



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*ALD. JOE DAVIS, SR., CHAIR*

*Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski, Vice-Chair*

*Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, Ald. James Witkowiak*

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Tuesday, July 24, 2007

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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#### Meeting Convened: 1:45 P.M.

**Present** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton, Witkowiak

1. [070434](#) Appointment of Sylvia Rodriguez to the Business Improvement District Board #4 (Mitchell Street) by the Mayor. (13th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

2. [070439](#) Appointment of Ralph Peterman to the Business Improvement District Board #21 (Downtown Management District) by the Mayor. (4th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

3. [070566](#) Appointment of John Jennings to the Business Improvement District Board #26 (Menomonee Valley) by the Mayor.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

4. [070436](#) Reappointment of J. Michael Bartels to the Business Improvement District Board #15 (Downtown Riverwalk) by the Mayor. (4th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

5. [070450](#) Communication relating to the Mayor's Workforce Development Initiative.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also Present:*

*Donald Sykes, Mayor's Office.*

*Mr. Sykes advised members of the following strategies relating to the Workforce Development Initiative.*

*Goal is to move from a service organization to planning and development.*

*Creation of Transition Team with four subcommittees*

*-Resource Committee*

*-Business Engagement Committee*

*-Restructure Committee*

*-Economic Development Committee*

*-Future plans to coordinate meetings with the Community Development Grants Administration, HACAM, NEDC with future plans to incorporate other business entities.*

*-Scale back the organization to meet budget realities.*

*-Break down previous structures.*

*Alderman Witkowiak asked about the status of the current clients?*

*Mr. Sykes responded that the organizations training ended in May and June due to lack of funds. The new budget period began in July. The short-term plan is to initiate 90-day interim contracts while the current structure is being reviewed.*

*The long-term goals of developing policies that would look at training on a priority basis.*

*Alderman Witkowski asked how ratings are established?*

*Mr. Sykes responded that the current rating is determined by a 30-day retention. He continued that his goal is to change the rating determination to the success of career development.*

*Alderman Davis requested that this file be held to the call and heard again in 3-months for a progress update.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

No 0

6. [070364](#) Communication from the Business Improvement District #21, Downtown Milwaukee relating to its 2006 Annual Report.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Beth Nichols, BID #21.*

**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWIAK that this Communication-Report be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

7. [070363](#) Communication from the Department of Administration relating to a report entitled, "Community and Economic Development Strategies for a Prosperous Milwaukee".

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Sharon Robinson, Department of Administration.*

*Alderman Davis commented that it might be a good ideal to provide financial institutions with a copy of the report, Community and Economic Development Strategies for a prosperous Milwaukee: Community framework for action.*

**A motion was made by ALD. HAMILTON that this Communication-Report be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 3 - Davis, Zielinski and Hamilton

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Witkowiak

8. [070408](#) Communication from the Department of City Development regarding the proposed Milwaukee Economic Opportunities Vision and Strategic Framework.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Martha Brown, Department of City Development.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

9. [070507](#) Resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a Safe Harbor Grant.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Paula Kiley, Milwaukee Public Library.*

*Taj Schoening, Milwaukee Public Library.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

10. [070536](#) Resolution relative to application for The Big Read Grant.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Paula Kiley, Milwaukee Public Library.*

*Taj Schoening, Milwaukee Public Library.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

11. [070542](#) Resolution relative to entering into the 2008 through 2011 Bibliographic Database, Resource, and Member Agreements between the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee Public Library, and the Milwaukee County Federated Library System.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Paula Kiley, Milwaukee Public Library.*

*Taj Schoening, Milwaukee Public Library.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

12. [070530](#) Resolution authorizing the transfer of the 2007 Community Development Block Grant and the 2007 Emergency Shelter Grant funding from the Milwaukee Women's Center, Inc. to Community Advocates, Inc.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Steve Mahan, Community Development Grants Administration.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

13. [070531](#) Resolution authorizing the transfer of the 2007 Community Development Block Grant funding for Neighborhood Strategic Planning #12 from the Social Development Commission to Safe & Sound, Inc.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Steve Mahan, Community Development Grants Administration.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Zielinski, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

**Alderman Zielinski excused: 3:15 p.m.**

**Present** 3 - Davis, Hamilton, Witkowiak

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

14. [070533](#) Communication from the Community Development Grants Administration relative to the Justice 2000, Inc. program.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Nichole Yunk, Director, Center for Driver's License Recovery & Employability.*

*Steve Mahan, Community Development Grants Administration.*

*Kristine Hinrichs, Municipal Court.*

*Retired Judge Jim Grambling.*

*Ms. Yunk provided the following attachments:*

*-Attachment (1), Center for Driver's License Recovery & Employability: A Program of Justice 2000, Inc.*

*-Attachment (2), TIMELINE TO RESTORE PRIVILEGES/LICENSE.*

A motion was made by ALD. HAMILTON that this Communication-Report be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye** 3 - Davis, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

070532

Resolution relative to the establishment of the Year 2008 Funding Allocation Plan.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Also present:*

*Steve Mahan, Community Development Grants Administration.  
Eric Pearson, DOA-Budget Office  
Mark Nicolini, Budget Director, DOA-Budget Office.*

*Speakers:*

*Tanya Harris, Milwaukee Health Services, Inc.  
Dawn Brooks, Lincoln Park Community Center, Inc.  
Ruth Varnado, Director, Lincoln Park Community Center, Inc.  
Barbara Notestein, Safe & Sound.  
Supreme S. Allah, Street Academy of Cream City Members.  
Lamonte Harris, Community Organizer.  
Da'Laino Kemp, Sr., City Resident.  
Gerald S. Glazer, Mosaic on Burleigh.  
Jeane Meyers, Mosaic on Burleigh.*

*Present/did not speak:*

*Truman Shumpert  
Adlai Bell  
El-Louise Games  
Stacy Robinson, Lincoln Park Community Center, Inc.  
Leigh Kunde, Non-profit Center of Milwaukee.  
Ollie TaylorHelen Kennedy  
Joseph Harris  
Myles Marshall*

*Motion by Alderman Davis to amend the attachment contained in Common Council File Number 070532, titled 2008 Proposed Funding Allocation Plan (FAP) by the following:*

- 1. Reducing the proposed entitlement allocation for the CITY (CDBG) by \$600,000, from \$9,815,600 to \$9,215,600. (Page 5).*
- 2. Increasing the proposed entitlement allocation for the CBO (CDBG) (Community Based Organizations') by \$600,000, from \$7,884,400 to \$8,484,400. (Page 5).*
- 3. Increasing the proposed entitlement allocation for the Large Impact Development by \$600,000, from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000; amending the total for III. Economic Development Category from \$1,200,000 to \$1,800,000. (Page 9).*

*Prevailed. 2-1. Alderman Hamilton voting "no".*

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

**Aye** 3 - Davis, Hamilton and Witkowiak

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:28 P.M.**

*Diana Morgan*  
*Staff Assistant*

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