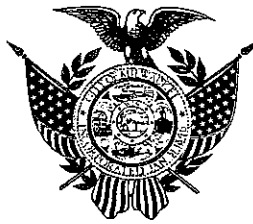




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COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT
ALDERMAN, 15TH DISTRICT

January 22, 2008

To the Honorable, Council Members
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205, City Hall

Dear Colleagues:

I want to bring you up to date regarding our efforts to fill the intergovernmental relations position that was transferred to the Common Council-City Clerk's Office in the 2008 budget. I have been actively involved in consultation with Alderman Robert Bauman, sponsor of the budget amendment, Alderman Michael D'Amato, Chair of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee and Ron Leonhardt, City Clerk, to finalize the job description, working relationships and hiring process for this position.

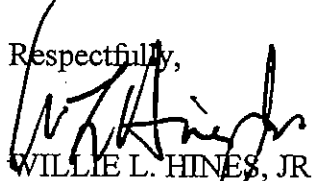
Since the spring sessions of the State Legislature are about to begin, it is desirable that we have someone in place to represent the Council's interests as soon as possible. At the same time, since the last regular business floor period of the year ends in mid-March, this will be a building year for us in developing the role of this position.

Therefore, in order to best ensure that the intent of the Council in transferring the position is carried out, it has been determined that the position initially be filled at less than full-time, reserving a portion of the budgeted funds for the hiring of private, professional consultants as needed to supplement our lobbying efforts. The use of outside consultants will be at the discretion of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee.

The City Service Commission will consider our request to exempt this position at its January 22nd meeting. As soon as possible thereafter, I will ask Alderman Bauman, Alderman D'Amato and Mr. Leonhardt to constitute a panel to recommend the best candidate for this position. If you know any individuals who would be interested in this position, please have them forward their resume to Mr. Leonhardt as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call or stop by.

Respectfully,


WILLIE L. HINES, JR.
Alderman, 15th District
Common Council President