



# 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. James Bohl, Jr., Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., and Ald. Robert  
Donovan**

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Monday, May 17, 2010

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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*Meeting convened: 1:41 P.M.*

**Present** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Donovan

**Excused** 1 - Davis

*Roll call taken at 1:49 P.M.*

**Present** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis, Donovan

**The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, May 17, 2010 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 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 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:*

*Ayes:*

*Ald. Bohl, Donovan, Witkowski and Hamilton - 4*

*Excused: Ald. Davis - 1*

*Individuals present:*

*Miriam Horwitz, Bruce Schrimpf, Rudy Konrad and Jan Smokowicz - City Attorney's Office*

*Kim Montgomery - Mayor's Office*

*Ald. Davis arrived during the closed session at 1:49 P.M.*

**2:15 P.M.**

1.     [100119](#)           A substitute ordinance relating to revision of various provisions of the code for purposes of correcting errors, clarifying language and eliminating obsolete provisions.

**Sponsors:**       THE CHAIR

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

**Aye**  4 -  Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No**   0

**Excused**  1 -  Donovan
  
2.     [100049](#)           Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2008 and 2009 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**  4 -  Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No**   0

**Excused**  1 -  Donovan
  
3.     [100029](#)           Substitute resolution relative to the payment of a special improvement bill placed on the 2005-2009 Tax Rolls and appropriating funds for this purpose with the total cost of the bill being \$13,214.49.

**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, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No**   0

**Excused**  1 -  Donovan
  
4.     [100010](#)           Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of WE Energies.

**Sponsors:**       THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

5. [091641](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Atty. Lynne Mueller on behalf of Walter Lowe regarding a special improvement payment. (5th 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 - Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

**Abstain** 1 - Hamilton

6. [091654](#) Substitute resolution relating to an appeal from Peter and Christine Geiger for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Ald. Witkowski moved to hold to the call of the chair in order to obtain two additional estimates. Withdrawn.*

*Claimant will obtain two additional estimates by the end of the business day May 21 to the City Clerk's office and a two-party check will be issued for the amount of the lowest estimate. If those conditions are not met, the file will be sent back to committee.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Donovan

**No** 1 - Davis

- [091654](#) Substitute resolution relating to an appeal from Peter and Christine Geiger for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Donovan

**No** 1 - Davis

7. [100017](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Roland Armstrong for property damage. (2nd Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Claimant not present.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

**No** 0

*Roll call taken at 3:30 P.M.*

**Present** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

8. [100016](#) Resolution relating to a claim from Demco Wisconsin, LLC for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Grant in the amount of \$5,194.34*

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

**Aye** 2 - Hamilton and Witkowski

**No** 2 - Bohl and Davis

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

- [100016](#) Resolution relating to a claim from Demco Wisconsin, LLC for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Bohl

**No** 1 - Davis

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

**2:45 P.M.**

9. [091571](#) Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Individuals present:*

*Audra Brennan - Intergovernmental Relations*

*Brenda Wood - City Clerk's Office*

*Ald. Witkowski moves for support of the federal aerotropolis bill, HR 5236. Prevailed.*

*4-0*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

**091571**

Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

**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** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

**10. 100099**

Reappointment of Donald Fraker to the Administrative Review Appeals Board by the Mayor. (3rd Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**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, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

**11. 100100**

Reappointment of Jennifer Havas to the Administrative Review Appeals Board by the Mayor. (10th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**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, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

*Meeting adjourned: 3:53 P.M.  
Linda M. Elmer  
Staff Assistant*

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