



# 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, April 8, 2019

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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#### Meeting convened at 1:32 PM

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

17. [181904](#) Resolution amending Resolution File Number 180605 to authorize funds received from the settlement of the lawsuit City of Milwaukee v. Kenneth Churchill to be used for funding Operation Impact.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Donovan and Ald. Perez

*Appearing:*

*Ald. Donovan and Perez - Sponsors*

*Heather Hough - ACA*

**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

1. [181698](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Alice Johnson.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Katryna Rhodes - ACA*

*Ms. Alice Johnson*

*Based city attorney's recommendations, Ald. Dodd moved denial of this claim.*

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

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

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

2. [181882](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Scot and Julie Schellhorn for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
Katryna Rhodes - ACA  
Ms. Julie Schellhorn

*Based on City Attorney's recommendation, 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** 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

3. [181679](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Kurt Boyd for property damage. (9th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
Katryna Rhodes - ACA  
Mr. Kurt Boyd  
Mr. Ian Brown - Forestry

*Based on City Attorney's recommendation and Forestry section testimony, Ald. Zielinski moved denial.*

**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. [181680](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Andrew Nichols and Dinna Kleeman for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
Katryna Rhodes - ACA

*Based on non appearance, Ald. Bauman moved denial. there were no objections.*

**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. [181881](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Sheree Townshend for property damage. (2nd Aldermanic District.)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Katryna Rhodes - ACA*

*Ms. Sheree Townsend*

*Atty. Janine Collette, Esq. from Stupar, Schuster & Bartell, S. C.*

*Brian Fields - Fleet Training Supervisor*

**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

6. [181699](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Gina Cifaldi.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Katryna Rhodes - ACA*

*Ms. Gina Cifaldi*

*Notwithstanding City Attorney's recommendation, Ald. Borkowski moved to recommend settlement in the amount of \$3,100. Motion failed 1yes 4 noes*

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

**Aye** 1 - Borkowski

**No** 4 - Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

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

**No** 1 - Borkowski

7. [170937](#) Communication from the Fire and Police Commission relating to updates and current activities.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*LaKeisha Butler - Director*  
*Mr. Mozina - resident*  
*Ald. Perez*  
*Senior Staff Atty. ACLU - Karyn Rotker*

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

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

**No** 0

8. [181857](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1028 E. Juneau Avenue, in the 4th Aldermanic District, to former owner Sold Investments Corporation (Application made by Dameion Wyatt).

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*Deborah McCollum DCD Real Estate*  
*Emily McKeown - DNS*  
*Nicole Larsen - ACA*  
*Erika Martinez - Treasurer's Office*  
*Atty. Gerald Mayhew on behalf of Sold Investment Corp.*  
*Manager for Sold Investments present*

*DNS does not object to the request provided the applicant pays all outstanding charges at other properties where the applicant has indicated an ownership interest.*

*8854 N 95th Street*  
*\$101.60 due before on 4/15/19*

*Other properties owned by applicant with an outstanding balance of \$7,261.96*

*There are two municipal court outstanding charges in the amount of \$222.80.*

**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

9. [181921](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4216 W. Sieben Place, in the 7th Aldermanic District, to former owner Catherine Lewis (Application made by Catherine Walker).

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*Deborah McCollum - DCD Real Estate*  
*Amy Turim - DCD Real Estate*  
*Emily McKeown - DNS*  
*Nicole Larsen - ACA*  
*Erika Martinez & Jim Klajbor - Treasurer Office*

*Catherine Walker AKA Catherine Lewis*

*Ald. Bauman moved to hold this item, to allow Ms. Lewis (Walker) to meet with DCD to negotiate a purchasing transaction to recover her property.*

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

**No** 0

10. [181854](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 6927 W. Glenbrook Road Unit 5, in the 9th Aldermanic District, to former owner Debbie Tate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Deborah McCollum*

*Emily McKeown*

*Nicole Larsen*

*Erika Martinez*

*Ms. Jerrilynn Freelon on behalf of Ms. Debbie Tate.*

**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

19. [181816](#)

Resolution supporting provisions in the 2019-2020 Biennial Wisconsin State Budget providing full driver license access to all Wisconsin residents who have initiated citizenship application.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Perez, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Dodd, Ald. Borkowski, Ald. Johnson and Ald. Zielinski

