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CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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UTILITIES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

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In the Matter of the Junk Dealer Renewal Application for:  
"Mill Valley Recycling"

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JOANNE BECK  
Mill Valley Recycling  
1006 South Barclay Street Street

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COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, on

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the 25th day of April, 2006.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Jordan Beck, Mill Valley Recycling, LLC, 1006 South Barclay Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204. This is a Mill Valley Recycling, LLC junk dealer renewal application for Mill Valley recycling, 1006 South Barclay Street.

MR. GIMBEL: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Good afternoon.

MR. GIMBEL: My name is Franklyn Gimbel. This is Joanne Beck, who is seated to my left, and to her left is Attorney Michael Maistelman, who is assisting me in connection - -

CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Does your partner know?

MR. GIMBEL: In connection with this matter, he is assisting me. I have many partners in the universe. Some I know. Some I don't know. But for the sake of this case, yes, he is my partner.

MR. MAISTELMAN: And it would be Hanukkah, Mr. Bohl, not - - not Christmas for us.

MR. GIMBEL: In any event - -

CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: So noted.

MR. GIMBEL: In any event, I - - I - -

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1 ALDERMAN BOHL: I'll remember that when  
2 I consider my - -

3 MR. GIMBEL: I would like to make a  
4 predicate statement, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Before we start,  
6 do you - - do you admit to receiving the notice?

7 MR. GIMBEL: Yes, of course.

8 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Okay.

9 MR. GIMBEL: It has come to my  
10 attention that Jordan Beck, who passed away very  
11 untimely in November of 2005 is the registered  
12 agent on the application. Joanne Beck, his  
13 sister, is running the business and has run the  
14 business for a substantial period of time, even  
15 during the time that Jordan was there. I  
16 believe, discussing with Ms. Barron the technical  
17 requirements of this license, that it would be a  
18 technical requirement for there to be a  
19 substitution agent that would be a part of the  
20 application process, which would require some  
21 background check.

22 What I'm going to ask the committee  
23 today to do is to consider this application with  
24 the proviso that between the time of this  
25 committee's recommendation and the time that this

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1 matter would be submitted to the Common Council,  
2 that we would be able to accommodate the  
3 substitution of agents and have a background  
4 check done. I have no doubt, whatsoever, that  
5 Ms. Beck would pass the background with flying  
6 colors. She is a person who has lived in this  
7 Milwaukee County community for her whole lifetime  
8 and has had no contact with the police or any  
9 other trouble in her life.

10 MS. BARRON: Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Ms. Barron.

12 MS. BARRON: Joanne Beck is on the  
13 application.

14 MR. GIMBEL: Oh, she is.

15 MS. BARRON: As one of the members. So  
16 the background check was already completed - -

17 MR. GIMBEL: Oh, good.

18 MS. BARRON: - - as part of this  
19 application.

20 MR. GIMBEL: Then I think we just - -

21 MS. BARRON: We'll just consider that  
22 as an amendment, yes.

23 MR. GIMBEL: - - make the substitution.

24 MS. BARRON: Yes.

25 MR. GIMBEL: Okay.



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1 people that are opposed to the renewal of this  
2 license to come forward first to this microphone,  
3 and state your name and address, and then - - and  
4 then your testimony. Try to be specific, and - -  
5 and not redundant. Good afternoon.

6 THE WITNESS: Good afternoon. My name  
7 is Sherry Tussler. I live at 1103 South 4th  
8 Street, which is the corner of 4th and  
9 Washington.

10 And I oppose renewal of the license,  
11 because I have problems with the number of people  
12 who move through the front of my house on 4th  
13 Street on their way to Mill Valley Recycling.  
14 And the amount of things that they steal from my  
15 yard or off the side of my house. Shopping carts  
16 frequently leave the near south side and traverse  
17 down Washington Street. And I've lost my  
18 downspouts repeatedly, my Weber grill, my outdoor  
19 furniture.

20 Some people know that I once ran the  
21 Homeless Shelter on the Milwaukee south side, the  
22 Hope House. I have nothing against the homeless,  
23 absolutely nothing. But I view what happens with  
24 the theft of metal in the neighborhood more a  
25 problem of the people who are paying for the

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1 metal rather than a problem of the people who  
2 need the money. And I guess I would consider it  
3 tantamount to a pawn shop broker accepting stolen  
4 goods. And it's a problem for us in Walker's  
5 Point.

6 Yesterday I got my assessment and the  
7 value of my house increased 30 percent. I'm  
8 going to pay an extra thousand dollars next year  
9 to live in Walker's Point. And living that close  
10 to the recycling facility has become troublesome  
11 for a lot of us, and I think that we have the  
12 right to live free of the crime that is caused as  
13 a result of the operation of Mill Valley.

14 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you, Ms.  
15 Tussler. Just stay there. Questions?

16 MR. GIMBEL: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Okay.

18 MR. GIMBEL: Ms. Tussler, when did you  
19 move into your home at 1103 South 4th Street?

20 THE WITNESS: 2000.

21 MR. GIMBEL: And you say in your  
22 testimony to this committee that you observe  
23 people stealing materials?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

25 MR. GIMBEL: When did you observe such

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1 activity going on?  
2 THE WITNESS: It's ongoing. My  
3 downspouts were taken shortly after I moved into  
4 the house, in 2001. I came home. They were in  
5 my backyard. I had painted them to match my  
6 house, and they were being crunched up in front  
7 of me and placed in shopping carts.  
8 MR. GIMBEL: By - - By whom?  
9 THE WITNESS: Homeless people.  
10 MR. GIMBEL: Do they have names? Do  
11 you know their names?  
12 THE WITNESS: I don't know their names.  
13 MR. GIMBEL: And did you follow them  
14 after you saw them in your yard, where they went  
15 with the materials they took - -  
16 THE WITNESS: I believe everybody knows  
17 they're on their way to Mill Valley.  
18 MR. GIMBEL: Well, I - - That's not  
19 the - - the fact. I'm asking you, ma'am - -  
20 THE WITNESS: I don't follow homeless  
21 people - -  
22 MR. GIMBEL: - - if you know - -  
23 THE WITNESS: - - to Mill Valley.  
24 MR. GIMBEL: - - where any person that  
25 you saw take materials from your home went with



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1           them? I'm asking you specifically your personal  
2           knowledge of that.

3                     THE WITNESS: I did not follow anyone  
4           in Mill Valley to watch my downspouts be turned  
5           in.

6                     MR. GIMBEL: Thank you. And that's  
7           your complaint about this license application?

8                     THE WITNESS: I also think that the  
9           operation is dirty, messy and a negative for our  
10          neighborhood.

11                    MR. GIMBEL: Now, you live several  
12          blocks away from this particular location, do you  
13          not?

14                    THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

15                    MR. GIMBEL: Okay. And - - And do you  
16          go over there - - Do you walk over there or  
17          bicycle over there on a regular basis?

18                    THE WITNESS: Go down there for coffee,  
19          that sort of thing, yeah. 1st and 2nd Street  
20          have really picked up.

21                    MR. GIMBEL: All right.

22                    THE WITNESS: It's really a changed  
23          neighborhood.

24                    MR. GIMBEL: And was this business in  
25          its current location doing essentially what it's

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1 doing today at the time you acquired your  
2 residence?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. GIMBEL: Did you survey the  
5 neighborhood before you bought or rented your  
6 property?

7 THE WITNESS: Yes, I was aware that it  
8 was there.

9 MR. GIMBEL: And were you aware of the  
10 type of operation that they had there?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 MR. GIMBEL: And you made the decision,  
13 nonetheless, to move in the neighborhood.  
14 Correct?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.

16 MR. GIMBEL: Thank you. Nothing else.

17 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you. Any  
18 committee members have any questions of this  
19 witness? Okay. Thank you.

20 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Next witness,  
22 please.

23 THE WITNESS: My name is Suzanne  
24 Pierce. I live at 910 South 3rd Street, and I've  
25 lived there for 13 years.

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1                   I have witnessed the shopping carts,  
2 the abandoned shopping carts that get lined up in  
3 the alley directly acro - - I'm sorry. It's one  
4 block south of Mill Valley, an alley that runs  
5 between Barclay and 1st Street. And at one count  
6 there were 16 abandoned shopping carts sitting  
7 there. And it's a very well-known fact that  
8 those shopping carts are used by recyclers who  
9 collect what they can on their way to Mill Valley  
10 to sell it for money. There's a line-up of carts  
11 there right now, because I came by there on my  
12 way over here.

13                   Federal Manufacturing has a facility on  
14 2nd Street. They start on the corner of Walker  
15 and 2nd, and their building runs to the south.  
16 And they have a storage yard of materials that  
17 they have used in their manufacturing that abuts  
18 on an abandoned alley that runs from 3rd Street  
19 across to - - used to go to 2nd Street, but when  
20 Federal, at one time, expanded their building, it  
21 became an abandoned alley, and they didn't - -  
22 they cut off the end of that alley. So this  
23 storage yard that they have abuts onto this  
24 abandoned alley, and it became a place for  
25 recyclers to stop and pick up whatever they could

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1 find that they thought they might get money for.  
2 I own property on the edge of that abandoned  
3 alley. I own an income property there, and I  
4 live right next door to it. My tenants in that  
5 property were very fearful because - -

6 MR. GIMBEL: I have to object to her  
7 telling about what everybody else was, except  
8 what she has personal knowledge of.

