



City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes
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COMMITTEE

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Monday, March 19, 2007

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

AMENDED 3/9/07

Meeting convened: 9:18 A.M.

Present 3 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy

Excused 2 - Hamilton, Bohl

Roll call taken at 9:23 A.M.

Present 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy, Bohl

Excused 1 - Hamilton

1. [061387](#) Communication from the Institute for Wisconsin's Future relating to state of Wisconsin proposals for alternative funding for municipal governments.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Jack Norman - Institute for Wisconsin's Future

Wisconsin Rep. Jason Fields

Jennifer Gonda - Intergovernmental Relations

The Committee wishes to have Intergovernmental Relations work on changing state law for greater access to information on state corporate income taxes.

A letter will be sent from the Committee to place this presentation on the City web page.

A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

10:00 A.M.

2. [061450](#) Resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek a change in state legislation governing the Southeastern

Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye 2 - Bauman and Bohl

No 2 - D'Amato and Murphy

Excused 1 - Hamilton

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

3. [060013](#) Resolution relative to various legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

4. [061343](#) Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation relating to the manner in which the City of Milwaukee's Board of Election Commissioners is selected.

Sponsors: Ald. Murphy And Ald. D'Amato

Individuals present:

Sue Edman - Election Commission

Wisconsin Rep. David Cullen (Democrat)

Martha Love - Chair of the Milwaukee County Democratic Party

Ald. Bohl moved for acceptance of Proposed Sub. A. Withdrawn.

Held so that the aldermen can meet with the local democrat and republican party to see if a compromise can be reached.

RECESS: 10:57 A.M.

RECONVENE: 11:10 A.M.

A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

- 4a. [061339](#) Substitute resolution supporting an anti-smoking initiative.

Sponsors: Ald. Witkowski

Individuals present:

Ald. Terry Witkowski

Sharon Cook - Intergovernmental Relations

Supporters:

Ed Lump - Wisconsin Restaurant Association

Dalfrey Blackwell - 2458 N. 2nd St. - Smoke Free Milwaukee Project

Carolyn Tyler - 3242A W. Mangold, Greenfield

Terry Lee Strawberg - 8679 N. 58th St., Brown Deer

Savin Raval - 3137 S. 34th St.

Gwen Shepherd - Brown Deer

Donna Witinski - 1728 N. High Mount Blvd. - American Lung Association

A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - D'Amato, Murphy and Bohl

No 1 - Bauman

Excused 1 - Hamilton

10:15 A.M.

5. [061366](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled Jacobs Realty Limited Partnership v. City of Milwaukee for the total amount of \$9,905.38 plus statutory interest.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

6. [061385](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against a certain parcel identified by Tax Key No. 462-1691-200-4, 215 W. Maple St., on the 2006 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

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 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

7. [061234](#) Resolution authorizing the proper City officers to enter into a contract for the collection of Overdue Municipal Court Judgment for the City of Milwaukee, and approving the contract.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*This matter was held until a later point in the meeting.
Matter taken up at 11:59 A.M.*

Individuals present:

Linda Burke - City Attorney's Office

Richard Withers

David Harris - 1790 Clavey Rd., Highland Park, IL - Harris & Harris

James Gilbert - 384 Vaughn Circle, Aurora, IL - Harris & Harris

Ald. Murphy would like to get a report on the savings from this contract from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

8. [061357](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Albert Manns & Lavonia Manns-Jackson for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

9. [061306](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Gordon & Maryann Buraczynski for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Held at the request of the applicant.

A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

10. [061420](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Super Excavators, Inc.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

11. [061458](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled Estate of Edward Pundsack, v. City of Milwaukee, for the total amount of \$50,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - D'Amato, Bauman, Murphy and Bohl

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

Meeting adjourned: 12:12 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant

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