



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**ALD. DIANDRE JACKSON, CHAIR**  
*Ald. Andrea M. Pratt, Vice-Chair*  
*Ald. Robert J. Bauman, and Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr.*

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Monday, March 17, 2025

9:00 AM

City Hall, Room 301-B

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#### AMENDED 3/13/25

Files Number 241692 and 241769 have been added.

### Meeting convened at 9:03 AM

**Present** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, Chambers Jr., Burgelis

1. [240940](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Jack Ryback for property damage.

**A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 3 - Jackson, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 2 - Bauman, and Chambers Jr.

2. [241593](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Jim and Jackie Wheelock for property damage.

*Ald. Burgelis moved to settled this claim. There was one abstention.*

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

**Aye** 3 - Jackson, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

**Abstain** 1 - Chambers Jr.

- [241593](#) Substitute resolution relating to the appeal of Jim and Jackie Wheelock for property damage.

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

**Aye** 3 - Jackson, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

**Abstain** 1 - Chambers Jr.

3. [241538](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Jose Garcia.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

4. [241539](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Tamika Ruffin.

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

**Aye** 3 - Jackson, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 1 - Chambers Jr.

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

5. [241540](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Anna Harman.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

6. [241541](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Okey Igwenagu.

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

**Aye** 3 - Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 1 - Jackson

Excused 1 - Bauman

7. [241542](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Marina Diaz.

*This claim was recommended for denial by Ald. Chambers, including that forestry session will confirm as to the time frame when the tree was marked for removal (prior or after this incident)*

**A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

8. [241544](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Kenneth Hale.

*Ald. Chambers moved to settle this claim in the amount of Mr. Hale's deductible amount of \$1000.00 there was one objection.*

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

**Aye** 2 - Jackson, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 1 - Burgelis

Excused 2 - Pratt, and Bauman

- [241544](#) Substitute resolution relating to the claim of Kenneth Hale for property damage.

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

**Aye** 2 - Jackson, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 1 - Burgelis

Excused 2 - Pratt, and Bauman

9. [241660](#) Substitute resolution relating to the City of Milwaukee's position on U.S. nuclear disarmament.

*Appearing:*

*Sponsor - Ald. Dimitrijevic*

*on behalf of the public testimony - 8th District Milwaukee County: Steven Shea*

*Ald. Burgelis asked to be added as co sponsor. There were no objections.*

**A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following**

vote:

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

10. [231846](#) Substitute resolution relating to the City of Milwaukee's support for the reinstatement of State of Wisconsin tax credits for movie and television production.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

11. [241576](#) Substitute resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee's opposition to recently-introduced federal legislation amending the Twenty-Second Amendment to the United States Constitution to permit a president to serve three terms in office.

*Ald. Burgelis asked to be added as co-sponsor There were no objection.*

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

12. [241669](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Elric Erving in the amount of \$15,000.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

13. [241670](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of James English in the amount of \$25,000.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

14. [241671](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Jesse Wilkinson in the amount of \$25,000.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

15. [212044](#) Resolution relating to an agreement with outside counsel Emile Banks & Assoc. in the matter of Bodden-Eichsteadt v. City of Milwaukee

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

**Aye** 3 - Jackson, Pratt, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 1 - Burgelis

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

16. [241575](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Eitan Herskovitz, C.I. File No. 1068-2024-2047.

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

**Aye** 3 - Jackson, Pratt, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 1 - Burgelis

**Excused** 1 - Bauman

17. [241769](#) Resolution relating to \$269,169.02 of uncollectible debt.

*Appearing:*  
*Bill Christianson - Comptroller*  
*Dylan Westphal - DPW*

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

18. [241692](#) Communication from the Intergovernmental Relations Division and Legislative Affairs Division relating to Legislative updates.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

**The Following Files are being Placed on File as they no longer needed:**

19. [150163](#) A substitute ordinance relating to the sale of city real estate to former owners.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

20. [150063](#) Resolution relating to introduction and passage of state legislation relating to a Milwaukee County sales tax dedicated to fund a new basketball arena, Milwaukee County parks and cultural institutions, and local mass transit.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

21. [150070](#) A charter ordinance relating to the city's delinquent property tax collection process.

**A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Charter Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Bauman

22. [150050](#) An ordinance relating to the city's delinquent property tax collection process.
- A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis
- No** 0
- Excused** 1 - Bauman
23. [160656](#) Communication relating to the City's plans for the implementation of early voting.
- A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Burgelis
- No** 0
- Excused** 1 - Bauman

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Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Joanna Urtiz  
Staff Assistant

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