



City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. MARK A. BORKOWSKI, CHAIR

Ald. Cavalier Johnson, Vice-Chair

Ald. Robert Bauman, Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski, and Ald. Nikiya Dodd

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Monday, October 28, 2019

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

AMENDED 10/25/19

File Number 191086 has been added.

Meeting convened at 1:31 PM

Present 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski, Dodd

1. [190760](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Christine Kowalski-Verzal for property damage. (11th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Per Mrs. Kowalski-Verzal schedule conflict, unable to attend; asked to be postpone to 12/9/19.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

9. [191089](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4177 N 19th Place, in the 1st Aldermanic District to its former owner E&K Capital Holdings LLC (Application made by Eric Harrinson).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCullom Gathing - DCD

Norma Lewis - DNS

Treasurer's Office - Jim Klajbor

Nicole Larsen - ACA

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

10. [191077](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 8901 N Granville Station Road, in the 9th Aldermanic District to its former owner Granville Station LLC Attn: First Western.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCullom Gathing - DCD

Norma Lewis - DNS

Treasurer's Office - Jim Klajbor

Nicole Larsen - ACA

Atty. Ron English for First Western

The Department of Neighborhood Services does not object to the request provided the applicant pays Vacant building fees of \$766.00

Applicant entity does not exist p reinstate entity

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

11. [190990](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4144 N 51st Blvd, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner James Hightower and Lucretia Hightower.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Deborah McCullom Gathing - DCD

Norma Lewis - DNS

Treasurer's Office - Jim Klajbor

Nicole Larsen - ACA

James Hightower and Lucretia Hightower

Applicant has also indicated an ownership interest in additional properties with outstanding charges:

2845 - 2847 N 24th Place \$640.08

2029 N 41st Street \$970.98

Total \$1,611.06 due prior to the next Common Council or November 5th, 2019.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

12. [191048](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2979

N 37th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner Jettie B Williams Jr.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Deborah McCullom Gathing - DCD
Norma Lewis - DNS
Treasurer's Office -
Nicole Larsen -ACA

no debts owed to municipal courts.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

2. [190748](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Jeff Cheske for property damage. (12th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Katryna Rhodes - ACA
Mr. Ian Brown - Urban Forestry District Manager
Mr. Cheske - appellant

Based on the City Attorney's recommendation, Ald. Zielinski moved denial of this appeal.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

3. [190761](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Ashley Lewis for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Katryna Rhodes - ACA
Ms. Lewis

Ald. Borkowski moved to grant this appeal in the amount of \$500.
Motion failed 2-3

Based on the City Attorney's recommendation, Ald. Johnson moved to hold this item to allow MPD to appear in three weeks.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

4. [190716](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Emma Jackson

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Katryna Rhodes - ACA

Ms. Jackson, accompanied with Mr. jimmy Abernathy

James Washington - DPW Infrastructure

Based on the City Attorney's recommendation, Ald. Johnson moved to denied this claim.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

5. [190762](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Diana and Nathaniel Greene for property damage. (9th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Katryna Rhodes - ACA

Mr & Mrs Greene

Mr. James Washington - Infrastructure DPW

Based on the City Attorney's recommendations, Ald. Johnson moved denial of this appeal.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

6. [190759](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Leon Davis for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Katryna Rhodes - ACA

Leon Davis

Based on City Attorney's recommendations, Ald. Dodd moved this appeal be denied.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

7. [190949](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Victoria N. Jones

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Atty. Katryna Rhodes

Mr. James Washington - DPW Infrastructure

Ms. Victoria Jones with her daughter, Shaquita Magadorf

Based on City Attorney's recommendations, Ald. Johnson moved denial of this claim.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Zielinski

8. [190659](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Gebhard Law Office, LLC on behalf of John Calarco

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Katryna Rhodes - ACA

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Johnson and Bauman

No 0

Excused 2 - Zielinski and Dodd

13. [170937](#) Communication from the Fire and Police Commission relating to updates and current activities.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Ms. Griselda Aldrete - Director of the F&PC

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

14. [191090](#)

Resolution supporting 2019 Wisconsin Senate Bill 348, relating to restoring the right to vote to certain persons barred from voting as a result of a felony conviction, changing the information required on voter registration forms, and changing voting procedure for certain persons who are convicted of felonies.

Sponsors: Ald. Rainey

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

15. [190958](#)

Resolution relative to legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Brenda Wood - CC CC

Jim Best

AB-364

Relating to: requiring retail sellers to accept cash and providing a penalty.

Zielinski Support 5-0

Danielle Decker - IRD

AB-491/SB-442

Relating to: restrictions on the use of products used for inhaling or exhaling vapor.

Bauman Support 5-0

SB-245

Relating to: applying the indoor smoking ban to vapor products and marijuana.

Ms. Decker asked withdrawal of this bill

Jim Bohl

LRB-2744

Relating to: housing authorities

Dodd Support 5-0

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

[190958](#)

Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

16. [190985](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Jeffrey Cook, in the amount of \$3,500.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

17. [190986](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Addo Williams, in the amount of \$10,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

18. [191031](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Joshua Yang, in the

amount of \$12,500.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

19. [191086](#)

Resolution authorizing a settlement of the claims by Chris, Christina, and Isabella Marshall in the amount of \$115,000.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

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