



City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. MARK A. BORKOWSKI, CHAIR

Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Vice-Chair

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Larresa Taylor**

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Monday, June 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

6/7/23 AMENDED

Added closed session language to item #11 File Number 230246.

Meeting convened at 9:04 AM

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

1. [221675](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Manquenda McLaughlin for property damage.

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN 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

2. [221050](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Happy Paws Groom and Day Care, LLC

*Appearing:
ACA Clint Muche*

No one is present when called.

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

3. [210625](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Lisa M. Peterson.

*Appearing:
ACA - Clint Muche*

Lisa Peterson, not present when called
Representing Streetcart: Brian Hinkle & Abdrew Lackwood

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

4. [221529](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Mary Hinkle for property damage.

Appearing:
Ms. Hinkle
ACA Clint Muche
DPW Tom Wangerin

A motion was made by ALD. TAYLOR 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. [220113](#) A substitute ordinance relating to revisions of the various provisions of the code for purposes of updating references, adjusting language and correcting errors.

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

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

No 0

- [220113](#) A substitute ordinance relating to revisions of the various provisions of the code for purposes of updating references, adjusting language and correcting errors.

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

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

No 0

6. [230178](#) An ordinance relating to departmental administrative costs for petitions to the circuit court by the city attorney's office to reopen and vacate in rem tax foreclosure judgments.

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

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

No 0

7. [230172](#) Resolution cancelling real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing tax key numbers on the 2020 and 2022 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN 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

8. [230158](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled Ladarius Marshall v. City of Milwaukee.

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

9. [230248](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of the lawsuit entitled Christine M. Zorn; James Zorn, et al. v. City of Milwaukee, et al., Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case Number 22-CV-003302.

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

10. [220280](#) Resolution amending Common Council File Number 212035 authorizing the Office of the City Attorney to retain outside legal counsel to provide legal services to the City of Milwaukee for the Equal Rights Division complaint and any related state or federal court litigation subsequently filed by former Assistant City Attorney Naomi Gehling.

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

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

No 0

- [220280](#) Substitute resolution amending Common Council File Number 212035 authorizing the Office of the City Attorney to retain outside legal counsel to provide legal services to the City of Milwaukee for the Equal Rights Division complaint and any related state or federal court litigation

subsequently filed by former Assistant City Attorney Naomi Gehling.

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN 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

11:00 A.M.

11. [230246](#) Communication relating to the JusticePoint's Municipal Court Alternatives Program.

Appearing:

ACA Kathryn Block

Municipal Chief Court Administrator - Sheldyn Himle

Judge Molly Gena

Public Testimony:

The Difference Principle Milwaukee: CEO Nick Sayner, COO Edward Gordon and Program Director Sue Eckhart

Mr. Jackson - Believers for Change & MICAH

Ms. Jeanne Geraci - Benedict Center Exc. Director

Rev Joseph Ellwanger MICAH

Ms. Barbara Robinson Retired Milwaukee Police Officer

Pastor Richard Sawn - St Matthews

Ms. Monica Cail, Director of Racial Justice Litigation and Advocacy

Atty. Susan Lund - Legal Action of WI

Atty Benjamin Edelstein - Legal Action of WI

Atty. Caitlin Noonan - Legal Action of WI

Ms. Mary Neubauer - Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Chairwoman

Ms. Amanda Merkwae - ACLU Advocacy Director

Atty. Erika Petty - Exec Director of Lotus Legal Clinic/Lead Atty.

Atty. Arthur Heitzer - for the NLG, Milwaukee Chapter

*Ms. Shelly Sarasin - Co founder & Director of Street Angels Milwaukee Outreach
Exc Director of Justice Point*

Ms. Susan Winicki - resident at 1610 N Prospect Ave

Ms. Wendy Volz Daniels - Felmers Chaney Advocacy Board (FCAB)

Mr. Emilio De Torre - Turner Hall Executive Director

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

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

No 0

1:00 P.M.

12. [230105](#) Communication from the City Inspector General relating to the Report of Investigation Assessor's Exemption of Property Taxes Processes

Religious Organizations §70.11

Appearing:

Ms. Ronda Kohlheim - IG

Ms. Nicole Larsen - City Assesor

Mr. Bill Bowers - Deputy City Assessor

Pastor's Testimony:

Steven Tipton - El Bethel Church of God in Christ 5401 Good Hope Rd

Martin Childs - Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church 3456 N 38th Street

Sean Tatum, Sr.,

Rev. Joseph

Ms. Tanetta Jackson

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Murphy, Chambers Jr., and Taylor

No 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

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Meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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