



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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Ald. Lamont Westmoreland, Vice-Chair

*Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Ald. Larresa Taylor, and Ald. Alex
Brower*

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Wednesday, July 1, 2026

9:00 AM

City Hall Room 301-B

Meeting convened at 9:17 am

Ald. Brower arrived at 10:17 am

Present 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, Brower

1. [260289](#) Substitute resolution approving levying of assessments and construction of assessable public improvement projects at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City cost of these projects approved by this resolution is estimated to be \$177,900 for a total estimated cost of \$197,900.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared Holly Rutenbeck (DPW)

4th Aldermanic District

N. 28th St. - W. Kilbourn Ave. to W. Richardson Pl. (ST211250134). Concrete pavement reconstruction, replace all curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveway approaches, sodding (6' width tree border area), grading, and tree removal where necessary.

No public testimony.

Ald. Bauman moved to delete, to be reconsider next year.

The motion to delete was approved without objection.

8th and 11th Aldermanic Districts

W. Cleveland Ave. ~ S. 43rd St. to S. 68th St (ST211250137). Install traffic calming speed hump(s) and pinned-on traffic circle(s).

Appeared Gregory Rihn - opposed the project, citing concerns about snowplow efficiency, vehicle wear and tear, and potential delays for emergency vehicles.

Appeared John Kolbert and Lauren Cardenas testified in favor of the measures, reporting extreme

speeding (exceeding 65 mph) and dangerous road rage incidents.

Ald. Burgelis was present he is in support.

He also attached to the file a aldermanic survey showing opposition and support for the

project.
 Ald. Bauman moved approval.
 Ald. Coggs Abstain
 The motion to approve passed with one abstention.

10th Aldermanic District
 N. 55th St. at W. Garfield Ave. (ST211250150). Install traffic calming raised crosswalk.
 Appeared Steve Kichenmeister - He supports the proposed raised crosswalk but requested that DPW Engineering evaluate signal timing at Lloyd and North Avenue to prevent traffic backups that might block residential driveways. Holly Rutenbeck committed to a follow-up with the resident.
 Ald. Moore supports the project.
 Ald. Westmoreland moved approval.
 The motion was approved without objection.

W. Vliet St. - N. Alois St. to N. 60th St. (ST211250152). Install traffic calming speed table(s) and pinned-on island(s).
 Appeared Rebecca Bailey - supports the project.
 Appeared Judson - opposed the project.
 Holly Rutenbeck communicated that Ald. Moore request the project to be held to allow for more community discussion.
 Ald. Taylor moved to hold to the call of the chair.
 The motion was approved without objection.

14th Aldermanic District
 S. 11th St-W.HoitAve. to W. Ohio Ave.(ST211260123). Install traffic calming speed hump(s).
 No public testimony.
 Ald. Dimitrijevic supports the project.
 Ald. Westmoreland moved approval.
 The motion was approved without objection.

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

2. [260290](#)

Substitute resolution determining it necessary to make various assessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City engineering cost estimated to be \$105,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$1,975,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared Holly Rutenbeck (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

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Appeared Holly Rutenbeck (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

3. [260291](#)

Resolution determining it necessary to make various nonassessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City engineering cost estimated to be \$100,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$100,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared Holly Rutenbeck (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

4. [260292](#)

Substitute resolution approving construction of nonassessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City construction cost estimated to be \$1,472,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being \$1,987,240.17.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared Holly Rutenbeck (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

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Appeared Holly Rutenbeck (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

5. [251556](#)

Substitute resolution assigning the honorary street name José A. Olivier to South 9th Street between West Mineral Street and West Washington Street in the 12th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared John Brey (DPW)

Appeared Beth Ann Heirman she testified to Olivier's 40 years of service on the United Community

Center board and his extensive involvement with the Milwaukee Public Library and the University of Wisconsin Regents.

Ald. Perez is in support.

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

6. [260344](#)

Appointment of Rebecca Gries to the Board of Harbor Commissioners by the Mayor. (10th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared Rebecca Gries

She highlighted her goal of leveraging regional economic development to make the port more competitive nationally.

