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Meeting Minutes

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

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Monday, February 24, 2020

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

2/21/2020 AMENDED

File Number 190839 has been removed.

Meeting convened at 1:31 PM

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

1. [191076](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Nasif Bowie for property damage. (15th Aldermanic District)
Sponsors: THE CHAIR
Based on non appearance.
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

2. [191426](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Kristopher Kier for property damage. (14th Aldermanic District)
Sponsors: THE CHAIR
Appearing:
Ian Brown - Forestry
Katryna Rhodes - ACA
Mr. Christopher Kier
Ald. Bauman moved approval of this appeal in the amount requested \$1,585.00. There were no objections.
A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd
No 0

[191426](#)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

3. [191119](#) Resolution relating to the claim of John Ellenbecker

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Based on non appearance.

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

4. [191680](#) Resolution relation to the claim of Kanika Ward

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Katryna Rhodes - ACA
Ms. Kanika Ward*

Based on City Attorney's recommendations, Ald. Bauman moved denial of this claim.

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

5. [170937](#) Communication from the Fire and Police Commission relating to updates and current activities.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
IRD Staff:
Tammy Majewski*

John McNally
Ana Diaz
April Nwandu
Karen Rotker - Senior Atty from American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Ald. Zielinski moved to request that the Fire and Police Commission present a report to the Judiciary and Legislation Committee at its next meeting of March 16, 2020 including specific action steps to show progress in respect to any potential litigations the City may enter into. There were no objections.

This Communication was HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

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

No 0

6. [191691](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4469 N. 20th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District, to its former owner Dation Washington Sr. and Barbara J. Washington.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD

Tanz Rome - DNS

Jim Klajbor - Treasurer's Office

Nicole Larsen - ACA

Ms. Barbara Washington, daughter of Mrs. Washington (Mr. Dation Washington is deceased)

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

7. [191694](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 8510 W. Villard, in the 2nd Aldermanic District, to its former owner Euwell D. Blevins.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD

Tanz Rome - DNS

Jim Klajbor - Treasurer's Office

Nicole Larsen -ACA

Mr Euwell Blevins

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 1 - Dodd

8. [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.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

no one present when called.

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 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 1 - Dodd

9. [191695](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3265 N. 12th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Tory Gardener.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD

Tanz Rome - DNS

Jim Klajbor - Treasurer's Office

Nicole Larsen -ACA

Tory Gardener

DNS Garbage Cleanup fees in \$172.82

Other properties owned by the applicant:

6837 N 41st Street

2017- 2019 outstanding

\$9,021.47

3609 W Hampton Ave

2017-2019 outstanding

\$8472.18

2914 N 46th Street

2017-2019 outstanding

\$13,356.78

2733-35 N 36th Street

2017-2019 outstanding

\$8,232.79

2611 N 33rd Street

2019 outstanding

\$633.39

2546 N 34th Street
2017-2019
\$18,760.13

*Outstanding building code violation with municipal court
if paid by 3/2/2020 \$1,105.60 if paid by 4/2/2020 \$1,111.45*

Based on this being a rental property and having multiple properties with taxes in arrears, Ald. Bauman moved denial of this return unless ALL properties owned by applicant, back taxes owed are paid in full.

Ald. Zielinski moved

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

Aye 1 - Bauman

No 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 1 - Bauman

[191695](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3265 N. 12th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Tory Gardener.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Zielinski moved to adopt this return of real estate with the requirement that ALL properties listed with outstanding taxes, be paid in full or property will not be return back to Mr. Gardener.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

No 1 - Bauman

10. [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.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

No one present when called.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 1 - Dodd

11. [191720](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4627 N. 49th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Jacqueline S. Edwards.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD

Tanz Rome - DNS

Treasurer's Office

Nicole Larsen -ACA

Jacqueline S. Edwards

Garbage Clean-up violation and reinspection fees of \$716.78

Other properties owned by the applicant

5826 N 66th street

2017-2019 outstanding

\$8,209.93

Outstanding Municipal Court judgment if paid by 3/2/2020 \$1,390.15

if paid by 4/2/2020 \$1,394.65

Ald. Bauman moved to AMEND the file to include all other outstanding property taxes be paid or property will not be return. There were no objections.

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

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

No 0

- [191720](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4627 N. 49th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Jacqueline S. Edwards.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

12. [191504](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4843 N. 51st Boulevard, in the 1st Aldermanic District to its former owner Kelly

L.M. and Becky L. McChristion-Bradley (application made by Sheldon Thompson c/o Paw Solutions LLC).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD
Tanz Rome - DNS
Treasurer's Office
Nicole Larsen -ACA
Andrea E Nembhart
Sheldon Thompson
Prince Thompson
Ashley Chipley

DNS outstanding charges for property at
4178 N 50th
\$254.51

Other properties owned by applicant:
3629 W Hampton Ave
2017-2019 outstanding
\$5861.87

8848 N 95th , Unit D
2019 outstanding
on installment plan

4178 N 50th St
2019 outstanding
on installment plan

3064 N 25th St
2018 outstanding
at collection agent

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN 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

13. [191716](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2943 N. 24th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District, to former owner(s) Ashley Chipley.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD
Tanz Rome - DNS
Jim Klajbor Treasurer's Office
Nicole Larsen -ACA
Ashley Chipley

Based on discussion and City Attorney's findings, Ald. Bauman moved denial of this return.

