

**SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
City of Milwaukee**

2016 Annual Report

The attached report is submitted pursuant to s. 320-47 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.



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2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Purpose: (Per s. 320-47 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances)

The Sister Cities Committee is created to assist the City, through its Common Council, with the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships in accordance with Sister Cities International regulations.

Members (for 2016)

CHAIR

Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II

(Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee)

MEMBERS

(Oscar Tovar)

(Representative of Mayor Tom Barrett)

Alexander Durtka, Jr.

(Representative of the International Institute of Wisconsin)

Charles Vang

(Public Member)

Tiffany Barta

(Representative of the Health Commissioner)

STAFF

Mr. Chris Lee, Staff Assistant

Lawanda Fletcher, Legislative Liaison

Ms. Charlotte Rodriguez, Council File Specialist

Previous Chair

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.

(Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee)

Previous Staff

Amy Hefter, Legislative Liaison

Milwaukee Sister Cities Website

<http://city.milwaukee.gov/sistercities>

SISTER CITIES AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGES SUMMARY 2016

The City of Milwaukee currently has 6 (six) active sister city relationships with signed agreements:

- Bomet County, Kenya
- Galway, Ireland
- Medan, Indonesia
- Tarime District, Tanzania
- uMhlathuze, South Africa
- Zadar, Croatia

The City of Milwaukee had 1 (one) new sister city relationship established with a signed agreement in 2016:

- Tarime District, Tanzania

The City of Milwaukee terminated 1 (one) sister city relationship in 2016:

- Carora, Venezuela

The City of Milwaukee had no pending sister city relationships without a signed agreement and no sister city relationship renewals in 2016.

The City of Milwaukee has one expired sister city relationship with a signed agreement:

- Morogoro, Tanzania

The City of Milwaukee has no active or pending friendly exchange relationships in 2015.

The City of Milwaukee has one expired friendly exchange relationship:

- Ningbo, China

The committee extended applications to establish sister city relationships with 2 (two) cities:

- Daegu, South Korea
- Lublin, Poland

The tables below summarizes the City's current active sister city relationships, local sponsoring entities, and information.

Current Sister City Relationships								
Sister City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Signed Sister City Relationship Agreement	Relationship Expiration	Sister City Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Bomet County, Kenya (2015 - Present)	Pan-African Community Association, Inc.	141899	7/21/2015	7/30/2015	11/23/2015	11/23/2020	5/23/2019	8/29
Galway, Ireland** (2002 - Present)	Irish Festivals, Inc.	131640*	5/13/2014	5/22/2014	8/15/2008	5/23/2019	11/23/2018	6/21
Medan, Indonesia (2014 - Present)	Pan-African Community Association, Inc.	140085	5/13/2014	5/22/2014	10/30/2014	10/30/2019	4/30/2018	6/21
Tarime District, Tanzania (2016 - present)	Mosorec International Foundation	160176	7/6/2016	7/14/2016	11/7/2016	11/7/2021	5/7/2021	8/13
uMhlathuze, South Africa* (2008 - Present)	Pan-African Community Association, Inc.	140008*	5/13/2014	5/22/2014	5/1/2008	5/23/2019	11/23/2018	6/21
Zadar, Croatia (2015 - Present)	Federation of Croatian Societies, Inc. of Milwaukee	140088	11/25/2014	11/25/2014	5/12/2015	5/12/2020	11/12/2019	12/25
*Sister city relationship renewed.								
**This relationship was established prior to the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.								

The table below summarizes the City's terminated sister city relationships since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.

Terminated Sister City Relationships*										
Sister City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Signed Sister City Relationship Agreement	Relationship Expiration	Sister City Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline	File Number Terminating Relationship	Effective Termination Date
Carora, Venezuela* (2009 - Present)	The Peace Education Project of Peace Action Wisconsin	131429*	3/4/2014	3/7/2014	3/24/2009	3/8/2019	9/8/2018	4/6	160547	10/19/2016
*Since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.										

The table below summarizes the City's expired sister city relationships since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.

Expired Sister City Relationships*								
Sister City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Signed Sister City Relationship Agreement	Relationship Expiration	Sister City Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Morogoro, Tanzania (2007 - 2012)	Hope in Tanzania Foundation	070043	5/8/2007	5/15/2007	8/3/2007	8/3/2012*	2/3/2012	6/14
*Since the creation of Chapter 335 Sister Cities, which was adopted October 24, 2006 and became effective November 10, 2006.								
*Chapter 335 Sister Cities established that sister city relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution. There was no resolution to extend the relationship.								