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

7. [260310](#)

Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled "1st Revision State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design, real estate acquisition, and construction of North 76th Street (STH 181) from STH 175 to West Grantosa Drive, to set up funds for design engineering at an estimated total cost of \$2,700,000 with an estimated City share of \$675,000 and a grantor share of \$2,025,000, and to set up funds for real estate acquisition at an estimated cost of \$200,000 with an estimated City share of \$0 and a grantor share of \$200,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared David Tapia (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

8. [260311](#)

Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled "1st Revision State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design, real estate acquisition, and construction of South 1st Street (STH 32) from West Lapham Boulevard to East National Avenue, to set up funds for design engineering at an estimated total cost of \$2,235,000 with an estimated City share of \$558,750 and a grantor share of \$1,676,250, and to set up funds for real estate acquisition at an estimated cost of \$265,000 with an estimated City share of \$0 and a grantor share of \$265,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared David Tapia (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

9. [260312](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled “1st Revision State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project” with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the construction of Interstate Highway 43 North-South Freeway; Halyard Street to Capitol Drive, and to set up funds for real estate acquisition and construction at an estimated total cost decrease of \$4,450,000 with an estimated City share decrease of \$1,666,500 and a grantor share decrease of \$2,783,500.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared David Tapia (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

10. [260314](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled “7th Revision State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project” with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design, and real estate acquisition of West National Avenue from 39th Street to 1st Street with a total estimated cost decrease for the project of \$203,700, with an estimated decrease of Grantor share of \$2,678,850, and an estimated increase of City share of \$2,475,150.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared David Tapia (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

11. [260313](#) Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled “State/Municipal Financial Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project” with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the adjustment and seal replacement of 18 sanitary manholes, construction of bioswales, and adjusting City Underground Conduit (CUC) manhole cover as non-participating utility items within the City of

Milwaukee city limit on project STH 241(South 27th Street), West Layton Avenue to West College Avenue as part of the WisDOT project, and to set up funds for construction at an estimated total cost of \$164,500 with 100% City share.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared Eng-Kie Lee (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

12. [260315](#)

Resolution informing the Common Council of the City's Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the year 2025.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared Anthony Jazdyk (DPW)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

13. [260319](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the purposes of delegating responsibilities for the design and construction for the 43rd Street Ditch Project for the Kinnickinnic River in the 8th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared James Washington (DPW Coordination Manager)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

14. [260320](#)

Substitute resolution approving an Operating Agreement with

Badgerland Striders Running Club for staging of the 2026 Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon, half marathon, 5K run and 5K walk in the City of Milwaukee.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared James Washington (DPW Coordination Manager)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

15. [260334](#) Resolution granting approval of a driveway approach with a width greater than 30 feet for the premises at 517 West Layton Avenue, in the 13th Aldermanic District.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared James Washington (DPW Coordination Manager)

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

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

16. [260268](#) Reappointment of Ald. Bauman to the Public Transportation, Utilities, and Waterways Review Board by the Common Council President.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Bauman Abstain

A motion was made by ALD. TAYLOR that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Coggs, Westmoreland, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

Abstain 1 - Bauman

17. [260366](#) Appointment of Ald. Brower to the Public Transportation, Utilities and Waterways Review Board by the Common Council President.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. This motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Brower

18. [191930](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to the status of current and future operations.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman

Appeared Jerrell Kruschke (DPW Commissioner)

Appeared Kevin Muhs (City Engineer, DPW-Infrastructure)

Ald. Brower arrived at 10:17 am

Commissioner Jerrell Kruschke and City Engineer Kevin Muhs provided a status update on DPW operations. Pothole requests reached a record high of 19,270 in the first six months of 2024, surpassing previous annual records. The current service lag is approximately 25 days as crews prioritize major arterials before moving to residential backlogs.

Mr. Kruschke discussed the department's 264 vacancies, including 18 open Parking Enforcement Officer (PEO) positions and 46 equipment operator spots. He noted that a "City Laborer" recruitment cycle would open at the end of July, offering entry-level opportunities with city-funded CDL training.

In response to Alderman Bauman's query about PEO revenue, Kruschke estimated that each officer represents roughly \$250,000 in annual value. He also addressed safety concerns for field crews during the current heat wave, noting that one worker was recently hospitalized for overheating.

The committee discussed the long-term need for road replacement rather than just maintenance, with Jerrell Kruschke stating that many local roads are well beyond their design life due to historical underinvestment.

Suggested Action:

Commissioner Jerrell Kruschke to provide the committee with the specific number of parking enforcement vehicles currently in the fleet.

DPW to provide data on the total amount of protected bike lanes built to date for the upcoming Public Safety meeting.

DPW to attach the funding history and asset management memo (originally requested by Alderman Burgelis) to the official committee file.

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Communication be **HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**. This motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

No 0

Meeting Adjourned at 11:13 am.

Carmen Roman

Staff Assistant

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