



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR**  
**Ald. Terry Witkowski, Vice-Chair**  
**Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Ald. Milele A. Coggs, and Ald. T.**  
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Monday, September 15, 2014

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, 3rd. Fl., City Hall

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Meeting called to Order at: 1:35 P.M.

**Present** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Zielinski

**Excused** 1 - Coggs

1. [140753](#) Appointment of Brad Hoeschen to the Administrative Review Appeals Board by the Mayor. (14th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*Brad Hoeschen*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman and Zielinski

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Coggs

2. [140741](#) Reappointment of Patricia Hintz to the Ethics Board by the Mayor. (4th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman and Zielinski

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Coggs

3. [140737](#) A substitute ordinance relating to various provisions of the code for purposes of correcting errors, clarifying language and eliminating obsolete provisions.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*Ted Medhin - LRB*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

4. [140394](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1925 W. Burnham Street, in the 8th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Our Castle Homeowners Fund 11 LLC, Martin Thomas)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*  
*Emily Pines - DNS*  
*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*  
*Mr. Martin Thomas*

*2010-2013if Paid by September \$18,803.33*  
*if paid by October 23, 2014 \$19,018.33*

*Other properties owned by applicant:*  
*2920 N 7th St 2013 outstanding 2013 tax bill \$1,328.81*

*2644 N 30th St 2010-2013 Outstanding \$22,478.71*

*3517-3519 N Teutonia AVE 2011-2013 outstanding \$30,373.01*

*Verification of payment plans for these three properties need to be submitted to treasurer's Office or City Clerk Office no later than noon by September 22, 2014 or file will be send back to Committee.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

5. [140405](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5440 N 41st Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Russell Patterson)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

Appearing:  
Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD  
Emily Pines - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer  
Russell Patterson

There are pending DNS charges \$192.66 for 4518 W Villard Ave that need to be paid by 9/22/14 or proof of payment

2010-2013 taxes if paid by September \$8,995.57  
if paid by October 23, 2014 \$9,091.70

Also applicant has ownership interest on:  
5327 N Sehrmans BLVD with 2012-2013 outstanding taxes: \$4,530.39 a payment plan needs to be set for these monies no later than noon September 22, 2014

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

6. [140406](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5100 N. 49th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Russell Patterson)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

Appearing:  
Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD  
Emily Pines - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer  
Russell Patterson

2008-2013 taxes if paid by September, \$21,424.20  
if paid by October 23, 2014 \$21,634.29

Also applicant has ownership interest on:  
5327 N Sehrmans BLVD with 2012-2013 outstanding taxes: \$4,530.39 a payment plan needs to be set for these monies no later than noon September 22, 2014

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

7. [140407](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5525 W. Villard Ave, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Russell Patterson)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Pines - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*

*Russell Patterson*

*2008-2013 taxes if paid by September \$17,744.02*

*if paid by October 23, 2014 \$17,915.20*

*Also applicant has ownership interest on:*

*5327 N Sehrmans BLVD with 2012-2013 outstanding taxes: \$4,530.39 a payment plan needs to be set for these monies no later than noon September 22, 2014*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

**8.** [140408](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5039 N. 60th Street, in the 2nd Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Russell Patterson)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing;*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Pines - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*

*Russell Patterson*

*2008-2013 taxes if paid by September \$22,720.97*

*If paid by October 23, 2014 \$22,937.45*

*Also applicant has ownership interest on:*

*5327 N Sehrmans BLVD with 2012-2013 outstanding taxes: \$4,530.39 a payment plan needs to be set for these monies no later than noon September 22, 2014*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

**9.** [140409](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4638 N. 44th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Russell Patterson)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing;*

*Karen Taylor - DCD  
Emily Plnes - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer  
Russell Patterson*

*2008-2013 taxes if paid by September \$19,677.34  
If paid by October 23, 2014 \$19,872.39*

*Also applicant has ownership interest on:  
5327 N Sehrmans BLVD with 2012-2013 outstanding taxes: \$4,530.39 a payment  
plan needs to be set for these monies no later than noon September 22, 2014*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