The table below summarizes the City's expired friendly exchange relationships since October 10, 2014 when Chapter 335 Sister Cities established that friendly exchange relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution.

Expired Friendly Exchange Relationships							
Friendly Exchange City	Local Sponsoring Organization	File Number Establishing Relationship	Council Final Action	Mayor Signed Resolution	Relationship Expiration	Friendly Exchange Relationship Renewal Deadline	Annual Report Deadline
Ningbo, China (2005 - 2014)		050754	9/27/2005	10/6/2005	10/10/2014*		11/5
*Chapter 335 Sister Cities, on October 10, 2014, established that friendly exchange relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution. There was no resolution to extend the relationship.							

Accomplishments and Activities in 2016

New Sister City Relationship Established

Tarime District, Tanzania

The District of Tarime, Tanzania become the City of Milwaukee's seventh official sister city with a signed agreement. The sister city relationship became official when City of Milwaukee Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton, on behalf of Mayor Tom Barrett, and Mayor Moses Matiko Misiwa came together to sign a sister city relationship agreement in a **signing ceremony** at the Common Council Chambers of Milwaukee City Hall on **November 7, 2016**. Substitute resolution establishing a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and Tarime District, Tanzania (Common Council File Number 160176) was adopted by the Common Council and signed by Mayor Tom Barrett on July 14, 2016. The Sister Cities Committee approved the application and recommended approval to establish a sister city relationship with the District of Tarime at its June 16, 2016 meeting.

The Mosorec International Foundation, led by its founder, president and CEO, Christine Thompson Mosore, is the local sponsoring organization in the City of Milwaukee. The foundation is also the local organization sponsoring the relationship in Tarime.

The relationship is fully supported by the district government of Tarime. Efforts by Ms. Thompson Mosore and the foundation have been vital in initiating, spearheading, and establishing the sister city relationship.

The sister city relationship with the District of Tarime is for five years with an expiration date of November 7, 2021. An annual report regarding this sister city relationship will be due August 13th of every year to the Sister Cities Committee.

Further details on the sister city relationship and activities between the District of Tarime and the City of Milwaukee can be found within Common Council File Number 160176.

Termination of Sister City Relationship

Carora, Venezuela

The sister city relationship with Carora was terminated on October 19, 2016 after Mayor Tom Barrett signed a resolution terminating the sister city relationship via Common Council File Number 160547. The local sponsor to the relationship, Peace Action Wisconsin, had notified the Sister Cities Committee of its inactivity and removal as the local sponsor on June 21, 2016. Due to inactivity and the lack of community support to foster the relationship, the Sister Cities Committee at its August 11, 2016 meeting recommended to terminate the sister city relationship with Carora. The Common Council

adopted resolution CCFN 160547 to terminate the sister city relationship on October 11, 2016.

The sister city relationship with Carora was first established on March 24, 2009 when the sister city agreement was signed at a signing ceremony at Milwaukee City Hall between Mayor Tom Barrett and Mayor Edgar Carrasco of Carora. CCFN 80769 was the original resolution establishing the relationship. The relationship was subsequently renewed one term on March 7, 2014 via Mayor Barrett's signing of resolution CCFN 131429. The relationship was set to expire on March 8, 2019,

Changes in Sister Cities Committee Membership and Staff

Ald. Russell Stamper, II replaced Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. to serve as member and chair on the committee after being assigned to chair the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee in April 2016.

Lawanda Fletcher replaced Amy Hefter as the legislative liaison to the committee in April 2016.

Ongoing Discussion on Goals to Enhance the Sister Cities Program

The committee has discussed over its last three meetings goals to enhance the City's sister cities program. Various recommendations were considered. Of priority to the committee is the focus on initial short term goals inclusive of increasing program presence locally and nationally, improving better communication with the parent organization Sister Cities International (SCI), hosting a SCI annual conference, and adding capacity either inside or outside city government.

A summary of initial proposed committee recommendations can be found in Exhibit E.

Detailed information can be found within the meeting minutes in Exhibits B, C, and D.

