# City of Milwaukee

City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

***ALD. MILELE A. COGGS, CHAIR***
***Ald. Lamont Westmoreland, Vice-Chair***
***Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Ald. Larresa Taylor, and Ald. Alex Brower***

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**Wednesday, March 11, 2026** | **9:00 AM** | **City Hall Room 301-B**

**Meeting convened at 9:09 am.**

**Present** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, Brower

**1.** 251879 Substitute resolution approving levying of assessments and construction of assessable public improvement projects at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City cost of these projects approved by this resolution is estimated to be $1,012,000 for a total estimated cost of $1,630,000.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Holly Rutenbeck (DPW)*

*2nd Aldermanic District*
*Alley between W. Fiebrantz Ave., W. Hope Ave., N. 62nd St., N. 63rd St. (ST212240109). Concrete alley pavement reconstruction, replace some abutting walk or driveway approaches, grading, storm drainage facilities, and permeable pavement as necessary.*
*No public testimony.*
*Ald. Bauman moved approval. There were no objections.*

*6th Aldermanic District*
*Alley between W. Hopkins St., W. Townsend St., N. 22nd St., N. 23rd St. (ST 212220116). Concrete alley pavement reconstruction, replace some abutting walk or driveway approaches, grading, storm drainage facilities, and permeable pavement as necessary.*
*No public testimony.*
*Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections.*

*8th Aldermanic District*
*Alley between W. Greenfield Ave., W. Orchard St., S. 22nd St., S. 23rd St. (ST 212220107). Concrete alley pavement reconstruction, replace some abutting walk or driveway approaches, grading, storm drainage facilities, and permeable pavement as necessary.*

*Patricia Doherty (LAS for Ald. Zamarripa) said they received an objection post card from one landlord. She added that Ald. Zamarripa is in full support of the project.*
*Ald. Brower moved approval. There were no objections.*

*10th Aldermanic District*
*W. Michigan St. — N. 35th St. to N. 37th St. (ext'd) (Including N. 36th St.- W. Michigan St. to W. Wisconsin Ave. (ST211240153). Concrete pavement reconstruction and asphalt pavement resurfacing, replace curb and gutter and sidewalk and driveway approaches where necessary, sodding (6 — 10 ft width tree border area) green infrastructure bioswales, and grading.*
*No public testimony.*
*Ald. Bauman moved approval. There were no objections.*

*15th Aldermanic District*
*Alley between W. Fond du Lac Ave., W. Meinecke St., W. Wright St., N. 22nd St., N. 23rd St. (ST212220118). Concrete alley pavement reconstruction, replace some abutting walk or driveway approaches, grading, storm drainage facilities, and permeable pavement as necessary.*
*No public testimony.*
*Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections.*
**AMENDED**

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***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Ald. Bauman moved approval as amended.*
*There were no objections.*
**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**2.** 251880 Substitute Resolution determining it necessary to make various nonassessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City engineering cost estimated to be $267,000 for a total estimated cost of these projects being $1,551,000.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Holly Rutenbeck (DPW)*

**SUBSTITUTED**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

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***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**3.** 251881 Substitute Resolution approving construction of nonassessable public improvements at various locations and appropriating funds for these purposes with the City construction cost estimated to be $42,513,574 for a total estimated cost of these projects being $57,951,316.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Holly Rutenbeck (DPW)*

**SUBSTITUTED**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

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***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**4.** 250986 Resolution approving a first amendment to the lease agreement with TowerCo 2013 LLC for a portion of the parcel located at 3929 S. 6th Street, in the 13th Aldermanic District.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Jordan Schettle (ACA)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**5.** 251882 Resolution extending the Active Streets for Businesses Program.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared James Washington (DPW)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**6.** 251884 Resolution relating to the application, acceptance and funding of a private property inflow and infiltration grant from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for a project in an area bounded by N. 53rd St. to N. 60th St. and W. Vienna Ave. to W. Capitol Dr. in the 7th aldermanic district.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Robert Seleen (DPW)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**7.** 251777 Substitute resolution authorizing an amendment to the Water Service Agreement with the Village of Menomonee Falls.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Patrick Pauly (Water Works)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**8.** 251860 Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a 1st Revision to a State/Municipal Agreement for a Transportation Alternatives Program project with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Hopkins Protected Bike Lane project for a revision to the project limits.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Mike Amsden (DPW-Infrastructure)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**9.** 251861 Resolution directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a document titled “State/Municipal Financial Agreement for a State-Let

