



**City of Milwaukee**  
**Common Council Minutes**  
**COMMON COUNCIL**

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Friday, September 1, 2023

9:00 AM

Common Council Chamber

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The meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M.

**Present:** 13 - Pratt  
Chambers Jr.  
Brostoff  
Bauman  
Westmoreland  
Coggs  
Zamarripa  
Taylor  
Murphy  
Borkowski  
Perez  
Spiker  
Stamper

**Excused:** 2 - Rainey  
Dimitrijevic

The Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by silent meditation.

*The minutes of the July meeting were approved.*

*Ald. Coggs moved that the Council go into a Committee of the Whole.*

*Ald. Taylor escorted four individuals to the podium who had created and run the Granville Blues Festival (currently in its sixth year). The individuals were: Neva Hill, Marquette Edwards, Mary Hoehne and Craig Berry.*

*Ald. Taylor moved that the Committee of the Whole rise.*

#### COMMENDATORY AND CONDOLATORY RESOLUTIONS

1. [230549](#) Communication from the City Clerk relating to various commendatory/condolatory resolutions to be acknowledged and affirmed by the Common Council.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Communication be PLACED ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye,** 13 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Bauman,  
Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Zamarripa, Ald.Taylor,  
Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 0

**Excused,** 2 - Ald.Rainey Ald.Dimitrijevic

THE LICENSES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING

- 2. [230550](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relating to licenses.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Motion be APPROVED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye,** 13 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Zamarripa, Ald.Taylor, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 0

**Excused,** 2 - Ald.Rainey Ald.Dimitrijevic

THE FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

- 3. [230432](#) An ordinance relating to allowable expenses for travel reimbursement.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Chambers Jr.

*No fiscal cost added as a result of passage, per Ald. Chambers.*

**A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Ordinance be TAKEN FROM COMMITTEE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye,** 10 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Bauman, Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Taylor, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 3 - Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Zamarripa Ald.Borkowski

**Excused,** 2 - Ald.Rainey Ald.Dimitrijevic

**Sponsors:** Ald. Chambers Jr.

*Ald. Chambers, Jr. moved substitution of the file with Proposed Substitute C. There were no objections.*

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

**Aye,** 13 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Zamarripa, Ald.Taylor, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 0

**Excused,** 2 - Ald.Rainey Ald.Dimitrijevic

[230432](#)

A substitute ordinance relating to allowable expenses for travel reimbursement.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Chapter 350-181-6-a-1 of the code is amended to read:

350-181. Authorized Travel Regulations and Procedures.

6. REIMBURSEMENT. a. For travel authorized under this section, the city shall pay or reimburse for allowable expenses directly related to the employee's job-related travel including:

a-1. [[Required registration]]>>Registration<< expense incurred and reported by the attendee.

Part 2. Chapter 350-181-6-a-7 of the code is created to read:

a-7. Expenses incurred by elected officials for optional events intended to provide opportunities for networking, career-building or education.

Part 3. Chapter 350-181-6-b is amended to read:

b. Reimbursement shall not be provided for extra days of unrequired events such as parties, dinners, balls, etc., >>except for events eligible for reimbursement under par. a-7,<< or for cancellations or reservation changes unless they are due to business necessity or hardship such as illness of the employee or the illness or death of an employee's family member.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Chambers Jr.

**A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Ordinance be PASSED.**

**This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye,** 10 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Bauman, Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Taylor, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker  
Ald.Stamper

**No,** 3 - Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Zamarripa Ald.Borkowski

**Excused,** 2 - Ald.Rainey Ald.Dimitrijevic

THE JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

4.

[230358](#)

A substitute ordinance creating the division of legislative affairs.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Perez, Ald. Chambers Jr., Ald. Bauman, Ald. Taylor, Ald. Borkowski

and Ald. Westmoreland

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

**Aye,** 12 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Taylor, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 1 - Ald.Zamarripa

**Excused,** 2 - Ald.Rainey Ald.Dimitrijevic

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Subchapter 4 of Chapter 305 of the code is created to read:  
SUBCHAPTER 4

#### DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

305-61. Creation. There is created a division of legislative affairs in the office of the common council-city clerk.