9 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: We - - We can't  
10 - - We - - We really can't hear any hearsay. It  
11 has to be - -

12 THE WITNESS: Okay. Then I don't need  
13 to tell you about my tenants, other than - - than  
14 they telling me that they were very concerned.  
15 Because I actually did witness somebody stealing  
16 things from the - - They've cut a - - They've cut  
17 through the fence of this storage yard, and I  
18 want - - I saw a truck go back there, and knowing  
19 it's not a through alley, I walked over myself to  
20 see what was going on. And they were hauling  
21 through the fence some large piece of metal from  
22 the storage yard. When I said to them, and they  
23 were putting it into a - - actually a very - - a  
24 ramshackle truck, and I said to them, "What are  
25 you doing?" And they said, "Oh, the owner

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1 has - -

2 MR. GIMBEL: I'm going to object to  
3 this, as well, Mr. Chairman. I have no ability  
4 to cross-examine whoever it is that this witness  
5 says she had a conversation with.

6 THE WITNESS: When I questioned them  
7 about what they were doing - -

8 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Your objection's  
9 noticed, but I - - I'd like to hear this.

10 MR. GIMBEL: Okay.

11 THE WITNESS: When they - - When I  
12 questioned them about what they were doing, they  
13 jumped into this truck and just absolutely sped  
14 off. It was - - It was evident to me that this  
15 was - - that they were stealing something from  
16 that yard, and I know that the owner doesn't ask  
17 people to move things like that. They have their  
18 own employees that do that. And I know what a  
19 lot of their employees, who they are. So it  
20 wasn't an employee.

21 I called the police about that, but it  
22 was - - The person was long gone. I gave them a  
23 license number, and - - but they were long gone  
24 by the time the police got there.

25 I pick up metal, scrap, in the street

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1 that is very sharp. Frequently it's broken off  
2 from something, whatever, and there's two ways  
3 that it gets there. One is off of a Mill Valley  
4 truck, which is very seldom have I seen one that  
5 had any kind of tie-down tarp to prevent anything  
6 from bouncing off the truck. Or it gets there by  
7 bouncing out of a shopping cart which is on its  
8 way to Mill Valley.

9         There is no doubt in any neighbor's  
10 mind when you see a stream of shopping carts  
11 heading from the west to the east on usually  
12 Monday morning to take their goods over to Mill  
13 Valley to sell. There's no question but what  
14 that's what - - what it is for. They're not  
15 going to the lake side for a spa visit or  
16 something. They are actually taking, because  
17 their shopping carts are full of abandoned metal  
18 pieces, and they're taking them over to the  
19 person who will buy them from them. And the  
20 sharp metal that I find in the street is very  
21 dangerous.

22         But to have Mr. Gimbel say you don't  
23 know that these people were going to Mill Valley.  
24 Yeah, we do know, Mr. Gimbel, indeed, we do know  
25 that's where they're going. Well, I'm speaking

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1 for you, too.

2 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Well, we're going  
3 to - - we're going to keep this - - before we get  
4 rolling any further. We're going to keep this  
5 very civilized. I want everything factual.

6 THE WITNESS: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: I want facts,  
8 unemotional, and I want - - and no hearsay.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: I'm not staying  
11 here until midnight. I'm not putting up with any  
12 bull from anybody.

13 THE WITNESS: And that's all that I  
14 have.

15 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: There's going to  
16 be no barbs, no arguments back and forth.

17 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

18 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Comprendre'?

19 THE WITNESS: Oh, of course. Thank you  
20 very much.

21 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Wait a minute.  
23 Wait a minute. Now we have questions for you.

24 ALDERMAN WADE: Yeah, I do have a  
25 question.

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1 THE WITNESS: Sure.

2 ALDERMAN WADE: You and the person that  
3 spoke before you indicated that there are  
4 - - are lines of shopping carts. Now, does the  
5 Mill work people provide these shopping carts or  
6 where do these shopping carts come from?

7 THE WITNESS: No. They're taken from  
8 grocery stores.

9 ALDERMAN WADE: So one of the local  
10 grocery stores around - - Oh, just - -

11 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I usually  
12 look to see where they came from, and sometimes  
13 they're from stores that are no longer in  
14 business. They'll say, "Kroger's," which used to  
15 be down on Chase. They'll - - I don't - -  
16 Whatever. They come - - But they're - - They're  
17 shopping carts that come from grocery stores in  
18 the neighborhood.

19 ALDERMAN WADE: Just one - -

20 THE WITNESS: And they are taken.

21 ALDERMAN WADE: One more question. Are  
22 the shopping carts plastic or metal?

23 THE WITNESS: Both.

24 ALDERMAN WADE: They're both. So after  
25 they get finished with the shopping carts, that's



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1 how they end up, lined up?

2 THE WITNESS: No, I think that they - -  
3 If they're damaged, they just abandon them there.

4 ALDERMAN WADE: And they line them up  
5 somewhere near the - -

6 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't know who  
7 lines them up in the alley.

8 ALDERMAN WADE: Okay. All right.  
9 Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS: That's where you see  
11 them.

12 ALDERMAN WADE: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: We had an - - And,  
14 Ms. Pierce, I don't know. Are you familiar with  
15 - - We had a meeting actually with El Rey one  
16 time, because we had noticed that a lot of the El  
17 Rey - -

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: - - carts were  
20 down there, and - - and actually were Ernesto  
21 Villa Royale. And they vowed to keep better  
22 track of their carts from - - from getting away.  
23 And they would actually come down there and pick  
24 them up if they were - - if they were called,  
25 because they'd get filled up and they'd get

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1 abandoned down there. And El Rey would actually  
2 send a van over there to pick them up. But  
3 obviously they don't - - they don't encourage  
4 people taking their shopping carts. They  
5 just - -

6 THE WITNESS: Um-hnh.

7 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair, if I  
8 just - -

9 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Go ahead, Alderman  
10 Wade.

11 ALDERMAN WADE: I know - - I don't want  
12 to make this long, but I have a - - a recy - -  
13 cycling place in my district, and I have Lena's  
14 Food Store carts going there, and they worked out  
15 an arrangement. But, also, what they did was  
16 they - - they wouldn't accept business from  
17 people who came with a shopping cart. So now  
18 when you look up and down Fond du Lac, you see  
19 people going with old baby buggies with all this  
20 - - They have old baby buggies with all this junk  
21 on it. And that was because the people who do  
22 the recycling refused to take it if it came in a  
23 shopping cart.

24 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Please stay there.  
25 And please don't be offended by anything. This

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1 - - This is a difficult job, and - - and these  
2 - - these committee meetings, especially, these  
3 controversial ones get out of hand once in a  
4 while. So I have to do my job properly. Do you  
5 have any questions of this witness?

6 MR. GIMBEL: Yes, I do. Thank you.  
7 Ms. Pierce, you know, do you not, that there are  
8 two other recycling facilities within a four  
9 block radius of Mill Valley?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, I am aware of that.

11 MR. GIMBEL: That would be Bandos,  
12 which is a block and a half south of Mill Valley.  
13 Correct?

14 THE WITNESS: It's - - I know it's over  
15 there, yes.

16 MR. GIMBEL: And - - And Miller  
17 Compressing. You know where that is?

18 THE WITNESS: Um-hnh. Yes, I do.

19 MR. GIMBEL: And you know that they do  
20 essentially the same kind of activity that Mill  
21 Valley does?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes.

23 MR. GIMBEL: And is it your testimony  
24 here today that you have personal knowledge that  
25 - - that those people who you believe are

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1 stealing scrap metal that has some recycle value,  
2 are - - are employees or have some relationship  
3 with Mill Valley as against these other  
4 enterprises?

5 THE WITNESS: I think a few of the  
6 other enterprises do not buy scrap from people  
7 who are pushing them in shopping carts.

8 MR. GIMBEL: Now, what information do  
9 you have about that? Tell me, specifically.

10 THE WITNESS: I believe that that is  
11 true. I don't have - - I can't quote you a  
12 person who said that from anyone of Mill Valley.

13 MR. GIMBEL: So you have no personal  
14 knowledge of that.

15 THE WITNESS: No, I don't.

16 MR. GIMBEL: Is that accurate?

17 THE WITNESS: That's accurate.

18 MR. GIMBEL: And do you know that - -  
19 that El Rey has caused those people who take  
20 shopping carts away from their premises to be  
21 ticketed by the police?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, I'm very aware of  
23 that.

24 MR. GIMBEL: And do you think - - Never  
25 mind. No more questions.

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1                   CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Okay. Thank you.  
2 Any - - Any committee members have any questions  
3 of this witness? Okay. Thank you very much.

4                   THE WITNESS: Thank you.

5                   CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Next witness,  
6 please?

7                   THE WITNESS: Hello. My name is  
8 Richard Kaul. I live at 1033 South 3rd Street.  
9 I also own the property at 1023 and 1039 South  
10 3rd Street. So the homes on either side of 1033  
11 South 3rd Street. I've lived there - - Come May  
12 1st I will have lived there for 26 years.

