



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes

### JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**ALD. MARK A. BORKOWSKI, CHAIR**

*Ald. Cavalier Johnson, Vice-Chair*

*Ald. Robert Bauman, Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski, and Ald. Nikiya Dodd*

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Monday, March 16, 2020

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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**AMENDED - 3/16/20 - File 191874 has been added to the agenda**

**Meeting Convened at 1:33 pm**

**Present** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski, Dodd

**Please be apprised that less than 24 hours notice is being given for this file because it is impractical to give the 24 hours' notice.**

1. [191614](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Paul Worthy for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)  
*Appearing:*  
*Paul Worthy -appellant*  
*Katryna Rhodes - ACA*  
*Chad Chrisbaum - DPW Infrastructure*  
  
*Based on City Attorney's recommendation and City Department's testimony, Ald. Zielinski moved denial of this appeal.*  
  
**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 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd  
  
**No** 0
  
2. [191316](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Curtis Brewer for property damage. (9th Aldermanic District)  
*Appearing:*  
*Curtis Brewer*  
*Chad Chrisbaum*  
*Katryna Rhodes*  
  
*Based on City Attorney's recommendation and City Department's testimony, Ald.*

*Johnson moved to denial of this appeal.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

3. [191551](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Josephine Santiago

*Appearing:  
Josephine Santiago  
Leroy Schank - Contractor*

*Based on City Attorney's recommendation, Ald. Bauman moved denial.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

4. [191770](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Robert and Daphne Kozlicki in the amount of \$7,085.95;

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

5. [191799](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Brian Lewandowski, in the amount of \$25,000.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

6. [191859](#) Substitute resolution cancelling real estate taxes levied against a certain parcel bearing a tax key number on the 2019 tax roll, plus interest and special charges applicable, if appropriate.

*Appearing:  
Patty Doherty - on behalf of Ald. Donovan who is in support of this resolution  
Mr. Eduardo Loera - Pastor Iglesia Apostolica Nueva Vida, Inc., aka New Life Apostolic Church.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

7. [191841](#) Resolution opposing India's National Register of Citizens and Citizenship Amendment Act and reaffirming Milwaukee as a welcoming city that accepts all peoples regardless of their religious background.

*Appearing:*

*Ald. Johnson - Sponsor*

*Add Dodd as co-sponsor.*

*There were no objections.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

8. [191798](#) Resolution cancelling real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing tax key numbers on the 2017 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

*Appearing:*

*Peter Bronex - Chief Assessor*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

9. [191765](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1958 W. Fairmount, in the 1st Aldermanic District, to its former owner Jerrell S. Cathey.

*Appearing:*

*Deborah McCollum Gathing*

*Tanz Rome*

*Jim Klajbor*

*Nicole Larsen*

*Jerrell S Cathey*

*Applicant has outstanding traffic violations judgments in the amount of \$529.80*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

10. [191719](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5635

N. 39th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District, to its former owner True Unique Inv. LLC c/o Sylvia F. Williams RA.

*Appearing:*  
*Deborah McCollum Gathing*  
*Tanz Rome*  
*Jim Klajbor*  
*Nicole Larsen*  
*Ms. Sylvia Williams*  
*Timothy Evans, son in law*

*The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions website indicates that True Unique Investments, LLC was administratively dissolved on 8/11/2015. Organization would need to be reinstated if property is recommended to be returned.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

11. [191503](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5044 N. 33rd Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District, to its former owner Charles Singleton.

*Appearing:*  
*Deborah McCollum Gathing*  
*Tanz Rome*  
*Jim Klajbor*  
*Nicole Larsen*  
*Mr. Charles Singleton*

*Mr. Singleton has outstanding parking violations judgments in the amount of \$318.00*

*The applicant has outstanding building code violations judgments in the amount of \$3075.00 (if paid by 3/23/2020, \$6648.15, if paid by 4/23/2020, \$6673.36)*

**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 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

12. [191762](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5877 N. 80th Street, in the 2nd Aldermanic District, to its former owner Rodney J. and Jean M. Fischer.

*Appearing:*  
*Deborah McCollum Gathing*  
*Tanz Rome*  
*Jim Klajbor*  
*Nicole Larsen*  
*Mr. Rodney Fischer*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

13. [191761](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 7407 W. Sheridan Avenue, in the 2nd Aldermanic District, to its former owner Kenneth Taylor.

