



City of Milwaukee
Common Council Minutes
COMMON COUNCIL

City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

9:00 AM

Via Teleconference

This is a virtual meeting. All those wishing to attend should go to <http://city.milwaukee.gov/citychannel> or Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable.

Prior to the formal beginning of the meeting, the Common Council Members-Elect will take their oaths of office.

Prior to the formal beginning of the meeting, the members Common Council Members-Elect took their oaths of office given by Judge Valerie Hill.

1. Call to Order at 9:47 AM
2. Roll Call

Present: 15 - Hamilton
Johnson
Kovac
Bauman
Dodd
Coggs
Rainey
Zamarippa
Lewis
Murphy
Borkowski
Perez
Spiker
Dimitrijevic
Stamper

3. Pledge of Allegiance Followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation
4. Election of the Common Council President

Nominations were accepted for the office of the Common Council President.

Ald. Hamilton nominated Milele A. Coggs for Common Council President.

Ald. Zamarripa nominated Cavalier Johnson for Common Council President.

The roll was called in the matter of the election of the Common Council President.

Ald. Cavalier Johnson was elected Common Council President by following vote:

*Johnson
Kovac
Bauman
Zamarripa
Murphy
Perez
Spiker
Dimitrijevic*

Council members expressed their appreciation to their families, colleagues, staff for their support and collaboration in their careers as council members.

Present: 15 - Hamilton
Johnson
Kovac
Bauman
Dodd
Coggs
Rainey
Zamarippa
Lewis
Murphy
Borkowski
Perez
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Stamper

5. Election of the City Clerk

Nominations were accepted for the position of City Clerk.

Ald. Borkowski nominated Mr. Jim Owczarski for the position of City Clerk.

Ald. Dodd nominated Mr. Theodore Lipscomb for the position of City Clerk.

*There was a motion by Ald. Dodd to hold this item in council.
motion failed by following vote:*

*4 ayes
11 noes*

The roll was called in the matter of the City Clerk.

*Hamilton
Kovac
Bauman
Rainey
Zamarripa
Lewis
Murphy
Borkowski
Perez
Spiker
Stamper II
Johnson*

Mr. Jim Owczarski received his oath of office by Deputy City Clerk Jessica Celella.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING::

6. [191963](#) An ordinance relating to enforcement of communicable disease orders.

Sponsors: Ald. Borkowski

A motion was made by ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Ordinance be PASSED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye, 15 - Ald.Hamilton, Ald.Johnson, Ald.Kovac, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Dodd, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Rainey, Ald.Zamarippa, Ald.Lewis, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker, Ald.Dimitrijevic
Ald.Stamper

No, 0

MATTERS FOR IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

7. [200002](#) A resolution authorizing Neighborhood Improvement Districts to amend 2020 Operating Plans to add programs that address the COVID-19 Pandemic.
Whereas, The global COVID-19 Pandemic (“Pandemic”) significantly poses an imminent threat to public health; and

Whereas, Milwaukee businesses have been required to adjust operations or cease operations completely in the interest of protecting the health of the public and their workers; and

Whereas, Milwaukee's Neighborhood Improvement Districts ("NIDs") undertake programs that improve neighborhood quality of life; and

Whereas, NIDs are required to annually submit operating plans detailing their budget, programs and expenditures for the following year; and

Whereas, When 2020 NID operating plans were submitted to the Common Council for approval in fall 2019, there was no hint that the Pandemic would result in the widespread economic impact apparent today; and

Whereas, Several NIDs have expressed a desire to amend their 2020 operating plans to provide new programs that assist property owners affected by the Pandemic; and

Whereas, Amendments to a NID operating plan that create a material change to the operating plan must be approved by the City of Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Common Council hereby delegates its authority to approve amendments to annual operating plans of NIDs under 66.1110(4)(b) to the Commissioner of the Department of City Development ("DCD"), or his/her designee, for the limited purpose of approving amendments to 2020 operating plans that include programs that provide assistance to business and/or property owners adversely impacted by the Pandemic; and, be it

Further Resolved, That NIDs wishing to amend their operating plans for this purpose will be required to submit the amended plan to DCD, along with a certified resolution of NID's board of directors indicating that the amended plan was approved by a majority of the board at a meeting noticed and conducted in accordance with State of Wisconsin open meetings requirements; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the delegation of authority to the Commissioner of DCD under this resolution shall continue until September 1, 2020.

Sponsors: Ald. Spiker, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Lewis, Ald. Coggs and Ald. Borkowski

Co-sponsors added:

Lewis

Coggs

Borkowski

There were no objections.

A motion was made by ALD. DIMITRIJEVIC that this Resolution-Immediate Adoption be ADOPTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye, 15 - Ald. Hamilton, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Kovac, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Dodd, Ald. Coggs, Ald. Rainey, Ald. Zamarippa, Ald. Lewis, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Borkowski, Ald. Perez, Ald. Spiker, Ald. Dimitrijevic
Ald. Stamper

No, 0

8. [200005](#) Resolution relating to the creation of a SafeVote program for the Fall 2020 General Election.

