City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Ald. Milele A. Coggs, and Ald. Sharlen P. Moore

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Monday, October 5, 2026 | **1:00 PM** | **Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall**

2027 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 1:07 p.m.

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

Also present:

Bill Christianson, City Comptroller
Nik Kovac, Budget Director
Kathy Brengosz, LRB Supervisor

1. 260001 Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2027 budget.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

-Deferred Compensation

Appearing:
Tyler Calligaro, Budget Office
Beth Conradson-Cleary, Deferred Compensation

A Deferred Compensation presentation was given on the following 2027 Budget Summary, Salaries and Positions, Operating & Equipment Expenses, Special Funds and Special Purposes Accounts, Revenues, Org Chart, Mission Statement, Core Services, 2026 Major Updates - Department, Participation Rate, Average Savings Rate, Department Demographics, Board Demographics, National Recognized Award Winning Plan, Racial Equity & Inclusion, and Financial Wellness Impact.

There was inquiry and discussion on the contingency fund, annual enrollment (opting

out, auto increase and rates, new employees and propationary period), vendor contracting (Voya contract, RFP bidding), and financial wellness program (participation).

Ald. Moore requested for data on employee participation in the financial wellness program.

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

-Employes' Retirement System

Appearing:
Bryan Rynders, Budget Office
Patrick McClain, ERS Executive Director
Larry Langer, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC
David Silber, ERS Chief Investment Officer
Daniel Gopalan, ERS Deputy Director

An Employes' Retirement System presentation was given on 2027 Budget Summary, Actuarial Projected CMERS Payments, ERS Summary Information, Retired Member Population is Increaseing, Pension Payments by Annuitant Geographic Area, CMERS Investment Performance History Periods Ending August 31, 2026, Investment Income is 73% of Revenue from 2019-2026, Fund Value of Assets 2007 - June 30, 2026, Summary of the Actuary's Comments, Benefit Payments Increased by 21.7% from 2019 to 2025, Employer Contributions have Increased as Discount Rate Declined, Act 12 was the Primary Cause of Contribution Increases Since 2023, Calendar 2027 City Contributions are Higher than Expected, These Future Results are Estimates; Actual Results are Determined by Future Valuations, Benefits are Expected to Peak in 20250 and Continue into the Next Millenium, and Future Returns Impact Contributions; Other Experience Will Impact As Well.

There was inquiry and discussion on rate of return, fund value, vacancies and staffing levels (reduction, experience study), office spaces and locations, disaster recovery data server, discount rate, technology upgrades, WRS system (contributions), professional services (increases), pension payments, contribution increases, salary increases impact on the pension

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

-Health Department

Appearing:
Sarah Osborn, Budget Office
Mike Totoraitis, Health Dept. Commissioner
Aaron Szopinski, Health Dept.
Tyler Weber, Health Dept. Deputy Commissioner

A Health Department presentation was given on 2027 Budget Summary, Salaries and Positions, Operating & Equipment Expenses, Special Funds and Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Capital Expenses, Budget by Service, Organization & Functions, Programs & Performance, 2027 Significant Changes, 2027 Funding by Program, Key Performance Indicators, and Department Demographics.

There was inquiry and discussion on the doula program (contract services, funding, continuum of care and tiers, at risk doula preferences), immunizations and

vaccinations (response, services offerings), medical billing, lead abatement (contract services, investigations and referrals, prevention, funding sources and grants, voluntary home registrations, Milwaukee Public Schools and other schools), health clinics (staffing levels, hours of operation), housing solutions for at risk populations (mental illness, collaboration with the County), Epic data protection, and health information on the City website (updating, contacts).

Ald. Coggs requested for detailed information regarding voluntary home registrations.

Ald. Burgelis requested for data on clients served through the health clinics and Milwaukee Public School facilities serviced with lead abatement.

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

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

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

No 0

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

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

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