305-63. Definition. "Legislative package" means that collection of official positions on legislative and administrative proposals established by the common council under s. 350-211-1.

305-65. Duties. The legislative affairs division shall, in coordination with the intergovernmental relations division:

1. Work with the Common Council to define its legislative positions and priorities.
2. Compile and maintain the city's legislative package.
3. Provide the common council with the status of, and updates to, the legislative package and make recommendations to the council concerning additions and deletions to the package.
4. Make recommendations to the common council relating to grant and other funding opportunities. The common council shall establish the priority in the types of funding opportunities to be sought.
5. Communicate the position of the city on various matters to the public as directed in the legislative package.
6. Monitor compliance with s. 350-211-1 and report any violations to the common council or the appointing authority.

Part 2. Section 310-6 of the code is repealed and recreated to read:

310-6. Intergovernmental Relations.

1. CREATION. There is created an intergovernmental relations division in the department of administration.

2. DEFINITION. "Legislative package" means that collection of official positions on legislative and administrative proposals established by the common council under s. 350-211-1.

3. DUTIES. The intergovernmental relations division shall, in coordination with the legislative affairs division:

- a. Direct the city's lobbying activities in accordance with the legislative package.
- b. Assist in the compilation and maintenance of the city's legislative package.
- c. Provide the common council with the status of, and updates to, the legislative package and make recommendations to the council concerning additions and deletions to the package.
- d. Make recommendations to the common council relating to grant and other funding opportunities. The common council shall establish the priority in the types of funding opportunities to be sought.
- e. Communicate the position of the city on various matters to the public as directed in the legislative package.
- f. Monitor compliance with s. 350-211-1 and report any violations to the common council or the appointing authority.

Part 3. Section 350-211-1 of the code is amended to read:

350-211. Political Activity Prohibited. 1. BY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, ETC.

The heads of city departments, bureaus, boards and commissions or any member of their respective departments, bureaus, boards and commissions, in their official capacities, [[are prohibited from recommending]] >>shall not recommend<< any changes or amendments of the laws of the state of Wisconsin to the legislature of the state of Wisconsin, or to any committee of the legislature, or to any member of the state legislature of the state of Wisconsin, [[or from recommending]] >>and shall not recommend<< to the Wisconsin department of safety and professional services, or to any employee of Wisconsin department of safety and professional services any changes in the Wisconsin state building code adopted by the department in discharge of its duties under ch. 101, Wis. Stats., without first submitting to the common council any changes or amendments of the laws of the state of Wisconsin or of the state building code, and obtaining the approval of and a directive from the common council >>as determined by the legislative package as defined in s. 305-63 and s. 310-6-2.<<

Part 4. Section 350-211-2 of the code is renumbered 350-211-3.

Part 5. Section 350-211-2 of the code is created to read:

2. INTERIM LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS.

- a. If there is a need to determine the position of the city on any matter prior to the common council being able to act, the position of the appropriate committee of the common council shall represent the official position of the city until the common council is able to act.

b. If there is a need to determine the position of the city on any matter prior to the common council or the appropriate committee of the common council being able to act, the mayor and the common council president shall meet to determine, in writing, the official position of the city until the common council or the appropriate committee of the common council is able to act. If the mayor and the common council president are unable to meet or unable to agree to the position to be taken, the city shall be deemed to have no position on the matter.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Perez, Ald. Chambers Jr., Ald. Bauman, Ald. Taylor, Ald. Borkowski and Ald. Westmoreland

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Ordinance be PASSED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye,** 13 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Zamarripa, Ald.Taylor, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 0

**Excused,** 2 - Ald.Rainey Ald.Dimitrijevic

MATTERS FOR IMMEDIATE ADOPTION:

