



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
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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Monday, October 14, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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#### 2025 BUDGET HEARINGS

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 9:10 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. [240001](#) Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2025 budget.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*-Dept. of Neighborhood Services*

*Appearing:*

*Shaketa Winters, Budget Office  
Jezamil Arroyo-Vega, DNS Commissioner  
Matthew Hansen, Permit & Development Center Manager  
Tanz Rome, Finance & Administration Manager  
Jumaane Cheatham, Building Codes Enforcement Manager  
Stephanie Samarripa, Community Outreach Program Liaison  
Lorie Gallup, Resident Code Enforcement Manager  
Jennifer Klouda, Court Administrative Manager  
Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr., 2nd Ald. Dist.  
Sha'Nese Burnell-Jones, HR Administrator*

*Ms. Winters and DNS representatives gave a Dept. of Neighborhood Services presentation on the following:  
2025 Budget Summary, Salaries and Positions, Operating Expenses, Special Funds, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Capital Expenses, Budget by Service, Org Chart, Core Services, Department Demographics, Key Performance Indicators, 2025 Major Updates - Department, Development Center, Racial Equity & Inclusion, Climate and Equity*

*Further details of this presentation can be found within the file.*

*Members and participants questioned and discussed Development Center application review and processing (review cycle and completion time, customer service methods, permit issuance), inspector vacancies, Raze and Revive program, parking lot and other zoning changes (education outreach to the community), code compliance, raze properties, community survey, demolition, plan to revitalize vacant lot, uses for shipping container, cost comparison of cleaning illegal dumpsites, improving mobile app functionality, landlord training, fees and cost recovery, reinspection fees, residential code enforcement and special enforcement, plan examiner management and tools, handling of staff turnover and turnover work, permit issuance and revenue from RNC, lessons learned from RNC, equitable increases in fees, complaint response times, illegal dumping prevention fund, use of and contribution to MADACC (animal control), vacancy challenges and staffing level improvement, neighborhood walks, animal control education, compliance loan program, tracking of permit status, new deputy position*

*Ald. Coggs requested for a breakdown of DNS's fee increases, cleanup costs associated with illegal dumpsites, and information on the use of MADACC.*

*Ald. Spiker requested for a breakdown of staffing between management and non-management and information on the use of MADACC.*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

*-BOZA*

*Appearing:  
Shaketa Winters, Budget Office  
India Gaar, BOZA Administrative Manager  
Maly Vang, BOZA Administrative Supervisor  
Eric Lowenberg, BOZA Chair*

*Ms. Winters and BOZA representatives gave a Board of Zoning Appeals presentation on the following:  
2025 Budget Summary, Revenues, Key Performance Measures, 2025 Major Updates - Department (Improved Staffing, Transition to Legistar, Bilingual Efforts, Heightened Communication with Council Members)*

*Further details of this presentation can be found within the file.*

*Members and participants questioned and discussed meeting notification and mailings (increase notice mailings to tenants, notice at applicant subject property), Growing MKE plan impact to caseload, consent agenda, FTE budgeted costs, board chair workload, reducing scheduling time of applications, transition to Legistar, change of operator requests.*

*Ald. Coggs requested for a report on an equitable breakdown of cases and fees among the different aldermanic districts.*

*Ald. Spiker requested for a historical breakdown on BOZA cases.*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

11 AM

*-Dept. of City Development*

*Appearing:*

*Sarah Osborn, Budget Office*

*Lafayette Crump, DCD Commissioner*

*Vanessa Koster, DCD Deputy Commissioner*

*Ald. Larresa Taylor, 9th Ald. Dist.*

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

*Matt Rejc, Neighborhood Business Development Manager*

*Benjamin Sanchez, NIDC*

*David Piedt, Budget & Management Reporting Manager*

*Sam Leichtling, City Planning Director*

*Ms. Osborn and DCD representatives gave a Dept. of City Development presentation on the following:*

*2025 Budget Summary, 2025 Budget by Service, Salaries and Positions, Operating Budget, Special Funds, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Capital, Core Services, Service Delivery Model (Highlights), Key Performance Indicators, 2025 Major Updates, Community Engagement, Department Demographics, Racial Equity, Climate and Equity Plan*

*Further details of this presentation can be found within the file.*

*Members and participants questioned and discussed Milwaukee Arts Board Projects investment, RACM, capital funds (TIF Urban Renewal Projects, Down Payment Assistance, Strong Homes Loan Program, Commercial Investment Program reduction), market assessment comps, monitoring of MKE Plays investment, 7 Points leveraging, Fourth of July Commission, redesigning of the PILOT program, leveraging philanthropic dollars for healing spaces, Homes MKE (property sale prices, investment), Healthy Food Establishment Fund (reduction, investment), Growing MKE residential rezoning (single family), TID (equitable affordable housing, human resource requirements)*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic requested information to be sent on the reduction of down payment assistance.*

*Ald. Coggs requested for a fiscal note to be provided for Growing MKE, breakdown on commercial corridor investment in the aldermanic districts, information on 7 Points, a listing of parks used by the Fourth of July Commission, down payment assistance application data,*

*Ald. Spiker requested for historical data on the Commercial Investment Program investment and projects.*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2025 budget.

Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2025 budget.

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

**Aye** 4 - Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Dimitrijevic

2. [240577](#) Resolution relating to the adoption of the proposed 2025 budget for the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Appearing:*

*Sarah Osborn, Budget Office*

*Lafayette Crump, DCD Commissioner*

*Vanessa Koster, DCD Deputy Commissioner*

*Ms. Osborn and DCD representatives gave a Dept. of City Development presentation on the following:*

*RACM, RACM Tools for Economic Development, RACM 2025 Budget Components, RACM 2024 Highlights*

*Further details of this presentation can be found within the file.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Spiker, Burgelis, Coggs, and Moore

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Dimitrijevic

**Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.**

**Chris Lee, Staff Assistant  
Council Records Section  
City Clerk's Office**

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