13                   My property at 1023 South 3rd Street  
14 has had gutters or downspouts taken no less than  
15 four times from the property, because it's on the  
16 alley, one of these offender alleys. Most people  
17 who live in that neighborhood have seen the carts  
18 come down. We also are subjected to people going  
19 through our garbage and recycling bins, open - -  
20 opening them up. I went to the point of putting  
21 things in plastic, so that they wouldn't get  
22 scattered all over the place. They just slit the  
23 plastic to go through and look for - - for metal  
24 objects in the garbage.

25                   So they come into the yard. My

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1           downspouts - - People have entered my yard to  
2           take downspouts. And - - And it's been, in  
3           general, a problem. I've lost one tenant who was  
4           a single female who - - In addition to - - She  
5           was told that if she didn't put metal in - - in  
6           her recycling bin, that - - that then she had to  
7           pay them a panhandling fee. And she finally  
8           left. These are homeless people, generally, I  
9           speak of.

10                   CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Does that conclude  
11           your testimony?

12                   THE WITNESS: Yes.

13                   CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Mr. Gimbel, do you  
14           have - -

15                   MR. GIMBEL: Thank you, yes. Mr. Kaul,  
16           do you have any personal knowledge that any  
17           employee or anyone associated with Mill Valley  
18           was involved in the behavior that you're talking  
19           about?

20                   THE WITNESS: I do not.

21                   MR. GIMBEL: Thank you. I have nothing  
22           further.

23                   CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Any questions by  
24           members of the committee of this witness? Thank  
25           you. Next - - Next witness, please? Go ahead.

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1                   THE WITNESS: My name is Doug Quigley.  
2       I - - I live at 1110 - -  
3                   MR. GIMBEL: I missed the last name.  
4       Could I - - Could I get that, please?  
5                   THE WITNESS: Quig - - Quigley.  
6                   MR. GIMBEL: Thank you.  
7                   THE WITNESS: I live at 1110 South 1st.  
8       I'm a block away. My kitchen window overlooks  
9       Mill Valley.  
10                  We - - We've had problems with this  
11       operation for a long time. Heavy trucks that are  
12       - - and overloaded pick-ups that spill scrap  
13       metal onto the street. And I do see this. And I  
14       do see the trucks going to Mill Valley from my  
15       home. Their clients still leave shopping carts  
16       throughout the neighborhood. I do see the  
17       clients pushing them. I know where they're  
18       pushing them to. And I followed the cli - - one  
19       of the clients to your operation with stolen  
20       brass nozzles from my yard, and I've had to steal  
21       them back. Recyclable material is stolen from  
22       neighboring properties, as well.  
23                  I think they've outgrown their  
24       boundaries. The sidewalks on both east and west  
25       sides of Barclay are blocked with heavy

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1 equipment. Just on our way here today I - - I  
2 arrived with Suzanne Pierce, and we drove down  
3 Barclay, and there was a semitrailer blocking the  
4 sidewalk at 1106 Barclay. It was protruding into  
5 the street. So there's no way to even walk on  
6 the sidewalk.

7 I've lived here since 1990. In the  
8 early '90s the sidewalk had to be replaced.  
9 Since then the sidewalks become rubble because of  
10 the heavy equipment and has to be replaced again.  
11 Activity at this location, throughout the day  
12 heavy equipment continues to block sidewalks at  
13 night. If you're driving down Barclay during the  
14 day, it's as if you're intruding on a private  
15 operation, even though this is supposed to be a  
16 through street. There's been investment here  
17 from Busalacci and others. As the Greede Foundry  
18 is demolished it - - it will be more - - become  
19 even more important that Barclay is unobstructed.  
20 They've outgrown this - - this property and I ask  
21 that their renewal be denied.

22 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you.

23 MR. GIMBEL: Yes. Mr. Quigley, you say  
24 that you observed somebody steal some brass  
25 fittings. Is that what you said? From - - From



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1 property that you own?  
2 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
3 MR. GIMBEL: And you followed it to  
4 Mill Valley?  
5 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
6 MR. GIMBEL: Did you call the police?  
7 THE WITNESS: No.  
8 MR. GIMBEL: Why?  
9 THE WITNESS: Because I was able to  
10 take care of the situation myself.  
11 MR. GIMBEL: I see.  
12 THE WITNESS: I took - - I took his  
13 entire load of scrap and I gave it to somebody  
14 else waiting in line. So his entire collection  
15 for that day was for naught.  
16 MR. GIMBEL: "His," meaning who? Not  
17 an employee of Mill Valley?  
18 THE WITNESS: No, it's a long-haired  
19 guy who has been walking the streets for a long  
20 time. He goes past my property every day.  
21 MR. GIMBEL: Now, you're telling this  
22 committee, as I'm understanding what you're  
23 saying, that you believe that there are  
24 violations of Milwaukee Ordinances, County  
25 Ordinances, and State laws?

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1 THE WITNESS: By Mill Valley or by the  
2 clients of Mill Valley?

3 MR. GIMBEL: By anybody in your  
4 neighborhood?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 MR. GIMBEL: And have you called the  
7 police about those violations that you've  
8 observed?

9 THE WITNESS: I haven't - - Yes, I  
10 have. And I've - - I've written several letters  
11 to the Alderman.

12 MR. GIMBEL: And - - And did the police  
13 respond to your complaints about crimes being  
14 committed in your presence?

15 THE WITNESS: Somewhat, yes. They - -  
16 They've - - They've cracked down. They've - -  
17 They've given tickets to the homeless people that  
18 - - that push the shopping carts, but how are  
19 they going to pay it, you know? They - - They  
20 don't care. They don't pay it. What's going to  
21 happen to them? They're not going to end up in  
22 jail. They're homeless, anyway.

23 MR. GIMBEL: Is - - Is it your  
24 intention here, Mr. Quigley, to - - to lay blame  
25 on the proprietors of Mill Valley for the fact

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1 that there are homeless people - -

2 THE WITNESS: Yes. They're a magnet  
3 for - - for - - They're a magnet for trouble,  
4 yes.

5 MR. GIMBEL: So that's your - - That's  
6 your objection to the committee, that - - that  
7 but for Mill Valley, there wouldn't be homeless  
8 people.

9 THE WITNESS: I didn't say that.

10 MR. GIMBEL: I have no further  
11 questions.

12 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair.

13 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Questions by  
14 members of the committee? Alderman Wade.

15 ALDERMAN WADE: Sir, the - - the truck  
16 that you stated was blocking the sidewalk, was  
17 that truck unloading, or is it just parked - -

18 THE WITNESS: No, it was just - - It  
19 was just parked.

20 ALDERMAN WADE: Just parked there.

21 THE WITNESS: It was just parked. It  
22 was - -

23 ALDERMAN WADE: It wasn't unloading and  
24 leaving.

25 THE WITNESS: No, it was just parked.

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1 It was a trailer.

2 ALDERMAN WADE: And that's normal for  
3 it to be parked there.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes. I mean, it  
5 shouldn't be, but it is.

6 ALDERMAN WADE: Thank you.

7 MR. SCHRIMPF: Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Dudzik?  
9 Oh, Mr. Schrimpf.

10 MR. SCHRIMPF: Thank you. Mr. Quigley,  
11 these trucks, did they have any Mill Valley  
12 parking - - or Mill Valley markings on them? How  
13 did you know they were associated with Mill  
14 Valley?

15 THE WITNESS: They're on their parking  
16 lot. They're - - They're on their property, and  
17 they protrude onto the street.

18 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. Thank you.

19 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Dudzik.

21 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: You got it that time.  
22 Just a couple of real quick things, Mr. Quigley.  
23 First of all, are you aware that the City does  
24 grant permits to businesses to have semis back up  
25 and thus block the street, or at the sidewalk?

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1 THE WITNESS: Block - - block it 24  
2 hours a day?

3 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Not necessarily 24  
4 hours a day, but - -

5 THE WITNESS: You know, I - - I can  
6 understand, yeah. If - - If you're unloading or  
7 loading, that's fine. But to - - to block it,  
8 you know, when - - when the operation is closed,  
9 that's not legal.

10 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: That - - That - -  
11 That's true. I just wanted to kind of narrow it  
12 down, whether it's an all day operation or just  
13 part of the day.

14 The other thing, you said that the  
15 sidewalks had been repaired in the 14 years  
16 you've been there?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: How long ago was  
19 that?

20 THE WITNESS: Well, the sidewalks are  
21 labeled. So I believe it was like '92.

22 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: '92? Because - -

23 THE WITNESS: You - - You worked for  
24 the Department of Public Works, so you - -

25 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: That's where I'm

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1 going.

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

3 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Thank you. I'll get  
4 there. My - - The reason I mention that is if  
5 they're 15 years or - - or newer, which is what  
6 you just indicated, the City will replace them at  
7 no cost to the property owner, because the  
8 property owner paid for them in the first place.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay.

10 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: So if you see damaged  
11 sidewalk, as you indicate you have, whether it's  
12 your property or somebody else's, you can get in  
13 touch with the City and they'll come out and  
14 replace it at no charge. I just want to be  
15 clear.

16 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Any other  
17 questions by members of the committee?

