



City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR
Ald. Terry Witkowski, Vice-Chair
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Monday, May 14, 2012

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting called to order at 1:38 P.M.

Present 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis, Puente, Donovan

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, May 14, 2012 in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Ald. Witkowski moved the Judiciary and Legislation Committee convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Roll Call at 1:39 P.M.

Ald. Donovan, Puente, Davis, Witkowski and Hamilton

Individuals present:

Grant Langley - City Attorney

Linda Burke - Deputy City Attorney

Rudy Konrad - Deputy City Attorney

Sue Lappen - Asst City Atty

Miriam Horwitz - Asst City Atty

Margaret Daun - Asst City Atty

Kathy Block - Asst City Atty

Kim Montgomery - Mayor's Office

Ossie Kendrix - Business Operation Division Emerging Business Enterprise Program Manager

Rhonda Kelsey - DOA Business Operation Division

Sharon Robinson - DOA Business Division

Ald. Witkowski moved the Judiciary and Legislation Committee reconvened into open session.

Roll call at 2:37 P.M.

Ald. Donovan, Puente, Davis, Witkowski and Hamilton

1. [111736](#) Communication from the City Attorney relating to semiannual reports as to the determination and disposition of all claims pending and closed and litigation matters closed through December 31, 2011.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individual present:

Barbara Woldt - City Atty Office

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Puente and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Davis

2. [111729](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the proper City officers to enter into a contract for the collection of overdue Municipal Court judgments

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Linda Burke - Deputy City Atty

Kristine Henrichs - Chief Court Administrator

Judge Derek Mosley - Muni Court

Ald. Bauman - in opposition of the award for services to Harris & Harris LTD

Mr. Arnold Harris - President and CEO of Harris & Harris LTD

Mr. Craig Johnson - Principal Professional Placement Services LLC

Ms. Irina Johnson - President Professional Placement Services LLC

Ms. Tomasina Brooks - Employee of Professional Placement Services LLC

Ms. Danielle Hardwell - Employee Professional Placement Services LLC

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

No 1 - Donovan

Excused 1 - Puente

Ald. Puente excused at 2:56 P.M. from this point forward.

Present 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis, Donovan

Excused 1 - Puente

3. [120077](#) Communication from the City Attorney relative to expenditures from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individual present:

Barbara Woldt - City Atty Office

Per Ms. Woldt the unincumbered balance \$367,797.00 updated after submitted report. appropriation balance of \$430,000.00

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

4. [111653](#) Communication relating to the equitable assessment of all properties in the City of Milwaukee.

Sponsors: Ald. Donovan

Individuals present:

Mary Reavey - Assessment Commissioner

Peter Weissenfluh - Chief Assessor

Steve Fendt - Southside Organizing Committee

Ms. Vanessa Gomez - representing owner of rental properties

Mr. Angel Sanchez -

Atty. Heiner Geise - lobbyist for the Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

5. [111747](#) Appointment of Carrie Davis to the Ethics Board by the Mayor. (13th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appointee not present.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

6. [111429](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Elena Kontorova for property damage. (4th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on non appearance.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

7. [110294](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Francisco Guerrido for property damage. (8th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on non appearance.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

8. [111354](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Clarence Kailin, Jr. for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on non appearance.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

9. [111364](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Darnisha Davenport for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty

Srgt Michelle Pagan - Police Department

Ms. Davenport - Claimant

Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on police department and city attorney's testimony.

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Davis

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

Abstain 1 - Donovan

10. [111239](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Jeff Wilhelm for property damage. (10th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Davis moved to hold to the call of the chair.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

11. [111253](#) Resolution relating to an appeal from Tamara Pacada for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on non appearance.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

12. [111345](#) Resolution relating to the claim of MaryAnn Brannon for personal injuries.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on non appearance.

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This

motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

13. [111238](#)

Resolution relating to an appeal from Barbara Orban for property damage. (10th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on non appearance.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

14. [111548](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Cherisse Bozovic for personal injuries. (14th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Witkowski moved denial based on non appearance.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

15. [111670](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2235 W. Middlemass Street, in the 8th Aldermanic District to former owner, Jeffrey Doepke.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Karen Taylor DCD

Rich Schmidt Treasurer's Office

Taxes due if paid in May \$19,359.58

If paid by June 21, 2012 \$19,577.66

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

vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

16. [111671](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2126 W. Forest Home Avenue, in the 8th Aldermanic District to former owner, Jeffrey Doepke.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Lynn Steffen DNS

Karen Taylor DCD

Rich Schmidt Treasurer's Office

Taxes due if paid in May \$21,781.08

If paid by June 21, 2012 \$22,019.64

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

17. [111672](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4102 N. 7th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District to Strouse Law Office on behalf of former owners, Kevin Baublitz and Shelley Baublitz Kindred.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Lynne Steffen DNS

Karen Taylor DCD

Rich Schmidt Treasurer's Office

Atty. Bob Strouse on behalf of former property owner Kevin Baublitz & Shelley Baublitz Kindred

Taxes due if Paid in May \$38,425.44

If paid by June 21, 2012 \$38,815.43

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

18. [110995](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3002 W Juneau Ave, in the 4th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Deidre Cox)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

19. [111450](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 116-116A W. Keefe Ave., in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Cheryl Pope)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

20. [111678](#) An ordinance relating to revision of the code for purposes of correcting errors, clarifying language and eliminating obsolete provisions.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Individual present:
Jeff Osteman - LRB*

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

21. [111734](#) Resolution urging the U.S. Congress to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the requirement for use of reformulated gasoline in 6 counties in southeastern Wisconsin.

Sponsors: Ald. Bohl

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

22. [111271](#) Resolution relating to legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Donovan

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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