



City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes - Final JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. MICHAEL S. D'AMATO, CHAIR

Ald. Donald F. Richards, Vice Chair

Ald. Marlene Johnson-Odom, Ald. Michael J. Murphy, Ald. Frederick G. Gordon

Staff Assistant, Kathleen Marquardt, 286-2231

Monday, April 30, 2001

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

9:00 A.M.; Meeting Convened 9:08 A.M.

Present 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy, Gordon

Ald. Gordon moved that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the City with respect to litigation in which the City is involved relative to: File Number 001667...Resolution authorizing payment of a judgment for fees and costs entered in State of Wisconsin ex rel. Milwaukee Police Association and Bradley DeBraska v. Arthur Jones, Chief of Police, City of Milwaukee, Case No. 97-CV-01242.

Roll Call:

Ayes: 5 - Ald. Gordon, Murphy, Johnson-Odom, Richards and D'Amato.

Noes: 0.

The motion prevailed.

CLOSED SESSION

Ald. Johnson-Odom moved that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee convene into open session.

The motion prevailed.

9:20 A.M.

- 1) [001755](#) Reappointment of Paula Whittow to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (11th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Ald. Johnson-Odom that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

No 0

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- 2) [001756](#) Reappointment of Rebecca Doyle-Huber to the Deferred Assessment Board by the Mayor. (11th Aldermanic District)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Ald. Johnson-Odom that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0
- 3) [001757](#) Reappointment of Frank Pokrop to the Deferred Assessment Board by the Mayor. (8th Aldermanic District)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0
- 4) [001758](#) Reappointment of Lovell Johnson, Jr. to the Deferred Assessment Board by the Mayor. (7th Aldermanic District)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0
- 5) [001773](#) Substitute resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Collection Services Contract between the City and the Kohn Law Firm.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Ald. Murphy that this matter be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0
- 6) [001772](#) Resolution authorizing waiver of WPS lien of \$38,779.34 in the lawsuit entitled Robert J. Davis, et al. v. Alfonso L. Tiu, M.D., et al, Case No. 99-CV-001048. (City Attorney)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Ald. Gordon that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0

9:30 A.M.

- 7) [001768](#) Resolution authorizing payment of judgment in the lawsuit entitled Mews Companies, Inc. v. City of Milwaukee, Case No. 95-CV-1524. (City Attorney)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0
- 8) [001717](#) Resolution to settle claim of Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert Law Office, for defense of various police officers. (City Attorney)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0
- 9) [001667](#) Resolution authorizing payment of a judgment for fees and costs entered in State of Wisconsin ex rel. Milwaukee Police Association and Bradley DeBraska v. Arthur Jones, Chief of Police, City of Milwaukee, Case No. 97-CV-010242.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Ald. Johnson-Odom that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 3 - D'Amato, Johnson-Odom and Gordon
- No** 2 - Richards and Murphy
- 10) [001746](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2000 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate. (Assessor's Office)
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by Ald. Murphy that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0

9:45 A.M.

- 11) [001720](#) Appeal of Henrietta Wertz relative to claim for property damage. (15th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Gordon moved to adopt a substitute resolution amending the amount of the claims payment to \$250.00.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Ald. Gordon and Johnson-Odom.

Noes: 3 - Ald. Richards, Murphy and D'Amato.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMEND TO DISALLOW & INDEF. POSTPONE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 3 - D'Amato, Richards and Murphy

No 2 - Johnson-Odom and Gordon

12) [001721](#)

Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Liss & Associates relative to claim for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Ald. Gordon that this matter be RECOMMEND TO DISALLOW & INDEF. POSTPONE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom and Gordon

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

13) [001723](#)

Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from the Law Offices of Alan Eisenberg on behalf of Debra Thames relative to claim for loss of property.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Ald. Johnson-Odom that this matter be RECOMMEND TO DISALLOW & INDEF. POSTPONE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom and Gordon

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

14) [001722](#)

Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Atty. James Mentkowski on behalf of Mary Rogers relative to claim for personal injuries.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by Ald. Gordon that this matter be RECOMMEND TO DISALLOW & INDEF. POSTPONE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom and Gordon

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

10:00 A.M.

- 15) [001725](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2624 North 6th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate. (Mack Rogers)
- Sponsors:** JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
- A motion was made by Ald. Johnson-Odom that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0
- 16) [001726](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2644 North 57th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate. (Sy Xiong)
- Sponsors:** JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
- A motion was made by Ald. Gordon that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0
- 17) [001719](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5309 North 37th Street, in the 9th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate. (Allean Williams)
- Sponsors:** JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
- A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon
- No** 0
- 18) [001848](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1971 South 5th Place, in the 12th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate. (Jesus Serrano)
- Sponsors:** JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ald. Murphy that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

No 0

19) [001727](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 625 North 52nd Street, in the 16th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate. (Jeffrey Garsky, Trustee for Lydia Nickels)

Sponsors: JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ald. Gordon that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

No 0

20) [001724](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2023-25 North 33rd Street, in the 17th Aldermanic District of the City of Milwaukee to its former owner upon payment of all city and county tax liens and any special improvement bonds, with all interest and penalty thereon and all costs as sustained by the City in foreclosing and managing said real estate. (Sylvia Tiwari)

Sponsors: JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ald. Johnson-Odom that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

No 0

10:15 A.M.

21) [001846](#)

Substitute resolution approving the establishment of election ward lines in the City of Milwaukee.

Sponsors: Ald. D'Amato

A motion was made by Vice Chair Richards that this matter be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

No 0

22) [001807](#)

Substitute resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division – Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation permitting local communities to require community living arrangement facilities classified as a permitted use within a zoning district to provide notification to surrounding property owners.

Sponsors: Ald. Murphy

Ald. Gordon and Richards requested to be added as co-sponsors.

A motion was made by Ald. Murphy that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AND ASSIGNED TO to the ZONING, NEIGHBORHOODS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

No 0

23) [001829](#)

Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration – Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation permitting cities of the first class to establish the minimum number of poll workers required in each electoral ward.

Sponsors: Ald. Bohl

A motion was made by Ald. Murphy that this matter be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

No 0

24) [001692](#)

Substitute resolution relative to various legislative bills including the 2001-2003 Wisconsin State Budget- Senate Bill 55/Assembly Bill 144.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A-235 Oppose, by Ald. Richards.

A-277 Oppose, by Ald. Gordon.

A motion was made by Ald. Gordon that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

No 0

Meeting Adjourned: 12:06 P.M.

Kathleen M. Marquardt
Staff Assistant