18 MR. GIMBEL: I have one follow-up, if I  
19 might, to Alderman Dudzik's question.

20 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Go ahead. Go  
21 ahead.

22 MR. GIMBEL: Mr. Quigley, what are the  
23 operational hours of Mill Valley Recycling?

24 THE WITNESS: Early until about five.  
25 I don't know.

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1 MR. GIMBEL: Well, if I told you  
2 that - -

3 THE WITNESS: Before I wake up until  
4 about five.

5 MR. GIMBEL: From seven to 4:30, if I  
6 told you those were the hours, you wouldn't be  
7 able to contradict that, would you?

8 THE WITNESS: No.

9 MR. GIMBEL: Thank you. Nothing  
10 further.

11 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you. Could  
12 we have our next witness, please? Name and  
13 address for the record, please.

14 THE WITNESS: Hi. It's Jacquelyn  
15 Jaggard, J-A-G-G-A-R-D, at 1113 South 3rd Street,  
16 which is about three or four blocks from Joanne's  
17 place.

18 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you. And  
19 your testimony, please.

20 THE WITNESS: It's really basically  
21 very similar to what's been given before. I have  
22 these - - I have lost raingutters off my garage.  
23 One - - One raingutter of - - the downspout, of  
24 which I followed the person. And I did call the  
25 police. Followed the person to Mill Valley,

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1 where they turned it in. Now, I did - - I also  
2 did go to Mill Valley, and I met with Joanne a  
3 number of times on this problem, and her  
4 suggestion to me and to the rest of the neighbors  
5 was, if I remember correctly, Jo, that we mark  
6 the back of our raingutters with orange circles,  
7 and that you would check the raingutters after  
8 you bought them from the bums, and we could then  
9 reclaim them before you did whatever you do to  
10 them.

11 And I also talked to the police officer  
12 who is on bum duty down at the recycling centers.  
13 Don't know his name, remember his name, but he  
14 was there, when I - -

15 MR. MAISTELMAN: Bound? Bound duty.  
16 What's bound duty?

17 ALDERMAN PUENTE: Bum. Bum.

18 MS. MAISTELMAN: Oh, is it? You're  
19 referring to the people as bums. I'm sorry.

20 THE WITNESS: B-U-M.

21 MR. MAISTELMAN: I thought you said  
22 "bound." I wasn't sure.

23 THE WITNESS: And - - And my - - my  
24 concern with Mill Valley, and I - - and I am  
25 going to oppose your license. I think you've



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1 outgrown your facilities. There's - - There's  
2 just so many of these shopping cart people that  
3 go through our neighbor's - - through our  
4 neighborhoods, through our alleys. One Monday, I  
5 counted 27, all within about a two hour period in  
6 the morning. And they were headed down to your  
7 place.

8 I'm also concerned for the safety of  
9 the neighborhood, the thefts out of the yard. My  
10 neighbor down the alley has completely concrete  
11 blocked-in his backyard, because he's lost about  
12 about 10,000 dollars worth of material over the  
13 last ten years, that most of which has wound up  
14 down on Barclay.

15 And I'm also concerned quite a bit with  
16 - - with the homeless people when they've  
17 returned from Mill Valley. They - - They get  
18 whatever they get at Mill Valley and then they  
19 head for the nearest place that sells 40 ouncers,  
20 and they generally wind up passing out, which I  
21 know Joanne, is not your fault. On the street.  
22 I can't tell you how many times I've called the  
23 police to move - - to please come and move bums  
24 with shopping carts from our alleys, from our  
25 sidewalks, from our grass, and also, from in

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1 front of the Head Start School across the street  
2 from me. That - - That I just don't really think  
3 the kids should have to walk over a passed out  
4 bum. So - - And I think it - - it really  
5 addresses - - I want to address the health and  
6 safety issue with - - with all the public  
7 urination and defecation by these people. And I  
8 know they're these people, because I've seen them  
9 down at your place, because I do go down that  
10 way. And that's - - You know, just, it's - -  
11 it's a con - - It's a health and safety concern  
12 for the neighborhood. I don't think we would  
13 have as much of that if Mill Valley were to  
14 relocate their current operation down there to  
15 one of their other recycling locations.

16 There wouldn't be the need for these  
17 people to be coming through and - - and as Doug  
18 or someone said, ripping open our garbage. You  
19 know, we keep our - - We try and keep our streets  
20 clean. The neighborhood works together, at least  
21 my block does. We wash out our garbage pails  
22 after garbage collection. We use plastic bags,  
23 and everything the City has asked us to do to  
24 help them keep our neighborhood clean. And we  
25 can do this on Sunday, and by Monday afternoon it

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1 looks just like it did on Sunday before I  
2 started. Because of the stuff that falls out of  
3 the shopping carts, that maybe falls out of Mill  
4 Valley trucks, and it's just - - It's a never  
5 ending process. And I really don't think the  
6 neighborhood should have to be subject to this.  
7 I think it - - It - - I think recycling centers  
8 in general should be located more than two blocks  
9 away from a residential neighborhood. So that's  
10 about all I have to say. I call the police. I  
11 go around regularly, and I corral the - - the  
12 vacant shopping carts, because Joanne has told me  
13 that - - that they no longer accept people with  
14 shopping carts walking in, which is why they now  
15 use baby carriages and strollers, and they leave  
16 their shopping carts in our neighborhood several  
17 blocks away. And I - - I corral them. I put  
18 them in my yard. I call the stores to come and  
19 pick them up. If the store doesn't come and pick  
20 them up within 24 hours, then I call the police  
21 to come and pick them up. And they send out one  
22 of the mounted units with their truck and their  
23 little trailer that runs behind the truck. And  
24 they were doing this a couple Sundays ago, and I  
25 don't know how many shopping carts that had been

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1 abandoned that were picked up. And I - - I think  
2 it's just very detrimental to our neighborhood,  
3 especially the theft off of people's dwellings  
4 and buildings, and I know this, Mr. Gimbel,  
5 because I have seen them do it. And I have seen  
6 the people that I've seen rip off raingutters  
7 down at Mill Valley trading them in. So I - -  
8 You know, I just - - I don't know what else to  
9 say. We - - I've been ragging on my Alderman for  
10 what?

11 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Years.

12 THE WITNESS: For eight or ten years?

13 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Years.

14 THE WITNESS: I made him raise his hand  
15 at the - - before the last election and say, "If  
16 I'm elected, I promise faithfully to help you  
17 with the garbage cart issue." But every time I  
18 call him, that's one of the things I bring up.  
19 And we just want a clean and safe neighborhood  
20 for the children and for the seniors that live  
21 there. I mean, it's - - It's a very small  
22 neighborhood, and that's basically all we're  
23 asking. So I think that's about all I have to  
24 say.

25 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you. Mr.

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1 Gimbel, do you have ny questions of this witness?

2 MR. GIMBEL: Just one question. Ms.

3 Jaggard, as - - as I'm understanding your  
4 testimony, you're - - you're - - you're saying to  
5 this committee that you believe that your  
6 neighborhood is an inappropriate place for  
7 recycling businesses to be located. Isn't that  
8 correct?

9 THE WITNESS: I believe - -

10 MR. GIMBEL: Whether it's Mill Valley,  
11 Bandos or Miller Compressing.

12 THE WITNESS: I believe that not only  
13 my neighborhood, my resident - - my residential  
14 neighborhood, but I believe any residential  
15 neighborhood is an inappropriate place for a  
16 garbage area, a garbage collection place or a  
17 recycling center to be located in view of the  
18 number of people that do the - - the - - the stop  
19 in the alleys and garbage bins and stuff. I  
20 don't have any objection to them taking out the  
21 cans out of my recycling bin. In fact, a lot of  
22 times I'll just put them in a bag and hand them  
23 to whoever comes down the alley first.

24 MR. GIMBEL: Thank you. You've  
25 answered my question.

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1 THE WITNESS: So - -

2 ALDERMAN PUENTE: Mr. Chair.

3 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Puente.

4 ALDERMAN PUENTE: Ma'am, did you take  
5 Jordan's suggestion and mark your property as she  
6 suggested?

7 THE WITNESS: Joanne's suggestion?

8 ALDERMAN PUENTE: Or Joanne.

9 THE WITNESS: No. I put up plastic  
10 raingutters instead, and I just don't have the  
11 time or energy to take off all my raingutters and  
12 put orange circles on the backside and put them  
13 back up. So, no. I have not marked my property.  
14 However, I am very careful when I take my storm  
15 windows down to wash them in Spring and Fall,  
16 because I am not sure I can safely go in and go  
17 to the bathroom and come back out without them  
18 having been stolen out of my yard.

19 And it's - - It's this way in a lot of  
20 yards, at least on my alley. I have watched  
21 these guys go into people's yards. And - - And  
22 take stuff. And I know - - And I have followed  
23 them down to Mill Valley. And very possibly,  
24 they go to Bandos, too. I don't know.

25 ALDERMAN PUENTE: Okay. Thank you,

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1 ma'am.

2 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair.

3 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Wade.

