



City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ALD. MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, CHAIR

Ald. Peter Burgelis, Vice-Chair

Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Ald. Milele A. Coggs, and Ald. Sharlen P. Moore

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9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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Meeting convened at 9:21 a.m.

Present 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, Moore

Also present:

*William Christianson, City Comptroller
Bryan Rynders, Budget Office
Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist*

1. [250574](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the transition of the City of Milwaukee's retiree health coverage from traditional Medicare (Parts A and B) to a UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plan.

Sponsors: Ald. Spiker and Ald. Moore

*Appearing:
Molly King, DER Benefits Director
Kerry Leist, National Benefits Consultants, Inc.
Scott Schultz, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Courtney Paul, UnitedHealthcare*

A presentation was given.

*Testimony in support:
Mike Brady, retiree*

*Testimony with input:
Irmine Reith, retiree*

There was discussion on communication and outreach to retirees on plan changes,

stance from the Milwaukee Retirement Association on the plan change, concerns regarding denied claims, coverage for various services (rehab facility, skilled nursing facility, pharmacy/prescriptions), and option to revert to self-insured plan or other plans in the future.

Ald. Moore added as a cosponsor.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

2. [250489](#)

Resolution relating to the creation of the MKE Community Impact Committee.

Sponsors: Ald. Coggs

Ald. Coggs commented on the purpose of the file.

*Appearing:
Chris Hillard, LRB*

There was discussion on the composition of the committee, selection of committee members, final recommendation process, and Common Council review.

Ald. Coggs was open to amend the file to include Common Council review and approval.

File was held with the intention to take the file from committee and consider it at the next Common Council meeting with an amendment.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

3. [250560](#)

Resolution relating to expenditure of funds to be reimbursed by greater than anticipated revenue (Department of City Development).

Sponsors: Ald. Dimitrijevic

*Appearing:
David Piedt, DCD
Benjamin Sanchez, NIDC
Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr., 2nd Ald. Dist.
Teig Whaley-Smith, Community Development Alliance
Larry Kilmer, DCD
Marisa Calderon, Community Development Fund*

This resolution authorizes the TID housing revenue from TID No. 37 (Grand Avenue) to be used for the Milwaukee Home Down Payment Assistance and the STRONG Homes loan programs.

There was discussion on 2025 funding levels, resources, impact, allocation determination, and input from the local alderperson for the Milwaukee Home Down Payment Assistance and STRONG Homes loan programs. There was further discussion on TID budgeting, amendment, and extension process.

Ald. Chambers, Jr. requested further information on TID amendment and extension process.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

4. [250562](#)

Communication from the Fire Department amending the Positions Ordinance to add additional positions of Youth Fleet Apprentices.

Sponsors: Ald. Moore

*Appearing:
A/C Darin Peterburs, Fire Dept.*

Ald. Moore added as sponsor.

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

Aye 4 - Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Dimitrijevic

5. [250537](#)

Substitute resolution increasing 2025 capital grantor share appropriation authority.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Appearing:
Mason Lavey, Budget Office*

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

Aye 4 - Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Dimitrijevic

6. [250432](#)

Substitute resolution to approve selection and engagement with a consultant in compliance with the Collins Settlement Agreement and appropriating funds for this purpose.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

This file was not before the committee as it was not referred, and the committee did not take action.

7. [250559](#) Resolution relating to acceptance and funding of a U.S. Department of Labor Growth Opportunities Program - Employ Milwaukee Growth Opportunities Milwaukee subrecipient grant.

Sponsors: Ald. Stamper

This file was not before the committee as it was not referred, and the committee did not take action.

8. [250553](#) Communication from the Department of Administration - Budget and Management Analysis Division regarding vacancy requests, fund transfers and equipment requests.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

The vacancy agenda was read.

Appearing:

*Preston Cole, DOA Director
Lisa Gilmore, City Attorney's Office
Evan Goyke, City Attorney
Vanessa Armstrong, DCD
Dana Zelazny, Deputy City Clerk
Mary Bird, Library
Sha'Nese Burnell-Jones, DNS
Jezamil Arroyo-Vega, DNS Commissioner
Meryl Simmons, Police Dept.
Chuck Schumacher, DPW*

There was discussion on the the vacancy requests for the positions of Community Wellness and Safety Director, Assistant City Attorney V, Long Range Planning Manager, Executive Administrative Assistant I (Common Council - City Clerk), Library Reference Assistant, Permit & Development Center Manager, and Community Relations, Engagement and Recruitment Director, and Urban Forestry District (Crew Leader, District Manager, Manager).

Mr. Rynders recommended to hold the vacancy requests for the positions of Assistant City Attorney V, Library Reference Assistant, and Office Assistant III-PD and Custodial Worker 1 (Police Department).

Ald. Moore moved separate action and to approve the vacancy agenda request for the two positions of Assistant City Attorney V. (Prevailed 4-1) No - Spiker

A motion to approve the remainder of the vacancy agenda, as present, was taken.

A motion was made by ALD. MOORE that this Communication to Finance be APPROVED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

9. [250554](#) Communication from the Department of Administration informing the Finance and Personnel Committee of waivers granted for certain single or sole source contracts or contract amendments.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Delisha Moore, DOA - City Purchasing
Dana Zelazny, Deputy City Clerk

A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Communication to Finance be PLACED ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

10. [250445](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to classification studies scheduled for Fire and Police Commission action.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Items 10, 11, and 12 (CCFNs 250445, 250555, and 250556) were taken together.

Appearing:
Sarah Sinsky, DER

There was discussion on the report for the Department of Emergency Communications.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

11. [250555](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to classification studies scheduled for City Service Commission action.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Items 10, 11, and 12 (CCFNs 250445, 250555, and 250556) were taken together.

Appearing:
Sarah Sinsky, DER

There was discussion on the reports for the Assessor's Office.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

12. [250556](#)

Communication from the Department of Employee Relations amending the Salary and Positions Ordinances relating to clerical or administrative corrections.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Items 10, 11, and 12 (CCFNs 250445, 250555, and 250556) were taken together.

Appearing:

Sarah Sinsky, DER

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

13. [250448](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing attendance at conventions, seminars and other travel.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

14. [250557](#)

A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2025 rates of pay of offices and positions in the City Service.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

15. [250558](#) A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2025 offices and positions in the City Service.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

16. [250595](#) Nomination of Jackie Q. Carter to be the Director of the Department of Employee Relations by the Mayor.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Amber Danyus, Mayor's Office

Jackie Carter

Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr., 2nd Ald. Dist.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

17. [241273](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to labor negotiations.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Burgelis moved that the Finance and Personnel Committee may convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conducting specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Ayes - Moore, Spiker, Burgelis, Dimitrijevic

Excused - Coggs

The committee convened into closed session at 12:28 p.m.

Present - Moore, Spiker, Burgelis, Dimitrijevic, Coggs

Also present:

William Christianson, City Comptroller

Bryan Rynders, Budget Office

Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist

Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr., 2nd Ald. Dist.
Ald. Lamont Westmoreland, 5th Ald. Dist.
Pres. Ald. Jose Perez, 12th Ald. Dist.
Ald. DiAndre Jackson, 7th Ald. Dist.

Appearing:
Nicole Fleck, DER
Ben Roovers, City Attorney's Office

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Chris Lee, Staff Assistant
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City Clerk's Office

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