



City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ALD. MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, CHAIR

Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Vice-Chair

Ald. Peter Burgelis, Ald. Milele A. Coggs, and Ald. Sharlen P. Moore

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Wednesday, October 9, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

This is also a virtual meeting. Those wishing to view the proceedings are able to do so via the City Channel - Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable - or on the Internet at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/citychannel>.

Meeting convened at 9:16 a.m.

Present 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, Moore

Also present:

*Charles Roedel, Deputy Comptroller
Nik Kovac, Budget Director
Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist*

1. [240863](#) Substitute resolution relating to the reallocation and expenditure of up to \$847,900 of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Sponsors: Ald. Perez, Ald. Dimitrijevic, Ald. Bauman, Ald. Burgelis, Ald. Moore and Ald. Brostoff

*Appearing:
Pres. Jose Perez, 12th Ald. Dist.
Ald. Robert Bauman, 4th Ald. Dist.
Ald. Jonathan Brostoff, 3rd Ald. Dist.
Steven Mahan, DOA Deputy Director
Amber Danyus, Mayor's Office*

Ald. Spiker moved substitution of the file with Proposed Substitute A. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

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The file, as substituted, directs the Environmental Collaboration Office to terminate its contract with Habitat for Humanity to build zero-energy-ready homes. It reallocates the contract funds to the Office of the City Clerk and authorizes the expenditure of those funds for the following purposes:

1. Up to \$350,000 for City participation in the Zilber Foundation's The Bridge Project.
2. Up to \$497,900 for the Concordia 27 development.

Ald. Bauman, Burgelis, Moore, and Brostoff added as cosponsors.

Appearing:

Lindsey St. Arnold-Bell, Near West Side Partners Executive Director

Rick Wiegand, developer

Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr., 2nd Ald. Dist.

Ald. Larresa Taylor, 9th Ald. Dist.

Gina Stilp, Zilber Family Foundation Executive Director

Ald. Coggs suggested that there be consideration to amend the file adding language requiring there be matching funds for the recipient on the Concordia 27 development.

Ms. St. Arnold-Bell and Mr. Wiegand spoke to details of the Concordia 27 affordable housing development in response to committee inquiries.

Ald. Chambers, Jr. suggested that any additional amendment language include a requirement for the matching funds be confirmed prior to funds being dispersed.

Ms. Danyus said the mayor was not in support of the funding source.

Ms. Stilp spoke to details of the Zilber Foundation's The Bridge Project in response to committee inquiries.

Ald. Coggs suggested that there be consideration to amend the file adding language requiring a reporting of The Bridge Project back to Common Council.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, and Moore

No 0

Abstain 1 - Coggs

2. [240864](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the reallocation and expenditure of up to \$902,704 of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Sponsors: Ald. Perez, Ald. Dimitrijevic, Ald. Burgelis, Ald. Brostoff, Ald. Taylor and Ald. Moore

Ald. Spiker moved substitution of the file with Proposed Substitute A. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

[240864](#)

Substitute resolution relating to the reallocation and expenditure of up to \$902,704 of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Sponsors: Ald. Perez, Ald. Dimitrijevic, Ald. Burgelis, Ald. Brostoff, Ald. Taylor and Ald. Moore

The file, as substituted, reallocates up to \$902,704 of American Rescue Plan Act funds that were identified by the City's ARPA Director as expected to be available for reprogramming before the end of 2024 to the appropriate City departments and authorizes their expenditure for the following purposes:

1. \$250,000 for Eviction Free Milwaukee.
2. \$250,000 for the Down Payment Assistance Program.
3. \$200,000 for Courage Milwaukee.
4. \$200,000 for Your Move MKE.
5. \$2,704 for the Concordia 27 development.

Appearing:

Pres. Jose Perez, 12th Ald. Dist.

Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa, 8th Ald. Dist.

Ald. Jonathan Brostoff, 3rd Ald. Dist.

Ald. Larresa Taylor, 9th Ald. Dist.