4 ALDERMAN WADE: Ma'am, you - - you've  
5 lived over there for quite a long time?

6 THE WITNESS: I've lived in the  
7 neighborhood for - - since 1989. And I bought my  
8 house at 1113 in 1997.

9 ALDERMAN WADE: Okay. So you've lived  
10 over there since '89.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 ALDERMAN WADE: Have you - - Have you  
13 noticed it being pretty consistent over the years  
14 as far as the traffic going over to the recycling  
15 place or has it gotten worse lately, and do you  
16 have any idea of if it has gotten late - - worse  
17 lately, what - - what would be the cause?

18 THE WITNESS: I didn't notice that it  
19 was as bad. I bought my house in '97. And when  
20 I bought the house, I had my yard fenced in. I  
21 had a little cut-out made to house my garbage  
22 carts, which I can no longer use. I have to keep  
23 them in my yard and then roll them out when the  
24 garbagemen come. But I've noticed an increase in  
25 this probably over the last seven or eight years,

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1 an increase in - - in - -

2 ALDERMAN WADE: The traffic.

3 THE WITNESS: In the traffic going - -

4 ALDERMAN WADE: And for those seven or  
5 eight years it's been pretty consistent for those  
6 seven or eight years?

7 THE WITNESS: It's been pretty  
8 consistent. A couple - - I noticed an increase  
9 again a couple of years ago.

10 ALDERMAN WADE: Okay.

11 THE WITNESS: And for a while there we  
12 had - - For a while there we had the same group  
13 of people that went through the neighborhood.  
14 And I could just - - I would say, you know,  
15 "Don't you dare rip open my trash?" And they  
16 just took what they needed out of the recycling  
17 bins. But the last couple of years we've had a  
18 whole new group and a whole different group, and  
19 we also have recycling people, not the shopping  
20 cart people only, we have the guys in these beat  
21 up old trucks that drive around who help  
22 themselves to whatever is sitting close to the  
23 alley, like refrigerators and stove - - stoves  
24 that the City doesn't pick up anymore.

25 ALDERMAN WADE: So that's been chronic



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1 in the last three years.

2 THE WITNESS: Longer than the last  
3 three years. But I have noticed an increase in  
4 the last two to three years.

5 ALDERMAN WADE: Okay. Thank you.

6 THE WITNESS: In the number of people  
7 going through.

8 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Dudzik.

10 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Ma'am, maybe not so  
11 much a question, as merely a comment. I think  
12 part of the reason you're seeing more of the beat  
13 up trucks and even, you know, the idea of people  
14 walking around recycling, is the City does such a  
15 poor job of picking up garbage.

16 THE WITNESS: Oh, no, no, no. We have  
17 the - - The sanitation department - -

18 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Ma'am - -

19 THE WITNESS: - - is the best  
20 department in the City, I would swear by that.  
21 And I regularly tell Mr. Hagen - -

22 ALDERMAN BOHL: I don't think you'll  
23 get any of the aldermen here on this side of the  
24 aisle to agree with you on that. Not one. Not  
25 one.

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1 THE WITNESS: We have the most perfect  
2 recycling and garbage crew in our district.

3 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Well, ma'am, don't -  
4 - don't misunderstand what I'm saying. The guys  
5 behind the truck are unbelievable good at what  
6 they do. I'm not - - I'm not lying to you there.  
7 But we have cut back in so many quarters,  
8 including - - You refer to the junk trucks. Junk  
9 trucks come through my neighborhood. In fact,  
10 when I was a little boy, I remember them coming  
11 through my grandma's neighborhood, junk trucks.  
12 We - - We don't pick up a lot of stuff that the  
13 City used to pick up. Wash - - Wash machines - -  
14 refrig - -

15 THE WITNESS: And that just changed,  
16 what? Last year, two years ago?

17 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Right. Right. But  
18 - - but even going back a few years, the whole  
19 idea of recycling is done so poorly. And I can  
20 show you a letter from the Commissioner of Public  
21 Works who clearly states that there are  
22 households in this City, areas of this City,  
23 where 90 to 95 percent of the households don't do  
24 any recycling.

25 THE WITNESS: We used to have - -

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1 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: So, ma'am - -

2 THE WITNESS: We used to have the - -

3 the blue recycling bins.

4 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Yes.

5 THE WITNESS: Which they got rid of  
6 because a lot of my neighbors when their garbage  
7 pails got full used to use the recycling tall  
8 bins. And they discontinued that because they  
9 need their truck to pick them up. So we have the  
10 little square ones.

11 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: All right. And I  
12 just want - - Again, not so much maybe a question  
13 as - - as merely a comment, with regards to the  
14 shopping carts. I can tell you that my office,  
15 and I have the far southwest side of the City of  
16 Milwaukee, gets, you know, several phone calls  
17 every month about shopping carts. In fact, last  
18 year I had the DPW department go out to a - - a  
19 wooded area off of Loomis Road and they picked up  
20 literally dozens of shopping carts that were  
21 sitting there. I wish there was a - - a way, and  
22 I don't think that we found it yet, to ensure  
23 that those shopping carts never leave the  
24 shopping areas, the businesses that they - - they  
25 belong to. That's - - That's just - - That's

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1 just my comment, and - - and I guess I'll make  
2 one last statement, comment, about something that  
3 you said. You seem to have no problem with  
4 recycling as long as it's in somebody else's  
5 backyard. Your actual comment was that you  
6 didn't want a recycling facility like this set up  
7 anywhere within two blocks of a residential  
8 property. But yet, some of the people that are  
9 here are four blocks away.

10 THE WITNESS: Well, I didn't say - - I  
11 didn't make the two block comment. I said  
12 anywhere near - -

13 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Ma'am - - Ma'am, I  
14 could ask her to read it back. I won't. But I  
15 could ask her to read it back. I actually wrote  
16 it down when you said it.

17 THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, I didn't  
18 mean just the two blocks. I meant within - -  
19 within a resident - - close to any residential  
20 area.

21 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Okay. Thank you.

22 THE WITNESS: It should be an  
23 industrial area.

24 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: And - - And I'm - -  
25 Again, I don't mean to dispute what you were

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1 saying. I happen to agree with you to an extent.  
2 But isn't Allen-Bradley just a few blocks from  
3 your house?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes. It's half a block  
5 up.

6 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: When I think of an  
7 industrial area, I think of the foundry that was  
8 there, Allen-Bradley, any number of - - any  
9 number of businesses that used to be over there,  
10 including a concrete recycling plant that was  
11 just located a little bit south of this  
12 particular location. So thank you very much.

13 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Any other  
14 questions of this witness? Next witness, please.  
15 Thank you for your testimony. Name and address  
16 for the record, please.

17 THE WITNESS: My name is Ernesto  
18 Ramirez. I live at 121 West Mineral. I - - Oh,  
19 no. I own 135 - - 131 West Mineral, and I live  
20 in 125 West Mineral. And I also own another  
21 property in 1615 South 3rd Street.

22 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Okay. And your  
23 testimony, Mr. Ramirez?

24 THE WITNESS: Well, I've been living in  
25 that area since 1990. 1991, I think I buy my

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1 first house there. And - - And one time, you  
2 know, was you used to got across the street from  
3 my house those - -

4 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Containers?  
5 THE WITNESS: Containers. Thank you to  
6 the Alderman. They was moved. You know. Some  
7 agreement that he made with you people. And but  
8 right now I never know that, you know, that you  
9 had to come to the - - to the - - here to get the  
10 license and stuff like that. But I see this time  
11 an opportunity to complain about what is going on  
12 a block away from you. Not two blocks, not three  
13 blocks. I'm a block away from you. And if you  
14 want me, I can take you right now to the back of  
15 my house at 131, and you see that it is like a  
16 hotel or motel for the homeless people. And a  
17 couple times, I - - You know, I'm a man that I'm  
18 not afraid of anything, thank God. And a couple  
19 times I confront some of those guys that was  
20 stealing the siding of a building, and they go to  
21 your place. And I think you know that you are  
22 buying some of the stuff from them, because you  
23 tell the people here to mark it, and that way  
24 she'll know they can get it back. From my houses  
25 I lose the raingutters and I lose aluminum doors.

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1 And they go there. Well, probably I say I pay  
2 taxes for my three properties. They are in that  
3 area. And, of course, he says that Allen-Bradley  
4 is there. You know, Allen-Bradley is, you know,  
5 streamed and beautiful. They are always working  
6 on the buildings.

7 And now if they going to get the  
8 license, probably, what are you going to do? Is  
9 what I - - Is my question. What are they going  
10 to do to stop some of the problem that we have in  
11 that area.

12 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you. We'll  
13 - - I don't want any of the committee members to  
14 go downstairs or anything. We'll take a - - And  
15 just have a chair over there. We'll take a five  
16 minute break.

17 (Whereupon a break was taken.)

18 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Okay. New Court  
19 Reporter is sworn in. Lots of paper.

20 COURT REPORTER: Lots of paper.

21 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Okay. Thank you  
22 very much. Next witness, please. Next person to  
23 testify.

24 MS. BECK: I think that's all.

25 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you. Now I

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1 would like the - - the supporters to come forth  
2 and testify. Do we have some people who are  
3 going to testify, supporters here? Name and  
4 address for the record. And once again, please  
5 - - please don't be - - please don't be  
6 redundant. Only personal testimony. And go  
7 ahead and proceed.

