Communication relating to public comments on the Mayor's Proposed Executive Budget for 2024.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

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