



City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes
JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Monday, July 23, 2007

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 1:38 P.M.

Present 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy, Bohl

1. [070432](#) Appointment of Amoun Sayaovong to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (9th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. D'AMATO that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

2. [070568](#) Reappointment of Russell Hudziak to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (8th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

The JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE may convene into closed session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, July 23, 2007 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 is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the City with respect to the case of Estate of Justin Fields, et.al v. Nawotka, et.al, Case No. 03-C-1450, and for item #3... Resolution to approve settlement agreement in the matter of Steven J. Alexander, et al v. City of Milwaukee, et al. and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Ald. Bauman moves that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the City with respect to the case of Estate of Justin Fields, et.al v. Nawotka, et.al, Case No.

03-C-1450, and for item #3... Resolution to approve settlement agreement in the matter of Steven J. Alexander, et al v. City of Milwaukee, et al. and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Roll call:

Ayes: Ald. D'Amato, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Bohl, Ald. Murphy and Ald. Hamilton - 5

Individuals present:

Grant Langley, Rudy Konrad, Miriam Hurwitz and Susan Lappen- City Attorney's Office

John Ledvina - Budget Office

Kim Montgomery - Mayor's Office

3. [070463](#) Resolution to approve settlement agreement in the matter of Steven J. Alexander, et al v. City of Milwaukee, et al.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

2:15 P.M.

4. [070400](#) Resolution relative to various legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Paul Vornholt, Jennifer Gonda - Intergovernmental Relations

Jon Richards - Wisconsin Representative

David Riemer - Wisconsin Health Project

Mike Brady - Dept. of Employee Relations

Mr. Vornholt provided an update on the state budget.

SB-214/AB-433

Individuals present:

Anna Ruzinski - Milwaukee Police Dept.

Paula Kiely - Milwaukee Public Library Director

Ms. Gonda will provide committee members with a copy of a memo that details the differences between the assembly and senate bills.

Heiner Giese - Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin

Ald. D'Amato moves for opposition to SB-214/AB-433. Prevalled. 5-0

AB-409/SB-223

Ald. D'Amato moves for support of AB-409/SB-223. Prevalled. 5-0

AB-77

Ald. Bauman moves to watch and report on AB-77. Prevalled. 5-0

AB-140

Ald. Bauman moves for opposition to AB-140. Prevalled. 5-0

AB-426

Mary Reavey - Assessor's Office

Ald. Murphy moves for opposition to AB-426. Prevalled. 5-0

SB-203

Ald. Bohl moves for support of AB-203. Prevailed. 5-0

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

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Jon Richards - Wisconsin Representative

David Riemer - Wisconsin Health Project

Mike Brady - Dept. of Employee Relations

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AB-140

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AB-426

Mary Reavey - Assessor's Office

Ald. Murphy moves for opposition to AB-426. Prevailed. 5-0

SB-203

Ald. Bohl moves for support of AB-203. Prevailed. 5-0

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

5. [070543](#)

Resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation declaring the electronic posting of meeting notices by cities of the First Class sufficient to meet certain requirements of s. 19.84, Wis. Stats.

Sponsors: Ald. D'Amato

Individuals present:

Ronald Leonhardt - City Clerk

Jim Owczarski - Deputy City Clerk

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

6. [070562](#)

Resolution supporting introduction and passage of state legislation authorizing the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) to issue bonds and to establish a fund and program for refinancing of residential property loans at risk of foreclosure.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

This file is currently title-only.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Draft of the file was submitted at the table.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

7. [070561](#)

Substitute resolution supporting introduction and passage of state legislation to require licensure and certification of appraisers of residential property.

Sponsors: Ald. D'Amato

Full text was provided for the file.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

[070561](#)

Substitute resolution supporting introduction and passage of state legislation to require licensure and certification of property appraisers.

Sponsors: Ald. D'Amato, Ald. Murphy And Ald. Bauman

Amend the file to include commercial, in addition to residential inspectors.

Ald. Murphy and Ald. Bauman added as sponsors.

Also present:

Heiner Giese - Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Sponsors: Ald. D'Amato, Ald. Murphy And Ald. Bauman

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

8. [070486](#) Resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation enabling the City of Milwaukee to recover booking costs from individuals who are processed by the Police Department.

Sponsors: Ald. Zielinski

Individuals present:

Ald. Zielinski

Anna Ruzinski - Milw. Police Dept.

Tom Schaeffer - Legislative Reference Bureau

Held until questions can be answered by the Legislative Reference Bureau related to the percentage of prisoners who would financially be able to pay booking costs.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

9. [070455](#) Communication relating to the Election Commission's strategic plan in preparing for the 2008 elections.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individual present:

Sue Edman - Election Commissioner

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

10. [070370](#) An ordinance clarifying and updating provisions of the code relating to discrimination in

housing, employment, and the provision of services or charges for services of certain city licensees.

Sponsors: Ald. D'Amato

Individuals present:

Kimberly Montgomery - Mayor's Office

Kathryn Zalewski - City Attorney's Office

Richard Withers - Legislative Reference Bureau

Charles Coleman - Dept. of Employee Relations

Patrick Flaherty - Center Advocates, Inc.

Heiner Giese - Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin

Proposed Sub. A accepted.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Sponsors: Ald. D'Amato

Individuals present:

Kimberly Montgomery - Mayor's Office

Kathryn Zalewski - City Attorney's Office

Richard Withers - Legislative Reference Bureau

Charles Coleman - Dept. of Employee Relations

Patrick Flaherty - Center Advocates, Inc.

Heiner Giese - Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin

Amended to include military discrimination language in 3 sections where it was inadvertently left out.

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Sponsors: Ald. D'Amato

Individuals present:

Kimberly Montgomery - Mayor's Office

Kathryn Zalewski - City Attorney's Office

Richard Withers - Legislative Reference Bureau

Charles Coleman - Dept. of Employee Relations

Patrick Flaherty - Center Advocates, Inc.

Heiner Giese - Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin

A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Ordinance be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye 2 - Hamilton and Murphy

No 3 - D'Amato, Bauman and Bohl

Sponsors: Ald. D'Amato

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

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

11. [070464](#) Resolution to settle claims of Cermele & Associates for defense of various police officers.

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 - D'Amato, Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Items below will be heard no earlier than 3:30 P.M.:

12. [070459](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Ivory Smith for property damage. (6th 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, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

13. [070460](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Jo Anne Amby-Nagel 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 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

14. [070461](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Virgil Hill for property damage. (7th Aldermanic District)

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 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

15. [070462](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the claim of Lorette Russenberger.

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 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

16. [070506](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2006 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

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 4 - Hamilton, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - D'Amato

Meeting adjourned: 5:17 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety in the web-casting archives found at www.milwaukee.gov/channel25.