Sister Cities Committee meetings held in 2016:

- May 19, 2016
- June 16, 2016
- August 11, 2016
- September 21, 2016

2016 Committee Meeting Highlights:

At the **May 19, 2016** meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed and approved the annual report regarding the sister city relationship with Zadar, Croatia. Mr. Paul Lucas from the Federation of Croatian Societies Inc. of Milwaukee appeared to present the annual report.
- Reviewed a letter of intent and extended an application to establish a sister city relationship with the District of Tarime, Tanzania to the Mosorec International Foundation. Ms. Christine Thompson Mosore of the foundation and former Wisconsin State Representative Jason Fields appeared.
- Reviewed and approved the 2015 Sister Cities annual report prepared by staff.

Complete committee meeting minutes and details are attached as Exhibit A.

At the **June 16, 2016** meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed and approved the application submitted by the Mosorec International Foundation to establish a sister city relationship with the District of Tarime, Tanzania; reviewed and approved a resolution draft of CCFN 160176 establishing said relationship, and referred the matter for Common Council adoption. Ms. Thompson Mosore and Mr. Fields were in attendance representing the foundation.
- Discussed goals for the committee to enhance the City's sister cities program and sister city relationships. A summary of goals discussed are attached as Exhibit E.

Complete committee meeting minutes and details are attached as Exhibit B.

At the **August 11, 2016** meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed a letter of intent and extended an application to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Lublin, Poland to the Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division. Ms. Joanna Gibelev appeared along with several congress representatives on the matter.
- Reviewed and approved the agreement drafts, both in English and Kiswahili, to

establish a sister city relationship between the City of Milwaukee and the District of Tarime, Tanzania.

- Discussed coordination of the signing ceremony and delegation visit to establish the sister city relationship with the District of Tarime. The ceremony date was set for Monday, November 7, 2016 at 2 p.m. in Milwaukee City Hall. Ms. Thompson Mosore was present.
- Reviewed and recommended termination of the sister city relationship with Carora, Venezuela, based on lack of sponsorship and inactivity. The recommendation is to be considered by the Common Council via a resolution to terminate the relationship.
- Continued discussion on goals to enhance the sister cities program focusing on initial goals inclusive of establishing a presence locally and nationally, improving communication with Sister Cities International (SCI), and hosting a SCI annual conference.

Complete committee meeting minutes and details are attached as Exhibit C.

At the **September 21, 2016** meeting, the committee:

- Reviewed a letter of intent and extended an application to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Daegu, South Korea to the Water Council. President and CEO Dean Amhaus of the Water Council appeared on the matter along with Preston Cole, Commissioner of the Department of Neighborhood Services, and Erick Shambarger, Director of the City's Environmental Collaboration Office.
- Reviewed and approved the annual reports submitted for the sister city relationships with Galway, Ireland; Medan, Indonesia; uMhlathuze, South Africa; and Bomet County, Kenya. Several representatives of the local sponsors behind the sister city relationships were present to report, except for Galway. The committee directed for creation and subsequent review of a standard annual report form or format for reporting consistency going forward.
- Discussed capacity to host a SCI annual conference. Mr. Paul Upchurch and Jeff Baryenbruch from VISIT Milwaukee were present in participation and requested further research and reporting on the feasibility of hosing a conference.
- Reviewed short term goals to enhance the sister city program, in particular ongoing discussion to add capacity within or outside city government.

Complete committee meeting minutes and details are attached as Exhibit D.

Annual Reports from Local Sponsors of Sister City Relationships in 2016

2016 Annual Reports were submitted, received, and approved for the following sister city relationships:

- Bomet County, Kenya
- Galway, Ireland
- Medan, Indonesia
- uMhlathuze, South Africa
- Zadar, Croatia

No 2016 Annual Reports were submitted and received for the following sister city relationship:

- Carora, Venezuela

No 2016 Annual Reports were due for the following sister city relationships:

- Tarime District, Tanzania

Annual reports approved by the committee are attached as Exhibit F.

Pending Interests to Establish Sister City Relationships

Daegu, South Korea

A letter of intent was received from the Water Council on August 18, 2016 to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Daegu. The Sister Cities Committee had met to review the letter of intent and extended an application at its September 21, 2016 meeting to the Water Council. No application had been received prior to the end of the year.

Further details on the pending interest to establish said relationship can be found in the meeting minutes of September 21, 2016, attached as Exhibit D.

Lublin, Poland

A letter of intent was received from the Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division on August 3, 2016 to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Lublin. The Sister Cities Committee had met to review the letter of intent and extended an application at its August 11, 2016 meeting to the Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division. No application had been received prior to the end of the year.

Further details on the pending interest to establish said relationship can be found in the meeting minutes of August 11, 2016, attached as Exhibit C.