



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## 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 30, 2012

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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Meeting called to order at 1:32 P.M.

**Present** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, January 30th, 2012 in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

1. [111290](#) Resolution approving the revised Municipal Court Non-Traffic Deposit Schedule.

*Individuals present*

*Jane Tabaska - Network Manager Milwaukee Muni Court*

*Richard Withers - Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

2. [111323](#) Resolution urging the Environmental Protection Agency to enforce the Clean Air Act and reduce greenhouse gas pollution.

*Individual present*

*Ald. Kovac*

*Motion by Ald. Bohl to add in the last whereas clause to read Further, Resolved, that*

*the City Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to President Obama, the administration of the Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa P. Jackson and each member of "Wisconsin's U.S. Congressional delegation."*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

3. [111278](#)

Resolution approving the extension of a contract between the City and Valuation Solutions, LLC, for the provision of specialized assessment services.

*Individual present*

*Mary Reavey - Assesor's Office Commissioner*

*Committee members, Ald. Hamilton, Witkowski and Bohl did not support this item; all requested detailed information including the contract with Valuation Solutions, LLC., Possible Special Jud Leg may be held prior to Council.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

4. [111277](#)

Resolution approving the extension of a contract between the City and Personal Property Consultants of WI, LLC, for the provision of specialized valuation services.

*Individual present*

*Mary Reavey - Assesor's Office Commissioner*

*Committee members, Ald. Hamilton, Witkowski and Bohl did not support this item; all requested detailed information including contract with Personal Property Consultants of WI, LLC., Possible Special Jud Leg may be held prior to Council this cycle.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

5. [110990](#)

Resolution relating to the claims of Brian and Suzanne Kreuziger for property damage. (1st Aldermanic District)

*Individuals present*

*Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty*

*Mr Brian Kreuziger, Claimant*

*Robert Brooks - DPW Sewer Department*

*Jason Sanders - Sewer Maintenance Fund*

*Ald. Witkowski moved settlement of this claim in the amount of \$5,000.00  
Fail 2-2 Ald. Davis and Bohl voted no*

*Ald. Davis moved to denied claim based on information provided by Department of  
Public Work. Failed 2-2 Ald. Hamilton, Witkowski voted no*

*Ald. Bohl moved to Hold top the Call of the chair. Prevailed 4-0*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

6. [111200](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Abraham Jones for property damage. (2nd  
Aldermanic District)

*Based on non appearance of claimant, Ald. Witkowski moved denial. Prevailed 4-0*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

7. [110971](#)

Resolution relating to an appeal from Gerald Jones for property damage. (5th  
Aldermanic District)

*Individuals present*

*Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty*

*Dave Lawrence - Tow Lot Manager*

*Ald. Bohl moved to settle this claim in the amount of \$829.08.*

*Prevailed 3-1 Ald. Davis voted no*

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Bohl

**No** 1 - Davis

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

[110971](#)

Substitute resolution relating to an appeal from Gerald Jones for property damage. (5th  
Aldermanic District)

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

**Aye** 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Bohl

**No** 1 - Davis

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

8. [111159](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Janis Cottrell for property damage. (9th Aldermanic District)

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

9. [111063](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Sheila Glantz for personal injuries.

*Based on non appearance, Ald. Witkowski moved denial.*

**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, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

10. [111065](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Atty. Todd McEldowney on behalf of Ryan McEldowney for property damage.

*Individuals present  
Ryan McEldowney - claimant  
Jeff Dellemann - Infrastructure Division  
Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty*

*Ald. Bohl moved to denial of claim of Mr. McEldowney. Prevailed 4-0*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

11. [111123](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Clint Bryant for property damage.

*Individuals present  
Clint Bryant - Claimant  
Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty*

*Jeff Delleman - infrastructure Service Division*

*Ald. Davis asked Mr. Bryant to submit additional pictures he stated he had taken with his cell phone camera and to provide an address location of the alleged pot hole to determine if it is the property of the City Of Milwaukee or Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

12. [110997](#)

Resolution relating to an appeal from Gail Coleman for property damage. (1st Aldermanic District)

*Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on claimant non appearance.*

**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, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

13. [111216](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3929-3933 W North Ave, in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Jeffrey Simms, agent for MAJAS LLC)

*Individuals present:*

*Lynn Steffen - DNS*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Rich Schmidt - Treasurer Office*

*Jim Kajbor - City Treasurer*

*DNS does not have any objections to the return of this property provided the applicant pays \$169.91 in litter nuisance charges and \$40.00 for a covered opening invoice.*

*Total amount owed is \$209.91*

*Need to be paid by Noon on February 6, 2012*

*Taxes due if paid in February \$30,920.74*

*if paid by March 8, \$31,275.63*

*The assessor's office also lists Majas, LLC with ownership interest in the following properties:*

*2772 N Buffum St - delinquent 2010 taxes in the amount of \$7,717.99 and the current 2011 taxes in the amount of \$7,324.64*

*4720 W Hampton Ave - with delinquent 2010 taxes in the amount of \$17,071.97 and the current 2011 taxes in the amount \$12,019.29*

*Mr. Simms does not own neither one of these properties.*

*Ms. Steffen offer to check DNS record as to see if a new owner application has been submitted.*

*Per Ald. Bohl moved adoption with the contingency that Mr. Simms pays first installment of \$1,331.49 by end of day on 1-31-12 and monthly payments from Feb-July of \$433.48 and August - October \$307.34. Also amounts owed \$209.91 owed to DNS. Otherwise item will go back to hold by the call of the chair.  
Prevailed 4-0 Ald. Donovan excused*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

14. [111193](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2959-2959 N 22nd Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Rodney Manns)

*Individuals present:*

*Lynn Steffen - DNS*

*Karen Taylor - DCD*

*Rich Schmidt - Treasurer Office*

*DNS does not object to the return of this property provided the applicant pays \$1,050.00 in pending reinspection fees. Also request to contact inspector. These items need to be taken care of by February 6 by noon.*

*Taxes if paid in February \$9,537.60*

*if paid by March 8 \$ 9,648.94*

**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, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

15. [110713](#)

Resolution relating to legislative bills.

*Individual present*

*Jennifer Gonda - IRD*

*Ald. Davis moved to take a position of support LRB 2745 Regulation of Motor vehicle salvage dealers and providing a penalty.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

**110713**

Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

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

**Aye** 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Donovan

**Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.**

**Joanna Polanco**

**Staff Assistant**

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