Highway Project" with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the installation of non-participating temporary street lighting on STH 181 (County Line Road to Mequon Road), and to set up funds for construction at an estimated total cost of $80,500 with 100% City share.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Jerrel Kruschke (DPW Commissioner)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**10.** 251875 Substitute resolution relating to approval of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the purpose of establishing the terms and conditions for the River Skimmer Operation from 2026 to 2035.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Jerrel Kruschke (DPW Commissioner), Kurt Sprangers (DPW)*

**SUBSTITUTED**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

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***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**11.** 251854 Resolution relating to expenditure of funds to be reimbursed by greater than anticipated revenue for the purchase of low-emission vehicles.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**12.** 251701 Resolution relating to the construction, maintenance, and funding of

Stella's Playground, Milwaukee's first universally accessible and inclusive playground.

***Sponsors:*** Ald. Coggs

*Appeared Jerrel Kruschke (DPW Commissioner), Rese Schneider, Robert (Bob) Schneider (Parents of Stella Schneider), Elizabeth Mueller.*
*Rese Schneider (Stella's mom) shared that Stella was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor in July 2023.*
*Post-surgery, Stella lost major abilities (walking, talking, swallowing,smiling) and has slowly regained some function, with a long and uncertain road ahead. In summer 2024 at Reservoir Park, while using a walker, Stella told her mom, "Mom, playgrounds aren't for me," which became the catalyst for creating an inclusive playground. The main goal is to create the City of Milwaukee's first universal accessible and inclusive (adaptive) playground so kids like Stella can feel "this park is for me."*
**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**13.** 251808 An ordinance relating to the amendment of the Official Map of the City of Milwaukee.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Appeared Dessalegn Bekele (DPW Engineer), Jerrel Kruschkee (DPW Commissioner)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**14.** 251809 Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to Spring leaf collection.

***Sponsors:*** Ald. Westmoreland

*Appeared Jerrel Kruschke (DPW Commissioner), Rick Meyers (DPW Sanitation Services Manager)*
*Fall timing recap: snow fell Nov 29; rake-out deadline had been extended from the typical Nov 15 to Nov 30 (right before the storm). Spring rake-out period discussed as March 1–March 15, with DPW operations to begin consolidation/collection after that.*
*DPW goal is to quickly remove the remaining leaves not collected in the fall.*
*DPW noted they have continued opportunistic leaf pickup since December through January when conditions allowed, mainly responding to larger pile requests.*
*DPW to schedule a follow-up discussion around June to review spring outcomes and decide whether to use bagging/no-parking approaches in the fall.*
**RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Bauman, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 0

**9:30 AM**

**15.** 251664 Motion relating to the recommendations of the Public Works Committee relating to licenses.

***Sponsors:*** THE CHAIR

*Sarfraz, Muhammad Public Passenger Vehicle Drivers License Application.*

*The applicant was present.*
*The police report was read.*
*The committee considered Mohammed Sarfraz's application for a taxi driver's license, noting his status as a convicted sex offender and the public safety responsibilities tied to such licensure.*
*Individuals also present:*
*Atty. Gresham (OCA) explained that legal standards on licensing decisions are subject to employment law, with a need to show a substantial relationship between the conviction and the license. The case was reviewed despite being an old one due to registry status.*
*Sarfraz stated that he did not get a fair trial, he confirmed his conviction, said that he has served his sentence, and claimed that he has learned from treatment. He also discussed with the committee members his family responsibilities and difficulty finding a job.*
*Committee members questioned the applicant about his sense of accountability and the risks posed to passengers, as well as limitations in taxi oversight versus rideshares.*
*Ald. Coggs stated that they did not hear sufficient acceptance/acknowledgement and "redemptive" reflection from the applicant to build confidence in public safety and emphasized unwillingness to risk the City.*
*Ald. Taylor highlighted the lasting impact on survivors and urged the committee not to lose sight of survivor realities.*
*Ald. Coggs passed the gabel to Ald. Westmoreland to make a motion.*
*Ald. Coggs move denial. (Prevailed 4-1).*
**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 1 - Bauman

*Ald. Coggs moved apporval of File 251664 as amended. (Prevailed 4-1)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye** 4 - Coggs, Westmoreland, Taylor, and Brower

**No** 1 - Bauman

*Meeting Adjourned at 11:24 am*

*Carmen Roman*
*Staff Assistant*

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