*Appearing:*

*Deborah McCollum Gathing*

*Tanz Rome*

*Jim Klajbor*

*Nicole Larsen*

*Ms. Linda Taylor, Mr. Kenneth Taylor's wife*

*Mr. Taylor has outstanding traffic violations judgment in the amount of \$98.80*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

14. [191718](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3828 N. 79th Street, in the 5th Aldermanic District, to its former owner David Barland.

*Appearing:*

*Deborah McCollum Gathing*

*Tanz Rome*

*Jim Klajbor*

*Nicole Larsen*

*Mr. David Barland*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

15. [191721](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2737 N. 88th Street, in the 5th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Nancy L. Cychosz.

*Appearing:*

*Deborah McCollum Gathing*

*Tanz Rome*

*Nicole Larsen*

*Jim Kjaibor*

*Atty Taylor Ranz on behalf of Ms. Cychosz*

*perspective buyer of the property, Mr. Rizwan Ahmad*

*Based on the discussion, Ald. Dodd moved to denied the return of this property.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

**16. [191505](#)**

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2971 N. 6th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District, to its former owner 123 Helping Hands Personal Care Agency LLC c/o Debbie Lewis.

*Appearing:*

*Nicole Larsen*

*Deborah McCollum Gathing*

*Tanz Rome*

*Jim Klajbor*

*123 Helping Hands Personal Care Agency c/o Debbie Lewis*

*The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institution website revealed that 123 Helping Hands Personal Care Agency, LLC was administratively dissolved in 2019 and needs to be reinstated.*

*Other properties owned by the applicant*

*3641 N Port Washington Avenue*

*2017- 2019 outstanding \$5,805.34*

*This also needs to be taken care of, before real estate can be returned, per Ald.*

*Bauman's motion.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

**17. [191693](#)**

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3453 N. 11th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Robert Harris.

*Appearing:*

*Nicole Larsen  
Deborah McCollum Gathing  
Tanz Rome  
Jim Klajbor  
Mr. Robert Harris*

*The applicant has outstanding traffic violations judgments as follows:  
\$477.00*

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

**Aye** 3 - Borkowski, Bauman and Zielinski

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Johnson and Dodd

18. [191715](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3569 S. 92nd Street, in the 11th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Phillip & Susan Krawczyk.

*Appearing:  
Nicole Larsen  
Deborah McCollum Gathing  
Tanz Rome  
Mr. Phillip Krawczyk*

*Requested more time to gather the funds owed.*

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

**Aye** 3 - Borkowski, Bauman and Zielinski

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Johnson and Dodd

19. [191622](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2513 N. 9th Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Nathaniel Smith.

*Appearing:  
Nathaniel Smith  
Sam Smith his Dad*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Dodd

20. [190839](#) Substitute resolution indemnifying the 4th District Alderman from

damages resulting from litigation in the matter of Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 2007CV13965.

*Ald. Zielinski moved suspension of the Rule. There were no objections. and further moved to amend the file by inserting the additional Whereas clause:*

*Whereas, Wis. Stat. sec. 893.80(3) explicitly limits the amount recoverable by a person for damages in any tort action against any officer or official of any Wisconsin municipality and which respect to officers and officials of the City of Milwaukee, is \$50,000; and*

*Amend the Further Resolved clause to read as follows:*

*Further Resolved, That the City of Milwaukee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the 4th District Alderman, Robert J. Bauman, from and against all losses or damages and, in the event that the jury or court determines him to be within the scope of employment, shall pay any judgment up to the amount permitted under Wis. Stat. sec. 893.80(3), that is, up to \$50,000, resulting from any and all litigation related to Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 2007CV13965; and, be it*

*Further Resolved, That the City of Milwaukee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the 4th District Alderman, Robert J. Bauman, from and against all losses or damages and, in the event that the jury or court determined him to be outside the scope of employment, shall pay any judgment resulting from any and all litigation related to Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 2007CV13965.*

*There were no objections.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

**Abstain** 1 - Bauman

[190839](#)

Substitute resolution indemnifying the 4th District Alderman from damages resulting from litigation in the matter of Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 2007CV13965.

**A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AND ASSIGNED to the FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE due back on 3/25/2020. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

**Abstain** 1 - Bauman

21. [191874](#)

Communication from the Election Commission relating to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Spring 2020 election.

*Appearing:  
Neil Albrecht*



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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**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 3:33pm

Joanna Polanco  
Staff Assistant

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