



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**ALD. MICHAEL S. D'AMATO, CHAIR**  
**Ald. Donald F. Richards, Vice Chair**  
**Ald. Marlene E. Johnson-Odom, Ald. Michael J. Murphy,**  
**Ald. Fredrick G. Gordon**

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*\*Italicized comments following the titles of Council files are explanatory only and not intended to limit the scope of the debate or any possible amendments.*

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Monday, November 17, 2003

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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

**Meeting convened: 1:36 P.M.**

- 1) [031010](#) Appointment of Dwight Ellis, III to the Ethics Board by the Mayor. (3rd Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

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

**Aye** 4 - Richards, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - D'Amato

*The Committee convened 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 pending litigation in which the City is involved regarding the Milwaukee Police Association vs. City of Milwaukee et al (Case #2003CV000011), and then went into open session for the regular agenda.*

*Ald. Johnson-Odom moved to go into Closed Session.*

*Roll call:*

*Ald. Johnson-Odom: Aye*

*Ald. Gordon: Aye*

*Ald. Murphy: Aye*

*Mr. Chair (Ald. Richards): Aye*

*Ald. D'Amato: Excused*

*Staff present: Rudy Konrad - City Attorney's Office*

*Wally Morics - Comptroller*  
*Joe Alvarado - Dept. of Employee Relations*

1:45 P.M.

- 2) [031024](#) Resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of legislation permitting local units of government to enact certain regulations pertaining to the solicitation of campaign contributions.
- Sponsors:** Ald. Pratt
- 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
- 3) [030931](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of John Wensierski, C.I. File No. 01-L-99. (City Attorney)
- 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
- 4) [030930](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Arthur Batchelor, C.I. File No. 01-L-78. (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
- 5) [030929](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Joan Perkins, C.I. File No. 00-L-132. (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
- a) [031046](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled Patricia Wright, et al. v. City of Milwaukee, et al., Case No. 02-CV-008008. (City Attorney)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**A motion was made by Ald. Gordon 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

b) [031028](#)

Resolution authorizing settlement and cancellation of the City of Milwaukee's subrogation claim against Jacquelyn Cross-Thompson for payments made pursuant to the City's Basic Health Plan. (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

6) [030921](#)

Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2001 and 2002 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate. (Assessor's Office)

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

**No** 0

7) [030426](#)

Substitute resolution relative to various legislative bills.

**Sponsors:** JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

*SB 305/AB 654 - Support as amended, by Ald. Gordon. Prevailed.*

*AB 608- Support, by Ald. Murphy. Prevailed.*

*AB 650 - Oppose, by Ald. Richards. Prevailed.*

*AB 655 - Watch and Report, by Ald. Johnson-Odom. Prevailed.*

**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

8) [030994](#)

Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Atty. Jonathan Cermele on behalf of Paul Kavanagh relative to a claim for personal injuries.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Deny based on non-appearance*

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

**No** 0

2:00 P.M.

- 9) [030992](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Atty. Alan Eisenberg on behalf of Christopher Neal relative to a claim for loss of his dog.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Deny based on non-appearance*

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

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

**No** 0

- 10) [030920](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Cassandra Baker relative to a claim for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Deny based on non-appearance*

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

**No** 0

- 11) [030919](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Tyronne and LaTonya LeSueur relative to a claim for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**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** 4 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom and Murphy

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Gordon

- 12) [030918](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Roger and Ilona Stank relative to a claim for property damage and loss of property.

**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

13) [030917](#)

Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Theresa Stettler relative to a claim for personal injuries.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Deny based on non-appearance*

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

**No** 0

14) [030916](#)

Substitute resolution to settle claim of Daniel Kupper for DNS abatement charges and loss of property.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**A motion was made by Chair D'Amato that this matter be RECOMMEND TO DISALLOW & INDEF. POSTPONE. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye** 2 - Richards and Johnson-Odom

**No** 3 - D'Amato, Murphy and Gordon

[030916](#)

Substitute resolution to settle claim of Daniel Kupper for DNS abatement charges and loss of property.

**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** 4 - D'Amato, Johnson-Odom, Murphy and Gordon

**No** 1 - Richards

2:15 P.M.

15) [030923](#)

Appeal of Catherine Palazzo relative to a claim for loss of property. (12th Aldermanic District)

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearance by Ald. Sanchez.*

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

**Aye** 4 - D'Amato, Richards, Johnson-Odom and Murphy

**No** 1 - Gordon

- 16) [030993](#) Communication from the City Attorney's Office transmitting a communication from Atty. Michael Stupar on behalf of M & R Properties, LLC relative to a claim for property damage.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Deny based on non-appearance*

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

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

**No** 0

- 17) [030938](#) Substitute resolution to settle claim of Derrick Dahl for property loss.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Deny based on non-appearance*

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

**No** 0

- 18) [030924](#) Appeal of Jack Hibbard relative to a claim for a towing fee. (8th Aldermanic District)

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

**No** 0

- 19) [030960](#) Reappointment of Dorinda Floyd to the Social Development Commission by the Mayor.

**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

*Meeting adjourned: 3 P.M.  
Linda M. Elmer, Staff Assistant*