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Re: \$15 an hour

Peter Rickman <peter.rickman@mashworkers.org>

Thu 1/3/2019 4:13 PM

To: Zielinski, Tony <tzieli@milwaukee.gov>;

Alderman Zielinski:

I would like to request that you hold this item for the time being.

I would like to request additional time for consultation on what the City of Milwaukee can do to strengthen worker bargaining power and raise wages, including (a) support for initiatives of the Evers administration; and, (b) other priorities for state and local governance to help workers build labor market bargaining power and raise wages, particularly for service and hospitality employment that dominates low wage work in our city.

As you know, I have been a long-time leader in the Fight for \$15 and a union and I work day-to-day as the principal officer of the labor organization driving the movement here in Wisconsin and in Milwaukee. In addition I have been honored to serve as a member of Evers transition advisory group on the workforce and economic development. I believe that this perspective can enhance the collective work of the City of Milwaukee government to support living wages and worker power.

Thank you for your attention to these issues and thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I look forward to speaking more with you on this matter.

Peter Rickman  
President, Milwaukee Area Service & Hospitality Workers Organization

On Thu, Jan 3, 2019 at 3:47 PM Peter Rickman <[rickman.peter@gmail.com](mailto:rickman.peter@gmail.com)> wrote:

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From: Tony Zielinski <[tony.zielinski@rocketmail.com](mailto:tony.zielinski@rocketmail.com)>  
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Cc: Tony Zielinski <[tony.zielinski@rocketmail.com](mailto:tony.zielinski@rocketmail.com)>

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Resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee's support for Governor-elect Tony Evers' plan to increase the minimum wage in Wisconsin to \$15.00 per hour.

..Analysis

the employer's wages of at least \$2.33 per hour do not equal at least \$7.25, the employer must make up the difference.

2.

Individuals under the age of 20 may be paid the "opportunity wage" of \$5.90 per hour during their first 90 consecutive calendar days of employment with an employer. After 90 consecutive calendar days, or the employee reaches 20 years of age, whichever comes first, the employee must receive a minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

; and

Whereas, The minimum wage in Wisconsin has been unchanged since July 24, 2009; and

Whereas, Governor-elect Tony Evers has publicly supported raising the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour in phases over several years, and subsequently indexing the minimum wage to inflation; and

Whereas, Governor-elect Evers has also stated that he would be open to exceptions to a \$15.00 per hour minimum wage for rural areas and teenage workers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City of Milwaukee supports Governor-elect Tony Evers' plan to increase the minimum wage in Wisconsin in phases to \$15.00 per hour, and to subsequently index the minimum wage to inflation, with exceptions for rural and teenage workers; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the City's delegation in the State Legislature and to Governor-elect Evers.

..Requestor

..Drafter

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December 13, 2018

Sent from my iPhone

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