8 MR. GIMBEL: Thank you.

9 THE WITNESS: My name is Sharon Dixon.  
10 I live at 200 East Washington Street, which is  
11 right next door to Mill Valley. The only thing  
12 that really separates us is an alleyway.

13 EXAMINATION OF MS. DIXON

14 BY MR. GIMBEL:

15 Q Ms. Dixon, how long have you lived at that  
16 address?

17 A Since 1983.

18 Q And what is your business or occupation?

19 A Right now I'm like retired, but I ran a bar there  
20 for, well, I guess, what? 17 - 18 years.

21 Q You have been in this hearing room, have you not,  
22 for the last hour?

23 A Yes, I have.

24 Q And you've heard the testimony of neighbors who  
25 have complained about certain activities at Mill



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1 Valley Recycling. Have you not?

2 A Yes, I have.

3 Q Will you tell this committee of the City Council  
4 what your experience has been with respect to the  
5 operation of the Mill Valley business from the  
6 perspective of your position as their neighbor?

7 A Well, I'm here to say that I'm in favor of them  
8 being granted their license. And I feel that  
9 some of the testimony regarding against them  
10 having their license is a little unfair, due to  
11 the fact I don't blame Mill Valley for the  
12 homeless problem, which we do have a homeless  
13 problem in the neighborhood. But we also have a  
14 homeless center that's only, what, four - - maybe  
15 four or five blocks away. And a lot of these  
16 people, when they can't get in the center, they  
17 do turn around and they sleep in the alleyways  
18 and stuff like that. But again, that is not Mill  
19 Valley's fault.

20 And somebody earlier testified about  
21 junk falling off a truck and leaving it in the,  
22 you know, the roadway. I can tell you from  
23 living next door and from whether it's vandals or  
24 Mill Valley that any time I've seen junk fall off  
25 a truck, those people are pretty quick to go and

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1 pick it up and put it back on the truck, because  
2 they want their money. I mean, they - - they  
3 spent all day running around neighborhoods  
4 looking for junk, and they're not going to lose  
5 it on the street someplace. And some of the  
6 other things I've noticed Mill Valley has done,  
7 especially in the last couple years, I've noticed  
8 that they've tried very hard to keep the  
9 alleyways clean across the street from me and  
10 next door with some of these people that do come  
11 around the neighborhood. They've - - I've  
12 actually seen them turn people away. I was there  
13 one day, and there was somebody that was turned  
14 away, because they were told that they thought  
15 that more than likely that was, shall we say,  
16 "hot property."

17 And I've seen Mill Valley turn around  
18 and do a lot of good things in the neighborhood,  
19 like employing people that live in the  
20 neighborhood. I've seen them work to make Mill  
21 Valley look presentable. It's an industrial  
22 area. It's zoned industrial, not residential.  
23 And these people that are opposing it, I - - I  
24 think they're done so good-heartedly, but at the  
25 same time I think maybe they don't understand all

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1 the facts. The homeless people are going to be  
2 everywhere. People stealing are going to be  
3 everywhere. I don't care if you're at Brookfield  
4 Square. Look how many cars they steal out of  
5 Brookfield Square. So I just want to say I think  
6 they deserve to have their license and to work.

7 Q Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Any questions by  
9 members of the committee?

10 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Ma'am. Mr. Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Dudzik.

12 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Ma'am, you mentioned  
13 that there's a homeless center about four blocks  
14 away?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes.

16 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Would you have any  
17 knowledge as to whether the men, and I'm assuming  
18 women and children that use the homeless center,  
19 do any recycling?

20 THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, I don't  
21 believe that they do.

22 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: So you're - - You're  
23 saying that all the people that use Mill Valley  
24 or any of the other recycling locations are from  
25 places other than the homeless center.

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1 THE WITNESS: I have not noticed any  
2 that I know do go to the homeless center, because  
3 I used to have a restaurant, and I used to bring  
4 food and stuff down there for the homeless  
5 center. And a lot of the people there at the  
6 homeless center I have not noticed them at Mill  
7 Valley, no. A lot of the people I see at Mill  
8 Valley or Bandos or Miller Compressing are people  
9 that are actually, a lot of people - - a lot of  
10 people driving trucks. They've collected from  
11 all over, probably the south side and wherever  
12 they could find their junk.

13 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Any other  
14 questions of this witness? Thank you very much.

15 MR. GIMBEL: Thank you, Ms. Dixon. Mr.  
16 Vomberg?

17 THE WITNESS: George Vomberg. I own  
18 the bar, George's Pub, at 224 East Washington.  
19 I've been down there 23 years. I own the  
20 property. I don't live on it. I know all of  
21 these salvage yards were there for years. Joanne  
22 and her brother, when they took over, they  
23 cleaned that particular yard up. They landscaped  
24 it on one side and in the front to make it look a  
25 little more presentable. And she's just trying

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1 to make a go of it. And I can't see the people  
2 working there losing their jobs. I think the  
3 lady deserves her license. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Questions by  
5 members of the committee? Thank you.

6 MR. GIMBEL: What's the proximity of  
7 your bar to Mill Valley?

8 THE WITNESS: I'm about a half a block  
9 away.

10 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Next witness,  
11 please?

12 MR. GIMBEL: Yes. Would you state your  
13 name and your address?

14 THE WITNESS: My name is Raul Herrera.  
15 I live in 1618 South 7th - - 1618 South 7th  
16 Street. R-A-U-L.

17 EXAMINATION OF RAUL HERRERA

18 BY MR. GIMBEL:

19 Q Where do you work - - Where do you work, Raul?

20 A I work in the Mill Valley Recycling, and - -

21 Q And how long have you worked there?

22 A I have six years, almost seven worked - -

23 Q And do you have a family, sir?

24 A Excuse me?

25 Q Do you have a family?

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1 A Yeah, I have five peoples in my family. With me  
2 is six.

3 Q Five people in your family?

4 A Yeah.

5 Q And you work - - You've worked there for six  
6 years at Mill Valley?

7 A Yes. And I - - Okay. Sorry for my English.  
8 It's - - It's drastic. But I wanted to say - -

9 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Your English is  
10 fine.

11 THE WITNESS:

12 A - - you is too much important for me, the Mill  
13 Valley Recycling, you know. It's - - My family  
14 depends on Mill Valley. And in Mill Valley I  
15 have a good paycheck. I need to work. And I  
16 wanted Mill Valley, this distance is small for my  
17 work. I living on 7th. The Mill Valley's in  
18 Barclay. It's only six or seven blocks, no.  
19 It's - - It's fine. And my neighborhood need the  
20 Mill Valley Recycling. It's a lot of peoples  
21 make the recycling from Mill Valley. Some is in  
22 the vandals, but I like work in the Mill Valley.  
23 It's - -

24 MR. GIMBEL: Thank you very much.

25 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Wade has  
2 a question for you.

3 ALDERMAN WADE: I have a question for  
4 the owner. How many employees do you have?

5 THE APPLICANT: Twenty-eight.

6 ALDERMAN WADE: Twenty-eight. And  
7 what's the average salary? Hourly wage?

8 THE APPLICANT: 12.50 an hour.

9 ALDERMAN WADE: And does benefits come  
10 with the job?

11 THE APPLICANT: Yes.

12 ALDERMAN WADE: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you.

14 MR. GIMBEL: You may be seated.

15 Francisco?

16 THE WITNESS: Hi. God bless everybody.  
17 I working for Mill Valley for a year, and - -

18 MR. GIMBEL: Where do you live?

19 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry. My name is  
20 Fransisco Ortiz. I live 315 West Mineral Street.

21 EXAMINATION OF FRANSISCO ORTIZ

22 BY MR. GIMBEL:

23 Q How far is that from Mill Valley?

24 A About three blocks.

25 Q And do you support a family?

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1 A Yes.  
2 Q How many in your family?  
3 A Five.  
4 Q And - -  
5 A With me.  
6 Q With you.  
7 A Um-hnh.  
8 Q And you work full time there?  
9 A Yes.  
10 Q And you get a - - a check that supports your  
11 family?  
12 A Yeah, I - - I got a good check.  
13 Q And you have benefits, as well, with your job?  
14 A Oh, sure.  
15 Q That's all I have.  
16 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Questions by  
17 members of the committee? Thank you. Next - -  
18 Next witness.  
19 MR. GIMBEL: Next witness. Ezekial.  
20 THE WITNESS: Hi.  
21 MR. GIMBEL: Would you state your full  
22 name and give your address?  
23 THE WITNESS: My name is Ezekial  
24 Santos. I work for Mill Valley for six years,  
25 something like that. And I have kid - - I need



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1 - - I need to work for to support my family, and  
2 - - and I guess - - I guess everybody need Mill  
3 Valley for cleaning the City, everything. So I  
4 don't know. I - - I'm in favor to - - to renew  
5 - - renewal the license.

6 MR. GIMBEL: And how far do you live  
7 from the location of Mill Valley?

8 THE WITNESS: I live by six blocks.

9 MR. GIMBEL: What is your address?

10 THE WITNESS: 1613 South 7th.

11 MR. GIMBEL: Thank you very much. No  
12 more questions.

13 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Okay. Are there  
14 - - Anyone else here to testify on this matter  
15 that has not testified already?