10. [140410](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4308 N. Sherman Boulevard, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Russell Patterson)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing;*

*Karen Taylor - DCD  
Emily Plnes - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer  
Russell Patterson*

*2008-2013 taxes if paid by September \$12,650.72  
If paid by October 23, 2014 \$12,770.82*

*Also applicant has ownership interest on:  
5327 N Sehrmans BLVD with 2012-2013 outstanding taxes: \$4,530.39 a payment  
plan needs to be set for these monies no later than noon September 22, 2014*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

11. [140519](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3228 S. Griffin Avenue in the 14th Aldermanic District to former owners, Timothy and Christine Purpora.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing;*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Plnes - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer  
Timothy & Christina Purpora*

*2010-2013 taxes if paid by September \$14,487.02  
If paid by October 23, 2014 \$14,639.95*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski  
**No** 0

**12. [140526](#)**

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2661 S. 69th Street in the 11th Aldermanic District to former owners, Keith and Gail Krupar.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing;*

*Karen Taylor - DCD  
Emily Plnes - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer  
Keith & Gail Krupar*

*2010-2013 taxes if paid by September \$14,563.94  
If paid by October 23, 2014 \$14,724.84*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski  
**No** 0

**13. [140537](#)**

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1015 S. 33rd Street in the 8th Aldermanic District to former owner Istzaida Cortes, (Application made by Crescent Private Equities RE2014B LLC, lien holder).

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing;*

*Karen Taylor - DCD  
Emily Plnes - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer  
Atty. William Judge from Crescent Private Equities RE2014B LLC*

*2010-2013 taxes if paid by September \$13,354.38  
If paid by October 23, 2014 \$13,509.80*

*Also applicant has ownership interest on:*

4128 N 36th St 2012-2013 Outstanding taxes for \$6,966.91

1515 S 23rd St 2013 Outstanding taxes for \$3,867.44

*These properties need to have a payment plan set; proof of it needs to be submitted to treasurer's Office or City Clerk's Office no later than 9/22/14 by Noon.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

14. [140573](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2939 N. 17th Street in the 6th Aldermanic District to former owner, Aasiyah Hawkins.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Aasiyah Hawkins was not present when called.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

15. [140619](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4200 S. 1st Place in the 13th Aldermanic District to former owner, Amaury Reynoso.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing;*

*Karen Taylor - DCD  
Emily Plnes - DNS  
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer  
Amaury Reynoso*

*Pending DNS charges for Recording Enforcement fee \$228.15 due by noon on 9/22/14*

*2011 taxes if paid by September \$451.62  
If paid by October 23, 2014 \$454.83*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

16. [140629](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2878 N. 75th Street in the 10th Aldermanic District to former owners, LaMel and

Catrena Ward.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**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 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

17. [140630](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2554 N. 28th Street in the 15th Aldermanic District to former owner, Jimmie L Patterson.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing;*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Plnes - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*

*Patty Nickels on behalf of Jimmie L Patterson*

*Pending DNS charges for \$1,076.31*

*2010-2013 taxes if paid by September \$9,624.81*

*If paid by October 23, 2014 \$9,732.63*

**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 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

18. [140632](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1537 S. Muskego Avenue in the 12th Aldermanic District to former owner, F&P Properties.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing;*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Plnes - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*

*Mr. Francisco Sanchez - F&P properties*

*DNS pending charges for*

*1701 W Lincoln Ave \$266.03*

*1773 S Muskego Ave \$50.70*

*Due by Noon on 9/22/14*

*2010-2013 taxes if paid by September \$17,818.57*

*If paid by October 23, 2014 \$18,003.85*



Also applicant has ownership interest on:  
1829 - 1835 W Center St 2012-2013 outstanding \$10,904.15

1773 S Muskego Ave 2013 Outstanding \$2,479.70

1663 S Muskego Ave 2013 Outstanding \$911.23

1701-1703 W Lincoln Ave 2012-2013 Outstanding \$11,835.06

Applicant needs to provide proof of payment plan to treasurer office or city clerk office  
no later than noon 9/22/14

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

19. [140709](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4618 W. Woolworth Avenue in the 9th Aldermanic District to former owner, GNG Enterprises Inc. (Application made by West Coast Fund LLC, mortgagee).