5. [230556](#) Resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee’s opposition to proposed U.S. House of Representatives bill H.R. 3372, which establishes a 10-year pilot program allowing certain six-axle vehicles to be operated on Interstate highways.
- Whereas, H.R. 3372 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on May 13, 2023; and
- Whereas, H.R. 3372 establishes a pilot program allowing certain 6-axle vehicles to be operated on Interstate highways; and
- Whereas, The pilot program created by H.R. 3372 increases the maximum allowable gross vehicle weight to from 80,000 pounds to 91,000 pounds; and
- Whereas, Vehicles participating in the pilot program must annually report accidents, the estimated gross weight of vehicles involved in accidents, and the estimated miles traveled by such vehicles; and
- Whereas, In 2019, a coalition of more than 1,000 government leaders, including mayors, county engineers, and public works directors, sent a letter to ranking members of transportation committees in the U.S. Congress requesting that policy makers oppose any increase in truck size or weight; and
- Whereas, The U.S. Department of Transportation completed work on a Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study (Study) and submitted a final

report to Congress in April, 2016; and

Whereas, The Study found that vehicle configurations weighing over 80,000 pounds had 18% more brake violations and a higher number of violations per inspection than vehicles weighing less than 80,000 pounds; and

Whereas, The Study found that one out of 3 scenarios for heavier single semi-trailer trucks and all of the scenarios for long combination trucks resulted in higher pavement life-cycle costs; and

Whereas, The Study found that increasing the size and weight limits for trucks would create the need for additional funding for bridge infrastructure; and

Whereas, Truck trips do not begin and end on the Interstate Highway System; and

Whereas, Data from the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) indicates that 13.5% of daily truck trips over bridges are on local bridges; and

Whereas, According to the National Association of County Engineers, there are 474,266 local bridges in the United States, representing 76% of all bridges, and 87,455 of those structures may need to be replaced or strengthened to accommodate heavier trucks; and

Whereas, In Wisconsin, if truck weight is increased to from 80,000 pounds to 91,000 pounds, 809 local bridges, with an estimated replacement cost of \$433,979,634, would be at risk of damage or failure; and

Whereas, Bridges and pavement on local roads are typically of lighter construction than those on major roads and highways, making them more susceptible to the effects of changes in truck sizes and weight; and

Whereas, Larger and heavier trucks can be more difficult to control, especially during periods of rain, snow, and ice, and pose a greater risk of serious injury and death when involved in crashes; and

Whereas, Nationally, large trucks comprise 4% of the U.S. vehicle fleet and are involved in 7% of pedestrian fatalities, 11% of bicyclist fatalities and 12% of car and light-truck occupant fatalities; and

Whereas, Street redesign is widely recognized as a highly effective way of reducing traffic fatalities and injuries; and

Whereas, Geometric street design choices are often constrained by the size and

maneuverability of large vehicles using the roadway; and

Whereas, The space needs of large vehicles may prevent the implementation of safety treatments such as shorter crossing distances, reduced roadway widths and turn radii, pedestrian refuges at intersections, and physically protected lanes for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

Whereas, The operation of large trucks in a dense urban environment contributes to congestion, gridlock, and property damage and can impede the operation of public transportation systems; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee has demonstrated its commitment to fostering a livable city by approving a Complete Streets policy which will improve access to neighborhoods, prioritize the safety and health of residents and visitors, support economic growth, improve access to education and jobs, enhance urban design, encourage physical activity, and reduce negative environmental impacts throughout the city; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City of Milwaukee opposes U.S. House of Representatives bill H.R. 3372; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division is directed to lobby against passage of U.S. House of Representatives bill H.R. 3372; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to members of Wisconsin's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Bauman

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution-Immediate Adoption be ADOPTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye,** 13 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Zamarripa, Ald.Taylor, Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 0

**Excused,** 2 - Ald.Rainey Ald.Dimitrijevic

6. [230557](#) Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation expanding the circumstances under which vehicles used in reckless driving may be impounded.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Westmoreland, Ald. Borkowski, Ald. Chambers Jr., Ald. Perez, Ald. Coggs and Ald. Spiker

*Ald. Westmoreland asked to amend it to read "with the exception of stolen*



vehicles" so they are not impounded.

