



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, October 24, 2007

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

BUDGET HEARINGS

Meeting convened: 9:14 A.M.

Present 4 - Murphy, D'Amato, Donovan, Dudzik

Excused 1 - Davis

1. [070856](#) Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2008 budget.

Appearances: Mark Nicolini, Director (Dept. of Admin.-Budget and Management Division), Wally Morics (Comptroller's Office), Marianne Walsh, Manager (City Clerk-Legislative Reference Bureau, Research & Analysis Section), Jennifer Meyer (Dept. of Admin.-Budget and Management Division), John Ledvina (DOA-Budget and Management Division), Mary Turk (City Clerk-Legislative Reference Bureau, Research & Analysis Section), Eric Pearson (DOA-Budget and Management Division), Jeff Osterman (City Clerk-Legislative Reference Bureau, Research & Analysis Section) Renee Joos (DOA-Budget and Management Division), Richard Withers (City Clerk-Legislative Reference Bureau, Research & Analysis Section) and David Schroeder (DOA-Budget and Management Division)

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATION AND RETIREMENT PROVISIONS AND POLICE ANNUITY & BENEFITS FUND

Martin Matson Deputy Director-Employees' Retirement System, Tom Rick-Chief Investment Officer-Employees' Retirement System, John Ledvina and Mary Turk appeared.

Mr. Ledvina presented his budget highlights. Ms. Turk gave a summary of her fiscal report.

Mr. Matson and Mr. Rick gave a presentation on the Employees' Retirement System 2008 budget. (Presentation is attached to this file). Mr. Matson and Mr. Rick then answered questions by committee members.

TREASURER

Wayne Whittow-Treasurer, Jim Klajbor-Deputy Treasurer, Eric Pearson and Jeff Osterman appeared.

Mr. Pearson presented his budget highlights. Mr. Osterman gave a summary of his fiscal report.

Mr. Whittow said that the Treasurer's office has met its budget allocations for the past fifteen years. He said a comparison survey was done a couple of months ago on the collection of the tax levy and explained the results. He explained the collection efforts done by the Treasurer's Office. He said the Treasurer's Office is in the process of implementing the acceptance of credit card payments for property taxes. He then answered questions by committee members.

Mr. Klajbor answered questions by committee members.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bevan Baker-Commissioner, Dr. Vivien Chen-Health Operations Director, Yvette Rowe-Business Operations Manager, Dr. Geof Swain-Associate Medical Director, Bob Schweitzer-Employee Assistance Program Coordinator, Paul Biedrzycki-Disease Control & Prevention Manager, Ms. Carrie Lewis-Superintendent of Milwaukee Water Works, Ms. Sue Blaustein-President of Local 1091, Judy Thorsheim-President of the Staff Nurses' Council, Kathy Blair-Epidemiologist, Renee Joos and Richard Withers appeared.

Ms. Joos presented her budget highlights. Mr. Withers gave a summary of his fiscal report.

Mr. Baker gave a brief overview of the Health Department's 2008 proposed budget. He also gave an overview of some of the grant funded programs the Health department handles. He then answered questions by committee members.

Dr. Swain appeared to answer questions by committee members relating to sexually transmitted diseases and the infectious disease called Shigella.

Mr. Schweitzer appeared and handed out a copy of his written statement (Hand out is attached to this file). He explained the activities and services the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers. He then expressed his concerns with the 40% reduction in the EAP coordinator position.

Mr. Biedrzycki appeared to answer questions relating to the water quality concerns.

Ms. Lewis appeared to answer questions relating to concerns with mercury in the water.

Ms. Blaustein appeared and expressed her concerns with the reduction of Lab Assistant II and Office Assistant positions. She also expressed her disappointment with the 40% reduction in the EPA coordinator position.

Ms. Thorsheim appeared and expressed her concerns with the infant mortality. she also handed out a report by the Wisconsin Healthy Birth Outcomes Initiative. (Hand out is attached to this file)

Ms. Blair appeared to answer committee members questions relating to infant mortality.

Recess: 12:14 P.M.

Reconvened: 1:09 P.M.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET OVERVIEW

David Schroeder (DOA-Budget and Management Division) appeared.

Mr. Schroeder gave a PowerPoint presentation. (PowerPoint is attached to this file)

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

Aye 4 - Murphy, D'Amato, Donovan and Dudzik

No 0

Excused 1 - Davis

2. [070683](#) Communication from the Budget & Management Division relating to a Best Practices Review of Capital Project Management.

Appearances by:

Mr. Alan Pennington, Lead Consultant, Matrix Consulting Group

Mr. Pennington gave a PowerPoint presentation called, "Final Report Presentation for the Best Practices Review of the Capital Project Management Process."

Mr. Jeff Mantes, Commissioner of Public Works

Ald. Murphy asked Mr. Mantes to submit written comments for each of the recommendations listed in the report.

Mr. Mike Daun, Deputy Comptroller

REFERRED TO the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting adjourned: 2:38 P.M.

*Terry J. MacDonald
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