16 THE WITNESS: Can I do the thing?

17 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: I - - I'm sorry.

18 THE WITNESS: Well, I just wanted to  
19 say that we did not object to take their jobs  
20 from them, you know, we just - - If there's a  
21 chance to relocate, we'd be, you know, happy.  
22 But another thing is I asked a question what you  
23 going to do, what are your plans to do regardless  
24 of - -

25 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Let us - - Yeah,

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1 let the committee cover that with the - - with  
2 the applicant here at the table. Thank you, Mr.  
3 Ramirez.

4 MR. GIMBEL: I'd like to call Ms. Beck,  
5 if I could now. And that will be our last  
6 witness.

7 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Go ahead.

8 MR. GIMBEL: She can sit down, right?

9 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Yes.

10 EXAMINATION OF MS. BECK

11 BY MR. GIMBEL:

12 Q Will you state your name, please?

13 A Joanne Beck.

14 Q Joanne, how old are you?

15 A Forty-one.

16 Q How long have you been associated with Mill  
17 Valley Recycling?

18 A Thirteen years.

19 Q And in what capacities?

20 A Oh, I started out working for my brother, so I've  
21 worked on a little bit of everything, and to a  
22 point where now I became part owner.

23 Q And who are the other owners? Members of the  
24 family?

25 A Well, yeah. The estate, right.

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1 Q Now, why don't you just explain to the committee,  
2 if you will, please, what is the nature of the  
3 business of Mill Valley Recycling today, and  
4 what, if any, plans do you have should your  
5 license be renewed for modifications of the  
6 business?

7 A We're scrap iron and metal dealers. I have a  
8 retail business, as everyone knows, where people  
9 bring in their scrap iron and metal. And I also  
10 have an industrial trucking business, which we go  
11 to companies that have a product that creates  
12 metal. We spot containers and we buy the scrap.  
13 In the future my plans are is that I am looking  
14 to do some things different with the industrial  
15 business. So the yard across the street is now  
16 not going to be having piles. I am going to be  
17 putting in containers for every commodity that's  
18 in there. It will be cleaned up in terms of the  
19 way it was with the piles. And the trucks will  
20 be less, because I'm going to be selling some of  
21 the trucks and downsizing that part of the  
22 business.

23 Q Have you instructed your employees or do you have  
24 company policies to address any scrap metal  
25 falling off the trucks, either as a consequence

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1 of them falling off trucks that are owned and  
2 operated by Mill Valley or people who bring  
3 recycling materials to sell?  
4 A Of course. I mean, we've - - We're - - We've  
5 always been very big on the neighborhood and our  
6 neighbors. And everyone's instructed, all of our  
7 employees, to keep it clean. We sweep on a  
8 continuous basis and keeping it aesthetically  
9 clean and looking nice is important. And we - -  
10 we've always made that clear.  
11 Q In the last 12 to 24 months have you made any  
12 cosmetic modifications to the outside of the  
13 building?  
14 A Yeah. We landscaped on Mineral Street and the  
15 corner of Barclay. I can't remember what side  
16 that's on. But we - - Yeah. I just stuck in a  
17 lot of money landscaping that whole section,  
18 putting in new bushes, trees, and - - and mulched  
19 it all. And then, our building alone, I think we  
20 were the first to really fix up the actual  
21 building, the outside of the building. We've  
22 tuckpointed the whole building, put in glass  
23 block windows, and put in awnings to make the  
24 outside of the building look aesthetically nice.  
25 Q How long has your family been associated with

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1 Mill Valley at its current location?  
2 A 20 years.  
3 Q And prior to the time that your family became  
4 involved in Mill Valley, what was the nature of  
5 the business, if you know?  
6 A Prior, it was also - - It was a salvage yard.  
7 Q And how long has it been a salvage yard, to your  
8 knowledge?  
9 A I believe since 1942.  
10 Q Alderman Wade asked you a question about your  
11 employees. Would you repeat, for the record, how  
12 many employees you have that are full time  
13 employees?  
14 A I have 28 full time employees.  
15 Q And do - - Do you turn over employees on a  
16 regular basis or do the people who come to work  
17 for you stay for a relatively long period of  
18 time?  
19 A People that come have stayed for a very long  
20 time. Very little turnover.  
21 Q I have no further questions.  
22 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair.  
23 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Wade.  
24 ALDERMAN WADE: Miss, you - - you  
25 mentioned that you did some landscaping to the

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1 building. I'm assuming that was an investment on  
2 the part of your business?

3 THE APPLICANT: Correct.

4 ALDERMAN WADE: What was - - What was  
5 the cost, if I may ask, that the landscaping and  
6 what was the nature of the landscaping?

7 THE APPLICANT: It was a little over  
8 8,000 dollars.

9 ALDERMAN WADE: Okay. And what did you  
10 do?

11 THE APPLICANT: Well, the company that  
12 did it was "Cut Above the Rest," and actually  
13 this was - - he was hired by my brother before  
14 his passing. And he took care of that. But what  
15 they did is they put in a bunch of trees, bushes  
16 and really pretty red mulch. And obviously when  
17 the weather gets warmer, there will be some  
18 things that will grow up, probably some flowers.

19 Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah, I just - - I did  
20 it already. Yeah, and the other thing is that  
21 Michael mentioned that I just put in a brand new  
22 roof, too.

23 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Any other  
24 questions by members of the committee? Closing  
25 statement, Mr. Gimbel.

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1                   MR. GIMBEL: Yes. Mr. Chairman,  
2 members of the committee. I have a certain  
3 degree of empathy for the people who have  
4 appeared here and have expressed their views  
5 about some of the activities that have occurred  
6 in and around Mill Valley. But I think it's very  
7 unfair of those people to ventilate their  
8 concerns as an objection to the continuation of  
9 this business. First and foremost, this business  
10 has been at this location doing essentially the  
11 same thing that it's doing now for more than a  
12 half a century. All of the activities that are  
13 occurring currently that have been complained  
14 about were occurring essentially in the same  
15 manner that they're now occurring at the time  
16 that the people who object to this license made  
17 decisions to locate their residences in that  
18 area.

19                   There are other recycling businesses  
20 within a four block radius that do essentially  
21 the - - the same thing that Mill Valley Recycling  
22 does. In fact, Miller Compressing, as - - as  
23 most of the members of this committee know, is  
24 - - is a substantially larger enterprise and has  
25 substantially more noisy activities that are

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1 ongoing in that area.

2 It may well be that there will come a  
3 time when this particular area of the City will  
4 no longer be as appropriate as an industrial  
5 area. And when and if that happens, the City can  
6 use its power of eminent domain the Supreme Court  
7 ruled last year for other private development.  
8 But I am urging you in your good judgment not to  
9 penalize Ms. Beck and her family for continuing  
10 on with a business that's been going on for  
11 decades, and they've made great attempts to be  
12 good neighbors, as you've heard from even some of  
13 the objectors, they've attempted to resolve some  
14 of the issues that they've testified about here  
15 today.

16 The social issues of homeless people  
17 aren't going to be resolved by the City of  
18 Milwaukee by closing recycling plants. And - -  
19 And if, in fact, there was a requirement that  
20 recycling plants had to go out of the City of  
21 Milwaukee and into the rural areas, would these  
22 three men be able to get to that location? Would  
23 they be able to support their families at that  
24 location? Would they be able to reside in the  
25 area where that business is located? I don't



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1 think that I need to put specific testimony on to  
2 make that the suggestion inferentially, that this  
3 is a hub of economic activity that supports a  
4 significant part of the community with people who  
5 have language issues, that may have a hard time  
6 gaining employment in a lot of different kinds of  
7 occupational activities. But this isn't one of  
8 them. And they're getting very good wages.  
9 They're getting family benefits. Their families  
10 are being supported in an area which has been  
11 doing this for years. I earnestly urge that you  
12 approve and recommend the renewal of this  
13 license. Thank you for your attention.

14 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you. I just  
15 want to add a couple things before we take this  
16 matter into committee, being the Alderman of the  
17 district.

18 The - - The scrap yard has been there  
19 for a half a Century. I - - I remember it being  
20 there when I - - I mean, when I was a child  
21 growing up in the neighborhood. And the - - One  
22 of the - - One of the problems is - - is that the  
23 - - the revitalization in the neighborhood, as  
24 - - as it has taken off, and the residential  
25 components are moving closer to the location of

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1 the scrap yard.

2 In the big picture in - - And I've been  
3 talking to DCD about these thing - - this issue.  
4 One - - One of these issues for a long time. We  
5 would like to, you know, back, especially in - -  
6 in our neighborhood in the 12th District,  
7 Walker's Point area, none of these were planned  
8 communities. It was, I mean, back in the day  
9 when they built those houses, you'd have a - -  
10 you'd have a house next to a foundry, and then  
11 you'd have another house, and then you'd have  
12 another industrial use, and then you'd have  
13 another house. And that's just the way it was.  
14 There was no master plan when the neighborhood  
15 was laid out. Consequently, it creates problems  
16 in the future, which this is - - this is actually  
17 one of them. The revitalization in the  
18 neighborhood has - - has gone along so well. The  
19 residential component is moving closer and closer  
20 to these industrial uses.