Substitute 2, with the stolen car text, was distributed to members.

Moved to sub. There were no objections.

Ald. Coggs added as a co-sponsor, as well as Ald. Spiker.

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

**Aye,** 11 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Taylor, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 0

**Excused,** 4 - Ald.Rainey, Ald.Zamarripa, Ald.Murphy Ald.Dimitrijevic

Whereas, On April 3, 2023, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted legislation allowing local municipalities to pass ordinances authorizing law enforcement to impound vehicles used in reckless driving; and

Whereas, On March 9, 2023, the City of Milwaukee passed an ordinance adopting these new provisions; and

Whereas, The state law provides that for law enforcement to impound a vehicle, the driver must be the owner of the vehicle and the driver must have an outstanding forfeiture from a previous reckless driving offense; and

Whereas, This condition needlessly constrains the circumstances under which a vehicle may be impounded; and

Whereas, The condition is counterproductive to the overall goal of the legislation, which is to stop reckless drivers before they harm others by removing the means by which they may do so; and

Whereas, Wisconsin faces an epidemic of reckless driving, which, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), resulted in 118 deaths in 2022 alone; and

Whereas, According to WisDOT, speeding continues to be a growing problem in Wisconsin, and the number of 100+ mph citations issued by State Patrol rose sharply, from 583 to 1,403 citations, from 2019 to 2020; and

Whereas, Citations remained at historic highs through 2022, with 1,159 100+ mph citations that year; and

Whereas, Curbing reckless driving demands a number of flexible approaches, including education, changes to the built environment and effective law enforcement;

and

Whereas, Law enforcement needs the tools to immediately keep dangerous drivers off the road, regardless of whether it is their first time being caught, own the cars in question or have the means to pay previous fines; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division is directed to lobby the Wisconsin Legislature for passage of legislation allowing the vehicle being operated by a driver given a citation for reckless driving to be impounded for a first reckless driving offense, regardless of whether the driver is the vehicle owner or whether the vehicle's owner has any unpaid forfeitures for reckless driving, with the exception of stolen vehicles; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to members of the City of Milwaukee's delegation to the Wisconsin Legislature.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Westmoreland, Ald. Borkowski, Ald. Chambers Jr., Ald. Perez, Ald. Coggs and Ald. Spiker

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

**Aye,** 12 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Bauman, Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Zamarripa, Ald.Taylor, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 0

**Excused,** 3 - Ald.Rainey, Ald.Murphy Ald.Dimitrijevic

7. [230671](#) Motion approving a schedule of regular meetings of the Common Council and its standing committees for the year 2024.

It is moved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the calendar of Common Council and council committee meetings for the year 2024 (January 1 through December 31, 2024) is approved by the report as listed and attached to this file; and

It is further moved, that the start times for all regular meetings of the Common Council and its committees may be altered at the discretion of the Common Council President or the chair of a committee provided written notice of the change is submitted to the City Clerk no less than 24 hours before the time at which the Common Council or the committee will meet.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Perez

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Motion-Immediate Adoption be APPROVED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye,** 13 - Ald.Pratt, Ald.Chambers Jr., Ald.Brostoff, Ald.Bauman,  
Ald.Westmoreland, Ald.Coggs, Ald.Zamarripa, Ald.Taylor,  
Ald.Murphy, Ald.Borkowski, Ald.Perez, Ald.Spiker Ald.Stamper

**No,** 0

**Excused,** 2 - Ald.Rainey Ald.Dimitrijevic

*Meeting adjourned: 10:46 A.M.*

*Linda M. Elmer*

*Staff Assistant*

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Research Center at <http://milwaukee.legistar.com/calendar>.*