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Pines - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*

*Rusty Long from West Coast Fund LLC*

*Pending DNS charges for Fire Prevention Permits \$50.70 due by noon on 9/22/14*

*2010-2013 taxes if paid by September \$29,905.27*

*If paid by October 23, 2014 \$30,235.69*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

20. [140710](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2974-2976 N. 2nd Street in the 6th Aldermanic District to former owner, Cedric D Fleming (Application made by West Coast Fund LLC, mortgagee).

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Emily Pines - DNS*

*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*  
*Rusty Long from West Coast Fund LLC*

*2010-2013 taxes if paid by September \$20,892.39*  
*If paid by October 23, 2014 \$21,118.27*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

21. [140711](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2955 N. Buffum Street in the 6th Aldermanic District to former owner, Victoria Campbell.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing*  
*Karen Taylor - DCD*  
*Emily Pines - DNS*  
*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*  
*Victoria Campbell*

*2012-2013 taxes if paid by September \$2,087.38*  
*If paid by October 23, 2014 \$2,114.65*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

22. [140745](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 6442 N. 48th Court in the 9th Aldermanic District to former owner Amy M. Ellmer.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*  
*Karen Taylor - DCD*  
*Emily Pines - DNS*  
*Jim Klajbor - Treasurer*  
*Ame M. Ellmer*

*2010-2013 taxes if paid by September \$13,559.39*  
*If paid by October 23, 2014 \$13,712.74*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

23. [140496](#)

Communication from the Comptroller's Office relating to the Annual Outstanding Receivables Report.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*City Comptroller requested this item to be held.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

**24.** [131809](#)

Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation relating to energy procurement regulations, including reverse energy auctions.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Bauman

*Appearing:*

*Sponsor Ald. Bauman*

*Mr. Matt Bromley, Executive Director of Customers First! Coalition*

*Jennifer Gonda - IRD*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

**25.** [140770](#)

Substitute resolution relating to urging the State of Wisconsin to allocate a greater share of the State's Transportation Fund to local transportation projects.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Bauman and Ald. Murphy

*Appearing:*

*Jennifer Gonda - IRD*

*Ald. Bauman Sponsor*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

**28.** [140684](#)

Resolution cancelling real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2011, 2012 and 2013 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

30. [140699](#) Resolution relating to changes in electric rates proposed by We Energies.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Zielinski, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Kovac and Ald. Bauman

*Appearing:*

*Ald. Zielinski Sponsor*

*Ald. Witkowski requested to be added as co-sponsor*

*There were no objections*

**A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

[140699](#) Substitute resolution relating to changes in electric rates proposed by We Energies.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Zielinski, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Kovac, Ald. Bauman and Ald. Witkowski

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

**The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, September 15, 2014 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 will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.**

*Ald. Witkowski moved the Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.*

*Roll call:*

*Ald. Bauman*

*Ald. Coggs*

*Ald. Zielinski*

*Ald. Witkowski*

*Ald. Hamilton*

*City Attorney Grant Langley*

Asst CA Jan Smokowicz  
Asst CA Miriam Horwitz  
Asst CA Sue Lappen  
Atty. Sam Hall from Crivello Carlson SC

Ald. Dudzik  
Clifton Crump Mayor's Office

Ald. moved the Judiciary and Legislation Committee reconvened into open session.

26. [140762](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of lawsuit, Kimberly Wade, et al. v. City of Milwaukee, et al., in the amount of \$50,000.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

27. [140487](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled Richard Betker, et al. v. City of Milwaukee, et al., for the total amount of \$1,200,000.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

29. [140690](#) Communication relating to retention of outside counsel in matters involving alleged constitutional claims against the City.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bauman, Coggs and Zielinski

**No** 0

**Meeting adjourned at 4:08 P.M.  
Joanna Polanco  
Staff Assistant**

*This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through the City's Legislative Research Center at <http://milwaukee.legistar.com/calendar>.*