*Appearing:*

*Sponsor Perez*

*All Public Safety and Health Committee members asked to be added as co-sponsors.*

**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

11. [181855](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 612 W. Rogers Street, in the 12th Aldermanic District, to former owner Felipe Arias.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Deborah McCollum*

*Emily McKeown  
Nicole Larsen  
Erika Martinez  
Atty. Judge on behalf of Mr. Arias*

*Mr. Arias currently has three active cases:  
If Paid by April 25, 2019 \$640.88*

**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

**12.** [181892](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1905 S. 9th Street, in the 12th Aldermanic District, to former owner Alexis R Soto-Cespedes.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:  
Deborah McCollum  
Emily McKeown  
Nicole Larsen  
Erika Martinez  
Atty. Judge on behalf of Mr. Soto-Cespedes*

*The owner of the above-referenced property has applied for a vacation of In Rem judgment. The Department of Neighborhood Services does not object to the request provided the applicant pays Reinspection fees of \$1,219.20, Garbage Cleanup fees of \$172.82, and Board-up fees of \$305.00 for a total of \$1,697.92 due by 4/15/19.*

**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

**13.** [181856](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4454 S. Pine Avenue, in the 13th Aldermanic District, to former owner Paul Szwalkiewicz.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:  
Deborah McCollum  
Emily McKeown  
Nicole Larsen  
Erika Martinez  
Mr. Szwalkiewicz  
Legislative Assistant, Scott Spiker from Ald. Witkowski office in support of the recommendation to return real estate to Mr. Szwalkiewicz.*

A motion was made by ALD. DODD 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

14. [181797](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2626 W. Vliet Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District, to former owner Mohib Salem.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Deborah McCollum*

*Emily McKeown*

*Nicole Larsen*

*Erika Martinez*

*Mr. Mohib Salem*

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

15. [181798](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2864 N. 19th Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District, to former owner Robert L Dye.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Deborah McCollum*

*Emily McKeown*

*Nicole Larsen*

*Erika Martinez*

*Ms. Cynthia Dye (niece) on behalf of Mr. Dye*

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

16. [181799](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2878 n 22nd street, in the 15th Aldermanic District, to former owner ILO Corporation C/O Paris S Crossley.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*Deborah McCollum*  
*Emily McKeown*  
*Nicole Larsen*  
*Erika Martinez*  
*Mr. Paris Crossley*

*The owner of the above-referenced property has applied for a vacation of In Rem judgment. The Department of Neighborhood Services has no outstanding charges and does not object to the request.*

*However, the building was placarded as unfit for human habitation on January 15, 2013. On November 16, 2016, the owner applied for an Occupancy permit, however the associated inspections were not completed and it was cancelled after two years. Therefore, if the Common Council approves the return of the property, the building cannot be occupied until all the violations causing the placard have been cured, the placard has been removed, and an Occupancy permit has been issued by DNS.*

**A motion was made by ALD. DODD 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

18. [181884](#)

Resolution cancelling real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing tax key numbers on the 2017 and 2018 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*Peter Bronex - Assessor's Office*

**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. [181768](#)

Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of State legislation to amend the State statute which prohibits certain applicants with criminal histories from receiving industrial hemp licenses.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Rainey, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Dodd, Ald. Borkowski, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Zielinski and Ald. Perez

*Appearing:*  
*Ald, Rainey Sponsor*

*All Public Safety and Health Committee members added as Co-sponsors.*

**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

21. [181775](#) Resolution related to legislative bills.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Jim Bohl Jr. - IRD*

*Brenda Wood - CC CC IRD*

*AB-111/SB-107*

*Relating to: prohibiting conversion therapy.*

*Zielinski moved SUPPORT*

*AB-125/SB-121*

*Relating to: housing quality standards loans, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.*

*Bauman moved SUPPORT*

*LRB-1135 Now LRB-2655*

*Relating to: authorizing a biennial budget procedure for political subdivisions.*

*Zielinski moved NEUTRAL*

**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

[181775](#) Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

**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

22. [181910](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled Ronnie Martin v. Dominique Heaggan-Brown, et al., U.S.D.C. Case Number 16-cv-1702.

**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

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Meeting adjourned at 4:35PM

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