



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**ALD. MARK A. BORKOWSKI, CHAIR**

**Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Vice-Chair**

**Ald. Michael J. Murphy, Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr. and Ald.  
Larresa Taylor**

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Monday, September 11, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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Meeting convened at 9:10 AM

**Present** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., Taylor

1. [230280](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Mike and Melissa Maurer.

*Appearing:*

*ACA - Clint Muche*

*Jason Sanders*

*Mr & Mrs Mike and Melissa Maurer*

*Ald. Murphy moved to settle this claim in the amount of \$500.00*

*there were no objections*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

- [230280](#) Substitute resolution relating to the claim of Mike and Melissa Maurer.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

2. [220999](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Christine Zuba for property damage.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

3. [221146](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Catholic Financial Life.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

4. [221222](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Marty Brown for property damage.

*Appearing:*  
*Carnita Rembert*  
*Brian Peksa*  
*Asst CA Muche*

*Based on the City Attorney's recommendations and City Department's testimony, Ald. Bauman moved denial,*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

5. [220751](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Suzette Washington for property damage.

*Appearing:*  
*Suzette Washinton*  
*Lori Sheely*  
*Brian Peksa*  
*Carnita Rembert*

*After much discussion and detailed explanation*

*Based on city department testimony and city attorney's recommendation, Ald. Bauman moved denial.*  
*Motion was withdrawn*

*Ald. Chambers moved to settle this claim for \$525.00*

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

[220751](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the claim of Suzette Washington.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

6. [221404](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Jameka Pitts for property damage.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

7. [221743](#)

Resolution relating to the appeal of Katrina Romanello, agent for Phoenix Loss Control, for property damage.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

8. [221145](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Tom Sowinski.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

9. [230606](#)

Resolution directing the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation protecting the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals and opposing legislation attacking the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

10. [230607](#)

Resolution cancelling real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing tax key numbers on the 2022 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

11. [212043](#) Resolution relating to an agreement with outside counsel Emile Banks & Assoc. in the matter of Harris v. City of Milwaukee.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

12. [230612](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in two lawsuits entitled 312 E Wisconsin BLDG, LLC v. City of Milwaukee.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

13. [230537](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled Dombanee Lincoln (Guardian of Dennis King, Deceased) v. City of Milwaukee, et al., Case No. 21-CV-3502.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

14. [230538](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled Michael Poe v. City of Milwaukee, Eastern District Federal Court Case Number 22-CV-00880.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

15. [210409](#) Resolution relative to legislative bills.

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

**Aye** 5 - Borkowski, Bauman, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

**No** 0

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Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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