



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR

Ald. Terry Witkowski, Vice-Chair

**Ald. James Bohl, Jr., Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., and Ald. Robert
Donovan**

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Monday, January 31, 2011

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 1:43 P.M.

Individual present:

Jan Smokowicz, Asst. City Atty.

1. [101164](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 9285 W. Greenview Court, in the 9th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Noah Fielder, Agent for CoreLogicTax Services)

Individuals present:

Noah Fiedler, Agent for CoreLogicTax Services

Real State Taxes due

if pay in February \$11,708.02

if pay in March 10th, \$11,840.54

**A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following
vote:**

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

2. [101189](#)

Resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$637,425.53 from the Common Council Contingent Fund to the Remission of Taxes Special Purpose Account and directing payment of a judgment in favor of U.S. Oil against the City in the amount of \$540,191.13 plus simple interest at 1% per month from the date of the judgment until date of payment.

Individuals present:

Mary Reavy, Assessor's Office

Peter Weissenfluh, Assessor's Office

Vincent Moschella, Deputy City Attorney's Office

SUBSTITUTED

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

101189

Substitute resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$636,626.35 from the Common Council Contingent Fund to the Remission of Taxes Special Purpose Account and directing payment of a judgment in favor of U.S. Venture against the City in the amount of \$540,191.13 plus simple interest at 1% per month from the date of the judgment until date of payment.

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AND ASSIGNED TO to the FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE . This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

3. 101187

Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against a certain parcel identified by Tax Key No. 361-0649-100-8, 174-184 W. Wisconsin Avenue, on the 2009 tax roll, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

Individuals present:

Marey Reavey, City Assessor's Office

Peter Weissenfluh, Assessor's Office

Vincent Moschella, Deputy Asst. City Attorney's Office

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

4. 101191

An ordinance relating to approval of the division or combination of land parcels when property taxes owed to the city are unpaid.

Mary Reavey, Assessment Commissioner

Peter Weissenfluh, Assessor's Office

Peter Weissenfluh, Chief Commissioner

A motion was made by ALD. DONOVAN that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

5. 101174

Resolution relative to the cancellation of a special improvement bill placed on the 2009-2010 Tax Rolls.

Individual present:

DPW Special Assessment, Mary Dziewiontkowski

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

6. [101018](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Diane Williams for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

Individuals present:

Ms. Diane Williams, claimant

Jan Smokowicz, Asst. City Atty.

Haywood Morgan, DPW Urban Forestry Manager

Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on testimony of City Atty and Forestry Dept. Prevailed 4-0 (Ald. Bohl exc)

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Bohl

Ald. Bohl arrived at 2:08 P.M.

7. [101196](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Joyce Robinson for property damage.

Individuals present:

Ms. Joyce Robinson, claimant

Asst. City Atty. Jan Smokowicz

Bernice Flemming, Milwaukee Water Works

Jason Sanders, DPW Sewers

Ald. Davis moved denial. Prevailed 3-0 (Ald. Bohl Abstain & Ald. Donovan Exc)

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

Abstain 1 - Bohl

8. [101163](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Ryan Hayes for property damage. (11th Aldermanic District)
- Individuals present:*
Mr. Ryan Hayes claimant
Asst City Attorney, Jan Smokowicz
Jeff Dellemann, DPW

Ald. Witkowski moved denial. Prevailed 5-0

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

9. [101056](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Jerome Huiras for property damage. (12th Aldermanic District)
- Individuals present:*
Jerome Huiras, claimant
Jan Smokowicz, Asst. City Atty.
David Krey, Department of Neighborhood Service

Ald. Witkowski based on report of DNS and Cty Atty and the lack of witness moved denial. Prevailed 5-0

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

2:15 P.M.

10. [100915](#) A substitute ordinance relating to the conveyance of in rem properties.
- Individuals present:*
Ald. Bauman, being a member of the Froeclousure Task Force, passed out a letter dated 11-1-2010 addressed to all members of Common Council from Dept of Neighborhood Service regarding all properties that are undergoing foreclosure.
- Vincent Moschella, City Atty.*
Megan Crump, Asst. City Atty.
Jim Klajbor, Treasurer's office

Motion by Ald. Witkowski place on file. Prevailed (Davis, Bohl and Hamilton voted No) 2-3 motion failed

Motion by Ald. Bohl to hold this item to the call of the chair. Prevailed 5-0

A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Ordinance be HELD TO CALL OF

THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

11. [101117](#)

Resolution relative to legislative bills.

Individuals present:

Paul Vornholt, Intergovernmental Relations Division (IRS)

Sue Edman, Election Commission

Neal Albrecht, Deputy Director Election Commission

Jennifer Gonda, IRS

SB-6 Requiring certain identification in order to vote at a polling place or obtain an absentee ballot, verification of the addresses of electors, absentee voting procedure in certain residential care apartment complexes and adult family homes, identification cards issued by the Department of Transportation, creating an identification certificate issued by the Department of Transportation, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Ald. Donovan not prepared to vote on this bill as is. Supports legislation and will abstain from any other proposals discussed at the table.

Ald. Witkowski moved to oppose Senate Bill 6. Prevailed 3-2 (Ald. Donovan & Ald. Bohl voted No)

Ald. Bohl said that committee should promote changes/improvement to senate bill 6.

Ald. Witkowski moved to support changes to Bill 6. Prevailed 4-0 (Donovan abstain)

Individuals present:

Jenifer Gonda, IRS

Maria Monteagudo, Employer Relation Department

Asst. City Atty. Ellen Tangen,

SB-8 Conforming the state family and medical leave law to the federal family and medical leave law and granting rule-making authority.

Ald. Donovan moved support of Senate Bill 8. Prevailed 5-0

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

[101117](#)

Substitute resolution relative to various legislative bills.

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 P.M.

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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