Steven Mahan, DOA Deputy Director

Amber Danyus, Mayor's Office

Brad Schlaikowski, Courage MKE Executive Director

Tony Snell Rodriguez, Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission Chair

Raquel Aleman, Your Move MKE

Sup. Jack Eckblad, Milwaukee County Board Supervisory District 4

Colleen Foley, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee Inc. Executive Director

Teig Whaley-Smith, Community Development Alliance

Vanessa Koster, DCD Deputy Commissioner

Barbara Smith, Amani resident

Mr. Schlaikowski spoke to details of Courage MKE operations and programming in response to committee inquiries.

Ald. Burgelis, Brostoff, Taylor, and Moore added as cosponsors.

Mr. Snell Rodriguez testified in support of Eviction Free Milwaukee and Courage Milwaukee.

Ms. Aleman spoke to details of Your Move MKE in response to committee inquiries.

Sup. Eckblad testified in support of Eviction Free Milwaukee and said that the County would provide a match.

Ms. Foley spoke to details of Eviction Free Milwaukee in response to committee inquiries.

Mr. Whaley-Smith and Deputy Commissioner Koster spoke to details on the Down Payment Assistance Program in response to committee inquiries.

Ms. Smith testified in support and that there was ongoing need from Amani residents for down payment assistance.

Ms. Danyus said that the mayor was in support of these reallocations.

Director Kovac said that his office will work to get the contracting done.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, and Moore

No 0

Abstain 1 - Coggs

3. [240865](#) Substitute resolution relating to the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated to the Common Council - City Clerk's Office.

Sponsors: Ald. Perez

Meeting recessed at 11:29 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

Appearing:

James Owczarski, City Clerk

Dana Zelazny, Deputy City Clerk

This resolution approves the Common Council - City Clerk's Office's spending of American Rescue Plan Act funds on translation services and the Big Clean initiative for their original intended purposes.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Spiker

4. [240817](#) Communication from the Department of Administration - Budget and Management Analysis Division regarding vacancy requests, fund transfers and equipment requests.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

The vacancy agenda was read aloud.

A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Communication to Finance be APPROVED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Spiker

5. [240566](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to classification studies scheduled for Fire and Police Commission action.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Andrea Knickerbocker, Dept. of Employee Relations

Tony Bueno, Dept. of Emergency Communications Director

Ms. Knickerbocker gave an overview of the study reports and recommendations within the file.

Ald. Burgelis asked for the full costs stemming from study reports be included in the reports going forward.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Spiker

6. [240567](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations relating to classification studies scheduled for City Service Commission action.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Andrea Knickerbocker, Dept. of Employee Relations

Ms. Knickerbocker gave an overview of the study reports and recommendations within the file.

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

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Spiker

7. [240892](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations amending the Positions Ordinance to designate additional positions in the Common Council-City Clerk's Office, City Treasurer's Office, and the

Department of Emergency Communications as bilingual.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Andrea Knickerbocker, Dept. of Employee Relations

Kristin Urban, Dept. of Employee Relations

Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa, 8th Ald. Dist.

Ms. Urban commented on the request for additional positions to be designated as bilingual.

The committee discussed exploring the standardization of testing applicants for bilingual positions.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

8. [240847](#)

Resolution relating to the final agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Police Supervisors' Organization.

Sponsors: Ald. Spiker

Appearing:

Veronica Rudychev, Dept. of Employee Relations

Ms. Rudychev said the file corrects clerical errors in the Salary Ordinance regarding listed pay rates.

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

9. [240820](#)

Communication from the Department of Employee Relations amending the Salary and Positions Ordinances relating to clerical or administrative corrections.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Andrea Knickerbocker, Dept. of Employee Relations

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

10. [240641](#) Substitute resolution relative to acceptance and funding of the 2024-2026 Epidemiology & Lab Capacity grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- Appearing:*
Aaron Szopinski, Health Dept.
- A motion was made by ALD. MOORE that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore
- No** 0
11. [240826](#) A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2024 rates of pay of offices and positions in the City Service.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore
- No** 0
- Abstain** 1 - Spiker
12. [240829](#) A substitute ordinance to further amend the 2024 offices and positions in the City Service.
- Sponsors:** THE CHAIR
- A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 4 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore
- No** 0
- Abstain** 1 - Spiker

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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