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN 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

14. [191717](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3240 N. 36th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Charles R. Hall.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD

Tanz Rome - DNS

Jim Klajbor Treasurer's Office

Nicole Larsen -ACA

Mr. Charles Hall

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

15. [191507](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2862 N. 51st Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Jerry Vang.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD

Tanz Rome - DNS

Treasurer's Office

Nicole Larsen -ACA

Mr Jerry Vang

Reinspection fees of \$609.60

Outstanding building code violation with Municipal Court in the amount of \$980.00

Also council stated that this property was foreclosed on October 2016, the first time; based on this statement, Ald. Bauman moved denial of the return of this property.

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

Aye 1 - Bauman

No 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Zielinski and Dodd

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Zielinski

No 2 - Bauman and Dodd

16. [191608](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3812 S. 92nd Street, in the 11th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Gail L. Mohrbacker.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD

Tanz Rome - DNS

Treasurer's Office

Nicole Larsen -ACA

Ms Mohrbacker

Building code violations with Municipal court if paid by 3/2/2020 \$1,390.15 if paid by 4/2/2020 \$,1394.65

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

17. [191637](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1128 S. 10th Street, in the 12th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Ernesto Martinez Enterprises Inc. (application made by Ernesto Martinez).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD

Tanz Rome - DNS

Treasurer's Office

Nicole Larsen -ACA

Mr. Ernesto Martinez

Other properties owned by applicant:

5221 N Teutonia Ave

2018-2019 outstanding

\$3,463.25

3728 N 39th Street

2018-2019 outstanding

\$6,537.85

2234 W McKinley Ave

2018-2019 outstanding

\$6,292.10

911 W Washington street
2018-2019 outstanding
\$10,517.10

911-A W Washington Street
2018-2019 outstanding
\$1,852.78

1428 S Cesar E Chavez Drive
2018-2019 outstanding
\$6,323.66

322 W Orchard Street
2018-2019 outstanding
\$4,654.52

2444 S 6th Street
2018-2019 outstanding
\$7,862.52

Outstanding building code violation with Municipal Court at 3728 N 39th Street, if paid
by 3/2/2020 \$693.02
if paid by 4/2/2020 \$695.19

*Ald. Bauman moved adoption, provided applicant pays ALL other property taxes
delinquent or property will not be return.*

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

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

No 0

[191637](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1128
S. 10th Street, in the 12th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Ernesto
Martinez Enterprises Inc. (application made by Ernesto Martinez).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

**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

18. [191575](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2461
S. 6th Street, in the 14th Aldermanic District to its former owner Pyramax
Bank and Jose Navarro Jr.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

*Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD
Tanz Rome - DNS
Treasurer's Office
Nicole Larsen -ACA
Mr Jose Navarro*

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

19. [191501](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2546-2548 W. Medford Avenue, in the 15th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Quality Real Estate Services LLC c/o Kwame A. Grayson, Sr..

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD
Tanz Rome - DNS
Treasurer's Office
Nicole Larsen -ACA
Mr. Kwame Grayson*

*That property and the outstanding charges are as follows:
2508 W Concordia Street
Garbage clean-up order \$765.05
Reinspection fees \$1,168.40
TOTAL \$1,933.45*

*Quality Real Estate Services LLC has outstanding building code violations judgment
if paid by 3/2/2020 \$793.65
if paid by 4/2/2020 \$794.25*

*Other properties owned by the applicant
2508 W Concordia Ave
2016-2019 outstanding
\$4838.31*

Ald. Bauman moved ALL taxes on ALL properties be pay until 60 days after CC approval to pay what's owed on other properties

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

[191501](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2546-2548 W. Medford Avenue, in the 15th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Quality Real Estate Services LLC c/o Kwame A. Grayson, Sr.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

20. [191617](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2859 N. 8th Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District, to its former owner Nine Two Five Investments LLC (application made by Randy Walker).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCollum Gathing - DCD

Tanz Rome - DNS

Treasurer's Office

Nicole Larsen -ACA

Ms. Ms. Randy Walker's wife, Ms. Rekina Walker

Garbage Cleanup fees \$274.93

Ms. Walker stated that these charges have been paid.

Other properties owend by the applicant

3530 N 12th Street

2017-2019 outstanding

\$5,650.29

City Attorney stated that the LLC is not currently listed with the Wisconsin Financial Institution.

Item was held to get clarification on the registration matters.

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 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

21. [191659](#)

Resolution relative to the cancellation of a special improvement bill placed on the 2017-2022 Tax Rolls.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Muhammad Ayesah - DPW

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

22. [191620](#) Resolution authorizing the denial of claims for alleged unlawful and alleged excessive tax assessments filed with the City of Milwaukee.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Ryan Rynker
Peter Bronex
Allison Flanigan

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

23. [191724](#) Substitute resolution relating to the City of Milwaukee's opposition to any increase in the size and weight limits for trucks on federal highways.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Appearing:
Ald. Bauman - Sponsor
Jim Bohl -IRD

Text of the file was available.

Ald. Zielinski moved to take item from Committee on the Council Floor and move further approval.

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 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

24. [191628](#) Resolution relative to legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

SB-820

*Relating to: examination of building plans for public buildings, public structures, and places of employment;
examination of plumbings plans; and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.
Zielinski moved to OPPOSED 4-0*

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

[191628](#)

Substitute resolution relative to legislative bill.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session on Monday, February 24th, 2020 in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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