



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes

### JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

*ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR*

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Monday, March 15, 2021

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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Meeting convened at 1:40 PM

**Present** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman, Murphy

1. [201101](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Bill Wheatley.

*Appearing:*

*Tyrone St Junior - ACA*

*Mr. Bill Wheatley - claimant*

*Ms. Carol Rindt - DPW Infrastructure Sewer Maintenance*

*Based on City Attorney's recommendations and city department's testimony, Ald. Murphy moved denial.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

2. [201453](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Pablo S. Galarza, Jr

*Held to later in the meeting; Mr. Galarza was having technical difficulties.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

*Appeared:*  
*St. Junior - ACA*  
*Michelle Thompson - Gray - Water Works*  
*Mr. Galarza*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy  
**No** 0

*To gather more information from Water Department.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy  
**No** 0

All of the claims below relate to the water main breaks in December 2019:

*For items 4-12, Ald. Murphy moved to settle each of the claims in an amount not to exceed 50% of the amount claimed.*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

3. [200688](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Cannon & Dunphy, SC re. the denial of various claims resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

*Appearing:*  
*Jane Islo - Water Works*  
*ACA - Tyrone St Junior*  
*Atty. Michael Cerjak - on behalf of Cannon & Dunphy, S.C.*  
*Patrick Pauley - Water Department*

*Based on the hardship caused by this event to the citizens, Ald. Murphy moved to settle these claims in an aggregate amount of no more than \$200,000.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy  
**No** 1 - Dodd  
**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

- [200688](#) Substitute resolution relating to appeals brought by the firm of Cannon & Dunphy, S.C., relating to the denial of claims resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

**For items 4-12, Ald. Murphy moved to settle each of the claims in an amount not to exceed 50% of the amount claimed.**

4. [200655](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Paul Pecsí for property damage (10th Aldermanic District)

*Appearing:*

*Jane Islo - Water Works*

*ACA - Tyrone St Junior*

*Mr. Paul Pecsí 5919 W Adler*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

- [200655](#) Substitute resolution relating to the appeal brought by Paul Pecsí, relating to the denial of the claim resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

5. [200789](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Maria Hammerer for property damage.

*Appearing:*

*Jane Islo - Water Works*

*ACA - Tyrone St Junior*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

[200789](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the appeal brought by Maria Hammerer, relating to the denial of the claim resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

6. [200790](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Sally J. Ward for property damage.

*Appearing:*

*Jane Islo - Water Works*

*ACA - Tyrone St Junior*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

[200790](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the appeal brought by the firm of Stanford Law Offices, S.C. on behalf of Sally J. Ward, relating to the denial of the claim resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

7. [200791](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Richard and Diane Metzger for property damage.

*Appearing:*

*Jane Islo - Water Works*

*ACA - Tyrone St Junior*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

[200791](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the appeal brought by Richard and Diane Metzger, relating to the denial of the claim resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

8. [200792](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Tom and Judy Berg for property damage.

*Appearing:*

*Jane Islo - Water Works*

*ACA - Tyrone St Junior*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

[200792](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the appeal brought by Tom and Judy Berg, relating to the denial of the claim resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

9. [200793](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Medinah Aleem for property damage.

*Appearing:*

*Jane Islo - Water Works*

*ACA - Tyrone St Junior*

*Patrick Pauley - Water Department*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

[200793](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the appeal brought by Medinah Aleem, relating to the denial of the claim resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

10. [200794](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Shalonda Brown for property damage.

*Appearing:  
Jane Islo - Water Works  
ACA - Tyrone St Junior*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

[200794](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the appeal brought by Shalonda Brown, relating to the denial of the claim resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

11. [200831](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Second Look on behalf of Erie Insurance and their insured Veronica Asare Yeboah for property damage.

*Appearing:*

*Jane Islo - Water Works*

*ACA - Tyrone St Junior*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

- [200831](#) Substitute resolution relating to the appeal brought by Second Look on behalf of Erie Insurance and their insured, Veronica Asare Yeboah, relating to the denial of the claim resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

12. [200902](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Rosemary Perez for property damage.

*Appearing:*

*Jane Islo - Water Works*

*ACA - Tyrone St Junior*

*Ms. Rosemary Perez*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in an amount not to exceed 50% of the claim.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

[200902](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the appeal brought by Rosemary Perez, relating to the denial of the claim resulting from the 2019 Hawley Road water main break.

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

**Aye** 2 - Bauman and Murphy

**No** 1 - Dodd

**Abstain** 2 - Hamilton and Spiker

13. [201326](#)

Resolution authorizing the denial of claims for alleged unlawful and alleged excessive tax assessments filed with the City of Milwaukee.

*Appearing:*

*Ryan Ranker - Assessor's office*

*ACA - Hannah Jahn*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

14. [201510](#)

Resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state and federal legislation implementing a Purple Alert system for victims of domestic violence.

*Appearing:*

*Ald. Coggs - Sponsor*

*Kim Montgomery - IRD*

*Ald. Dodd asked to be added as co sponsor. There were no objections.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

15. [201521](#)

Communication from the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division providing an update on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

*Appearing:*

*Kim Montgomery - IRD Director*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

16. [201421](#)

Resolution relative to legislative bills.

*Appearing:*

*Brenda Wood*

*Jim Bohl*

*Jordan Primakow*

---- SB-142

*Relating to: waiving interest and penalties for late payment of property taxes and the timely filing requirement for claims to recover property taxes.*

**SUPPORT**

---- AB-156/SB-172

*Relating to: state workforce housing income and franchise tax credit and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.*

**NON DISCLOSURE**

---- AB -130/SB-164

*Relating to: possession of not more than 10 grams of marijuana and providing a penalty.*

**WATCH AND REPORT**

---- SB-165

*Relating to: the responsibilities of the Law Enforcement Standards Board and disclosure of employment files when recruiting former or current officers*

**SUPPORT**

---- LRB-2062

*Relating to: appointment of certain lawfully present aliens as law enforcement officers.*

**SUPPORT**

---- LRB-2107

*Relating to: citizenship requirements for local law enforcement officers.*

**WATCH AND REPORT**

**A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED.**

**This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

[201421](#)

Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

17. [201478](#) Communication from the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division presenting an overview of Governor Evers' 2021-23 Executive Budget.

*Appearing:*  
*Kim Montgomery - IRD*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

18. [201368](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled Milwaukee River Hotel, LLC v. City of Milwaukee

*Appearing:*  
*ACA Hannah Jahn*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

19. [201485](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled Lincoln Warehouse Realty, LLC v. City of Milwaukee

*Appearing:*  
*ACA Hannah Jahn*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

20. [201503](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled Andre J. Smith v. City of Milwaukee, et al., U.S.D.C. Case Number 18-cv-01797.

*Appearing:*  
*ACA Naormi Gehling*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

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This meeting will be webcast live at [www.milwaukee.gov/channel25](http://www.milwaukee.gov/channel25).

Meeting adjourned at 4:57PM

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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