



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

*ALD. WAYNE P. FRANK, CHAIR*  
*Ald. Donald F. Richards, Vice Chair*  
*Ald. Marvin E. Pratt, Ald. Fredrick G. Gordon, Ald. Thomas G. Nardelli*

*Staff Assistant, Kathleen Marquardt, 286-2231*

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Friday, February 11, 2000

10:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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### SPECIAL

**10:00 A.M.; Meeting convened: 10:10 A.M.**

- 1) [991560](#) Communication transmitting a report from the City Attorney relative to the findings and recommendations of his office concerning selection of a law firm or firms and filing of a lawsuit against the paint and lead pigment industry to recover damages caused by lead-based paint.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Hines Jr.

*Ald. Pratt moved to go into closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1)(g), Wis. Stats., 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 or is likely to become involved. The Committee may thereafter reconvene in open session. There may be a quorum of the Common Council present.*

*Prevailed.*

*Ayes: 4 - Ald. Nardelli, Gordon, Pratt and Richards*

*Noes: 0*

*Excused: 1 - Ald. Frank*

*Ald. Pratt moved to go into open session for the purpose of announcing the decision of the Committee. Prevailed.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Frank

- 2) [991561](#) Substitute resolution directing the City Attorney to enter into an agreement with the law firm of Lief, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, to analyze possible City litigation against the lead paint and pigment industry and make a recommendation to the Common Council concerning commencement of such litigation.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Richards and Ald. Hines Jr.

*Ald. Pratt moved to go into closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1)(g), Wis. Stats., 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 or is likely to become involved. The Committee may thereafter reconvene in open session. There may be a quorum of the Common Council present.*

*Prevailed.*

*Ayes: 4 - Ald. Nardelli, Gordon, Pratt and Richards*

*Noes: 0*

*Excused: 1 - Ald. Frank*

*Ald. Gordon moved to adopt as amended - to insert in the analysis the name of the legal firm to be "Llieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein. Prevailed.*

*Ald. Nardelli moved to further amend - on the second to last line to delete the word "is" and add "would be". Prevailed.*

*Ald. Pratt moved to go into open session for the purpose of announcing the decision of the Committee. Prevailed.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Richards, Pratt, Gordon and Nardelli

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Frank

**Please be advised if action is taken on the above files, they may be referred to the Common Council for its meeting of Tuesday, February 29, 2000.**

**At the request of Ald. Don Richards, Vice-Chair**

**Present** 4 - Richards, Pratt, Gordon, Nardelli

**Excused** 1 - Frank

*Meeting adjourned: 11:12 A.M.*

*Robert L. Harvey, Staff Assistant*