21 In our - - our crystal ball with the  
22 City we're - - we're looking at, actively looking  
23 at ways to reposition some of these businesses  
24 without - - It is our goal not to displace any of  
25 these workers. Not to displace any of these

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1 jobs. Perhaps a movement of a small distance.  
2 We're looking at all these things, because we're  
3 - - we're vitally interested in the continued  
4 improvement of the neighborhood. It's one of the  
5 fastest improving neighborhoods in the City,  
6 Walker's Point, and I thank - - I thank everyone  
7 in this room, but the - - the - - the opponents  
8 and the supporters for their investment and their  
9 work that they put into this neighborhood. It's  
10 all - - It's all working together and it's going  
11 well.

12 In the long run I believe that these  
13 scrap yards will actually be moved by the City,  
14 because - - because the redevelopment is sweeping  
15 through that area so much. I'm not - - I'm not  
16 sure that the - - that an immediate shutdown of  
17 this - - of this business is the answer. So I  
18 just - - I think some of the other members of the  
19 committee are - - are somewhat familiar with what  
20 has developed there over the years. And - - And  
21 I also find the - - I find the owners of Mill  
22 Valley, and I have to say, oftentimes as an  
23 Alderman, if you want to go talk to business  
24 about their - - about problems and situations  
25 created in the neighborhood. Sometimes it's hard

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1 to get to the owner of the business, and it's  
2 hard to get - - we - - we kind of get pushed off  
3 for excuses or something. I have to say in the  
4 - - there's been a significant amount of  
5 complaints about the - - the operation concerning  
6 Mill Valley. The ownership, previously Jordan,  
7 and - - and now Joanne has been extremely  
8 responsive. And I'm not just talking about at  
9 license time or before they come up before the  
10 Board of Zoning Appeals. Any time that I've ever  
11 had a complaint and called upon them, they've  
12 been extremely - - extremely responsive. So they  
13 wish to cooperate. And I think if they - - I  
14 think if they had their druthers, they would like  
15 to move right now, if we could find them the - -  
16 the perfect place to move somewhere - - somewhere  
17 close enough where it wouldn't affect these  
18 people's jobs. But yet, far enough away from the  
19 neighborhood where the - - where these - - where  
20 they wouldn't have these complaints anymore. I  
21 think they would go tomorrow, if I - - if we had  
22 the opportunity. And we are looking to do that.  
23 But again, I'm - - I'm not sure - - I'm not sure  
24 this is the time to - - to push them off the  
25 edge. So this matter is in committee.

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1 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Dudzik.

3 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Only in so much as I  
4 want to respond to some - - to the comments you  
5 just made. I have to be honest with you. I was  
6 out about a year ago - - I will make a motion by  
7 the - - by the end of this.

8 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Take your time.  
9 Everyone else has.

10 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Okay. I - - I did  
11 happen to go out to the Waste Management site,  
12 which is located out in one of the western  
13 suburbs. And I was amazed at how much we don't  
14 recycle. And it's just shameful. All the  
15 garbage goes out there from the City of  
16 Milwaukee, and the people that live out, I  
17 believe it's out in Muskego, they don't want the  
18 - - the dump out there. So I can appreciate you  
19 saying that, you know, we're looking to relocate  
20 these things. The simple fact of the matter this  
21 is - - this business has been here for decades by  
22 your own admission, and - - and Mr. Gimbel's  
23 comments. And relocating them may not be the  
24 answer, may not even be possible, in my opinion.  
25 I - - I don't know what aldermanic district, let

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1 alone what municipality, would let them come in.  
2 But they are one of those things that our society  
3 has deemed a necessary evil, if you will.

4 I - - I happen to, like I said, I went  
5 out to the Waste Management site, and - - and the  
6 same type of things were going on there that go  
7 on at this business, and as I drove back, I could  
8 see that the signs in objection to the - - to the  
9 dumps that were out, you know, 20 miles from the  
10 City of Milwaukee. I'm - - I - - I happen to  
11 agree with you, at least to the extent that, you  
12 know, we can't just push them off - - off the  
13 site, because this is, in my opinion, or my - -  
14 my understanding this is the first opportunity  
15 that we've really had to get neighborhood input  
16 with regard to this license.

17 So I'm going to move for a ten day sus  
18 - - I'm going to move approval of the license,  
19 but with a ten day suspension. And I would hope  
20 that that would appease the neighbors and also  
21 put a shot over the bow of the owner so that they  
22 understand that the neighbors have a number of  
23 concerns, and not to just blow those concerns  
24 off. I'll be honest with you. I went out and  
25 looked at the landscaping and like, and - - and

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1 the awnings are nice, and perhaps your place is  
2 the most beautiful recycling location I've ever  
3 seen in the City of Milwaukee. I'm not a  
4 recycling expert, but I - - I just think that we  
5 need to emphasize to not only this particular  
6 location, but all the recycling locations in that  
7 area, that business as usual, business as it was  
8 back in the 1940s is not business as it is in the  
9 year 2006. So my - - my - - my motion would be  
10 to move approval with a ten day suspension.

11 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Motion by Alderman  
12 Dudzik is to recommend approval of the renewal of  
13 this license with a ten day suspension based on  
14 neighborhood testimony. On the motion. Any  
15 other committee members wish to speak on the  
16 motion? Then we'll take a roll call on that  
17 motion.

18 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Wade.

20 ALDERMAN WADE: Before we do the roll  
21 call on the motion. There - - They expire April  
22 30th. So in some regard they're going to be  
23 closed for ten days. Correct me if I'm wrong,  
24 they expire May 30th. We don't do this at  
25 Council until whatever day - -

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MR. SCHRIMPF: May 9th.

ALDERMAN WADE: May 9th. So that's going to be - - That's going to be a ten day - - a ten day closing period regardless if we - - So do we just let this go as planned or are we going to penalize them 20 days, just so we're clear on what we're doing.

MR. SCHRIMPF: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Mr. Schrimpf.

MR. SCHRIMPF: As to the - - As to the suspension, the length of it, the committee has ten to 90 days. If you want to take into account the fact that they filed late and that the license will expire on April 30th, you're entitled to do that.

ALDERMAN WADE: Well, I - - I would like - - I would like to, if - - if my Alderman from the 11th, I - - I think we should take that into consideration on the strength that there's 28 people who work - - work there, that derive their income from there, and I think it's the goal of the committee to penalize them ten days and not 20 days. So I think that's something we should consider when we're - - when we're voting on this motion. Thank you, Mr. Chair.



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1                   CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: You're welcome,  
2 Alderman Wade. Any further discussion on the  
3 motion? Would - - Would Alderman Wade - - Did  
4 everybody understand that? I don't have to  
5 explain that. Let's take a roll call on the  
6 motion. Motion by Alderman Dudzik is renewal  
7 with a ten day suspension.  
8                   CLERK ELMER: Alderman Bohl?  
9                   ALDERMAN BOHL: No.  
10                  CLERK ELMER: Alderman Puente?  
11                  ALDERMAN PUENTE: No.  
12                  CLERK ELMER: Alderman Wade?  
13                  ALDERMAN WADE: No.  
14                  CLERK ELMER: Alderman Dudzik?  
15                  ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Aye.  
16                  CLERK ELMER: Mr. Chair.  
17                  CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: No.  
18                  CLERK ELMER: Motion fails, one to  
19 four.  
20                  CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Motion fails, one  
21 to four. This matter is still in committee.  
22                  ALDERMAN BOHL: Mr. Chairman.  
23                  CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Bohl.  
24                  ALDERMAN BOHL: I would move for  
25 renewal of the license application with the

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1 issuance of a warning letter.

2 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Motion by Alderman  
3 Bohl is to move for renewal of this license with  
4 the issuance of a warning letter. Is there any  
5 discussion on the motion?

6 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Alderman Dudzik.

8 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Although my true  
9 intent was never to close them down for 20 days,  
10 I don't, you know, think that the fact that they  
11 filed late should just be brushed aside. That's  
12 - - That's a business decision that they made.  
13 And - - And I also - - It's my understanding that  
14 whether we do it for ten or 20 days, it's not  
15 like we're putting these people out of work.  
16 Because what we're saying is they can't do  
17 wholesale or retail business. It doesn't say  
18 that they can't have their employees doing other  
19 types of jobs. So I just want to be clear. I'll  
20 - - I'll support the motion and - - and that's  
21 fine, but I just wanted to make those two points  
22 clear.

23 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you. The  
24 motion by - - motion by Alderman Bohl is to  
25 recommend approval of the renewal of this license

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1 with the issuance of a warning letter. Let's  
2 take a roll call on that.  
3 CLERK ELMER: Alderman Bohl?  
4 ALDERMAN BOHL: Aye.  
5 CLERK ELMER: Alderman Puente?  
6 ALDERMAN PUENTE: Aye.  
7 CLERK ELMER: Alderman Wade?  
8 ALDERMAN WADE: Aye.  
9 CLERK ELMER: Alderman Dudzik?  
10 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Aye.  
11 CLERK ELMER: Mr. Chair.  
12 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Aye.  
13 CLERK ELMER: Motion carries, five to  
14 zero.  
15 MR. GIMBEL: Thank you very much.  
16 THE APPLICANT: Thank you.  
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