



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, December 8, 2008

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 1:37 P.M.

Present 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Donovan

Excused 1 - Davis

1. [070993](#) Communication from the City Attorney relative to expenditures from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Davis

Roll call taken at 1:41 P.M.

Present 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis, Donovan

2. [081055](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against a certain parcel identified by Tax Key No. 355-0431-116-1, 2202 N. Bartlett Avenue, (Pierce Milwaukee LLC), on the 2007 manufacturing tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

3. [081054](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2006 and 2007 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of

repayment, if appropriate.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

4. [080255](#)

Resolution relative to various legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

5. [060460](#)

Substitute resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state enabling legislation for the imposition of a cigarette tax by municipalities and counties.

Sponsors: Ald. Witkowski

Accept Proposed Substitute A

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

[060460](#)

Substitute resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state enabling legislation for the imposition of a cigarette tax by municipalities and counties.

Sponsors: Ald. Witkowski

Held at the request of the sponsor.

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

6. [081118](#)

Resolution directing the Department of Administration -- Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation increasing the forfeiture for various moving violations.

Sponsors: Ald. Witkowski

Held as not ready to be heard.

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

1:45 P.M.

7. [081085](#) An ordinance clarifying and revising provisions of the city's code of ethics and providing penalties for failure to timely file a statement of economic interests.

Sponsors: Ald. Hamilton

Individuals present:

Dwight Ellis - Chair of the Ethics Board

Nola Devereaux - Ethics Board staff

Richard Withers - Legislative Reference Bureau

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

8. [081017](#) A substitute ordinance revising and updating protections against housing and employment discrimination and providing for the promotion of equity and equal rights.

Sponsors: Ald. Hamilton

Individuals present:

Leslie Silletti - Mayor's Office

Maria Monteagudo - Dept. of Employee Relations

Alex Runner - President Hines's aide

Rose Dietzman - Greater Milwaukee Human Rights Coalition

Dana Schultz - organizer at 9to5

Accept Proposed Substitute A

A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Ordinance be SUBSTITUTED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

- [081017](#) A substitute ordinance revising and updating protections against housing and employment discrimination and providing for the promotion of equity and equal rights.

Sponsors: Ald. Hamilton and Ald. Kovac

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

9. [080642](#) Communication from the Comptroller's Office relating to a report titled Audit of Election Commission Absentee Ballot Processing.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Jim Michalski and Angela Henschel - Comptroller's Office

Neil Albrecht - Election Commission

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Items below will be heard no earlier than 2:15 P.M.:

10. [080578](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Attorney Chris Barnes, Gibson & Sharps, on behalf of Bethany Weasler for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Witkowski

11. [080692](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from James Groh for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

12. [081115](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Latia Ference for property damage. (10th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

13. [080896](#) Resolution relating to the claim of CJD Moving Systems, Inc. for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Claimant not present.

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

14. [081073](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Shenequa Netterville for property damage. (9th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Bohl moved to grant in the amount of \$500. Withdrawn.

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

Aye 3 - Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 2 - Hamilton and Bohl

15. [081002](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Kathy Bellis, Agent for West Bend Mutual Insurance Company on behalf of Scott K. Pesick for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Claimant not present.

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

16. [081072](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Edward Swartz for property damage. (5th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

17. [081009](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Steven Pechloff for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

18. [081013](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Janice Radtke for property damage. (14th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

19. [081010](#) Substitute resolution relating to an appeal from Connie Croft for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Grant in the amount of \$145.79

A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

- [081010](#) Substitute resolution relating to an appeal from Connie Croft for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

20. [081011](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Stephanie Jacocks for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Held at the request of the claimant.

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

21. [081012](#)

Resolution relating to an appeal from Sherry Nash for property damage. (2nd Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Claimant not present.

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

22. [081001](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Verneice Henderson relating to property damage. (4th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

23. [081000](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Ronald & Barbara Eder relating to property damage. (11th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

24. [081004](#)

Substitute resolution relating to a claim from Edward V. Madritsch for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Grant in the amount of \$4,000

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 1 - Witkowski

[081004](#)

Substitute resolution relating to a claim from Edward V. Madritsch for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 1 - Witkowski

Roll call taken at 4:55 P.M.

Present 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis

Excused 1 - Donovan

25. [081003](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Will & Adrienne Moore relating to property damage. (2nd Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

3:00 P.M.

26. [080669](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works related to how it researches responses to claims against the department.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Jeff Mantes - Commissioner of Public Works

Jeff Dellemann - Dept. of Public Works

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

No 0

Excused 2 - Bohl and Donovan

Meeting adjourned: 5:26 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant

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