Whereas, The right to vote is one of the most sacred in a democracy; and

Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic has made assembling groups of any size a threat to public health; and

Whereas, The spectacle of thousands of citizens gathering to vote in the Spring 2020 General Election, while in a way inspiring, was an unacceptable danger to their own well-being and that of others and must not be repeated; and

Whereas, Under these circumstances, voting by mail must be seen as the best way to ensure the best possible participation in a vital election; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that the executive director of the Milwaukee Election Commission is directed to create a SafeVote program under which all registered voters in the City of Milwaukee will be mailed an application for an absentee ballot along with a postage-paid return envelope in time for them to participate in the Fall 2020 General Election; and be it

Further Resolved, That the director will communicate to the Common Council the details of the SafeVote program within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it

Further Resolved, That all City departments are directed to assist the director in fulfilling the intent of this resolution.

Sponsors: Ald. Dimitrijevic, Ald. Rainey, Ald. Zamarippa, Ald. Dodd, Ald. Perez, Ald. Kovac, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Hamilton, Ald. Coggs, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Lewis, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Stamper and Ald. Spiker

Ald. Spiker asked to be added as Co-sponsor. There were no objections.

A motion was made by ALD. DIMITRIJEVIC that this Resolution-Immediate Adoption be ADOPTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye, 15 - Ald.Hamilton, Ald.Johnson, Ald.Kovac, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Dodd, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Rainey, Ald.Zamarippa, Ald.Lewis, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker, Ald.Dimitrijevic
Ald.Stamper

No, 0

9. [200007](#) Resolution approving an amendment conduit occupancy and power license agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC to occupy a portion of the City's Conduit system.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee owns and operates a conduit system located in the public right-of-way within the City of Milwaukee, County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC has registered in accordance with the provisions and criteria specified in s. 98-7, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, for permission to place and maintain telecommunications facilities in the portions of the City of Milwaukee's conduit system; and

Whereas, s. 98-7 provides for negotiation of a conduit occupancy license agreement specifying the terms and extent of Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC use of the City's conduit system; and

Whereas, A conduit occupancy and power license agreement has been developed, Exhibit A of which fully describes the extent of Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC use of the City's conduit system; and

Whereas, Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC has agreed pursuant to s. 98-5, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, to permit for, under certain conditions and for a four year renewable term at the City of Milwaukee's option, on a license basis, the placement of Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC facilities within the portions of the City of Milwaukee's conduit system designated in Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC conduit maps on file in the Department of Public Works and summarized in Exhibit A of the conduit occupancy and power license agreement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, grants approval of the conduit occupancy and power license agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC, a copy of which is attached to the file, is approved; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to make minor revisions to the agreement that do not change the intent of the license agreement; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to execute the license agreement on behalf of the City.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

A motion was made by ALD. DIMITRIJEVIC that this Resolution-Immediate Adoption be ADOPTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye, 15 - Ald. Hamilton, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Kovac, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Dodd, Ald. Coggs, Ald. Rainey, Ald. Zamarippa, Ald. Lewis, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Borkowski, Ald. Perez, Ald. Spiker, Ald. Dimitrijevic
Ald. Stamper

No, 0

10. [200011](#) Resolution urging all levels of government to ensure that benefits granted under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Security Act are shared with all residents, regardless of their immigration status.

Whereas, As enacted, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Security (CARES) Act is one of the most ambitious stimulus and economic rescue packages ever passed by the United States government; and

Whereas, Undocumented immigrants have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, Various provisions of the CARES Act seem intended to limit the access of undocumented immigrants to key portions of the relief brought by the Act; and

Whereas, Mayors across the country, including Mayor Lori Lightfoot of Chicago, have made it a priority to ensure that as much of the relief provided by the CARES Act as possible is made available on an equal basis to undocumented immigrants; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that legislators at all levels of government are urged to ensure that the benefits of the CARES act are shared with all residents, regardless of their immigration status; and, be it

Further Resolved, That Mayor Tom Barrett is urged to carefully review those resources for which Milwaukee residents are eligible under the CARES Act -- whether passed through City government or not -- and to do everything possible to ensure that barriers to the receipt of these benefits are removed; and, be it

Further Resolved, That Mayor Barrett is requested to keep the Common Council apprised of his administration's efforts in these matters on a regular basis and is urged to inform the Common Council of any obstacles it discovers that could be reduced or

removed as part of a coordinated lobbying effort by the City; and be it

Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be provided to all members of the City's state and federal legislative delegation.

Sponsors: Ald. Lewis, Ald. Perez and Ald. Coggs

Ald. Coggs asked to be added as Co-sponsor. There were no objections.

A motion was made by ALD. DIMITRIJEVIC that this Resolution-Immediate Adoption be ADOPTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye, 15 - Ald.Hamilton, Ald.Johnson, Ald.Kovac, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Dodd, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Rainey, Ald.Zamarippa, Ald.Lewis, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker, Ald.Dimitrijevic
Ald.Stamper

No, 0

11. [200014](#) Resolution authorizing the Office of the City Attorney to participate in litigation necessary to protect the authority of the Commissioner of the City of Milwaukee's Health Department to continue emergency public health orders, notwithstanding actions that may be taken by the State of Wisconsin.

Sponsors: Ald. Lewis

A motion was made by ALD. DIMITRIJEVIC that this Resolution-Immediate Adoption be ADOPTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye, 15 - Ald.Hamilton, Ald.Johnson, Ald.Kovac, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Dodd, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Rainey, Ald.Zamarippa, Ald.Lewis, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker, Ald.Dimitrijevic
Ald.Stamper

No, 0

12. Presentation of ordinances, resolutions, motions and communications

13. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 am
Joanna Polanco
Staff Assistant