



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, February 3, 2014

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, 3rd Floor, City Hall

Meeting convened at 1:40 P.M.

Present 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis, Puente

Excused 1 - Donovan

1. [131317](#) Resolution to settle claims for defense of various police officers.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Jan Smokowicz - Asst. City Atty

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

2. [131411](#) Resolution to settle claim for defense of former Police Sergeant Jason R. Mucha.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Jan Smokowicz - Asst City Atty

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Puente

No 1 - Davis

Excused 1 - Donovan

3. [131362](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against a certain parcel, 9540 W. Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, on the 2010, 2011 and 2012 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of claim, if appropriate.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

4. [131363](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against a certain parcel, 722-726 W. Bruce Street, Milwaukee, on the 2011 and 2012 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of claim, if appropriate.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

5. [131366](#) Resolution relative to the correction of a special improvement bill placed on the 2013-2018 Tax Rolls.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Mary Dziewiontkoski - DPW

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

6. [131339](#) Resolution cancelling various City invoices.

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

8. [131320](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Jeanette Moore for property damage. (15th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Patricia Fricker - Asst CA

Ms. Jeanette Moore - appealant

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

9. [131401](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Robert Reed, Jr. for property damage and emotional injuries.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Patricia Fricker - Asst CA

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

10. [131332](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Atty. Daniel Shillinglaw on behalf of Stephanie Hazley for personal injuries. (1st Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Patricia Fricker - Asst CA

Atty Shillinglaw - representing Ms. Stephanie Hazley

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 2 - Puente and Donovan

11. [130611](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Cheryl Kinlow for property damage. (5th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Patricia Fricker - Asst CA

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 0

No 0

12. [131321](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Matthew Bramm for property damage.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Patricia Fricker - Asst CA

Mr. Matthew Bramm

Based on city attorney's testimony.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

13. [131313](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5853 N 37th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District to its former owner, Jeffrey Blatzler (application made by mortgagee First Federal Bank C/O Anne Brannon)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Karen Taylor - DCD
Lynn Steffen - DNS
Emily Pines - DNS
Kerry Urban - Treasurer
Ms. Anne Brannon

2010-2013 Delinquent Taxes:
If paid in Feb \$17,042.53

If paid by March 13, 2014 \$17,235.84

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 0

Excused 2 - Puente and Donovan

14. [131322](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4918 N. 44th Street in the 1st Aldermanic District to former owner, Robert M Davidson. (Application made by Robert Davidson Investments).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
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aren Taylor - DCD

Lynn Steffen - DNS

Emily Pines - DNS

DNS Charges:
Recording Enforcement Fees \$1134.45
Reinspection Fees \$439.55
Litter Cleanup \$236.43
Graffiti Abatement \$85.00
Boardup \$249.75
TOTAL \$2145.18 DUE BY NOON ON FEB 10, 2014

Kerry Urban - Treasurer

Mr. Robert Davidson

2010-2013 Delinquent taxes

If paid in Feb \$12,237.37

If paid by March 13, 2014 \$12,377.95

OTHER PROPERTIES OWNED BY APPLICANT:

6884 N 42nd St

2012 \$2989.17

2013 \$4248.14

5522 N 60th St

2012 \$2842.42

2013 \$2242.24

5416 N 56th St

2012 \$1311.96

2013 \$1546.22

5261 N 46th s

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2012 \$2335.51

2013 \$1648.59

3444 N Richards St

2012 \$1957.95

2013 \$1820.05

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

15. [131314](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4243 N 61st Street, in the 2nd Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Jeffrey Batzler (application made by mortgagee First Federal Bank C/O Anne Brannon)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD

Lynn Steffen - DNS

Emily Pines - DNS

Kerry Urban - Treasurer

Anne Brannon

2010-2013 Delinquent Taxes

If paid in Feb \$16,925.77

If paid by March 13, 2014 \$17,118.76

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

16. [131361](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2222 E. Belleview Place Unit 310 in the 3rd Aldermanic District to former owner, Kimberly S. Hartley.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD

Lynn Steffen - DNS

Emily Pines - DNS

Kerry Urban - Treasurer

Ms. Hartley

DNS Charges

REcording Enforcement Fees \$907.35 due

Feb 10, 2014 by Noon

2010-2013 Delinquent taxes

If paid in FEB \$18,636.42

If paid by March 13, 2014 \$18,848.40

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

17. [131307](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 9308 W Capitol Drive, in the 5th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Ruth & Joseph Rickun (application made by Joseph Rickun c/o Steven Rickun))

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD

Lynn Steffen - DNS

Emily Pines - DNS

Kerry Urban - Treasurer

Mr. Steven

DNS Charge

Fire Prevention Permit Fees of 602.80

Projecting sign Invoices \$99

TOTAL \$710.80 due by Feb 10, 2014

2009-2013 Delinquent taxes

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if paid in Feb \$88,971.50

If paid by March 13, 2014 \$90,017.57

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

18. [131316](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 8537 W Lawrence Ave, in the 5th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Delores I. Connell (application made by mortgagee JPMorgan Chase Bank c/o Atty. Timothy Burkard)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD

Lynn Steffen - DNS

Emily Pines - DNS

Kerry Urban - Treasurer

JPMorgan - Nicholas Boerke

DNS charges

Recording Enforcement Fees \$907.35 Due Feb 10, 2014 by Noon

2010-2013 Delinquent taxes

if paid in Feb \$19,523.61

If paid by March 13, 2014 \$19,748.82

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

19. [131315](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3733 N. 7th Street in the 6th Aldermanic District to former owner, Greater Hope Christian Church. (Application made by Lynell Ray).

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD

Lynn Steffen - DNS

Emily Pines - DNS

Kerry Urban - Treasurer

Mr. Lynell Ray - Greater Hope Christian Church

DNS charges of \$430.95 due

2010-2013 Delinquent taxes

If paid by Feb \$9,071.08

If paid by March 13, 2014 \$9,175.37

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

20. [131342](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 124 N 76th Street, in the 10th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Phyllis A. Delmore & Deana J. Delmore)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD

Lynn Steffen - DNS

Emily Pines - DNS

Kerry Urban - Treasurer

Mrs. Delmore

Atty. Jason

2010-2013 Delinquent taxes

If paid by Feb \$19,839.59

If paid by March 13, 2014 \$20,080.37

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

21. [131328](#) Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3453 S. Ellen Street in the 14th Aldermanic District to former owner, Katherine Ditello.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Mrs. Tracey Ditello (daughter-in-law of Mrs. Katherine Ditello)

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

Aye 3 - Hamilton, Witkowski and Puente

No 0

Excused 2 - Davis and Donovan

22. [131173](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1971-1977 W. Capitol Drive, in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Perry Margoles, agent for 1971 West Capitol Drive Co.)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

23. [131174](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 1727 N. 23rd Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Annette Jackson (application made by Landmark Credit Union C/o Atty. Michael Sosnay))

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD

Lynn Steffen - DNS

Emily Pines - DNS

Kerry Urban - Treasurer

Atty. Michael Sosnay - Landmark CU

2010-2013 DELINQUENT taxes

if paid in Feb \$7,773.19

if paid by March 13, 2014 \$7,861.68

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

24. [131206](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3607 N. 21st Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Devon A. Matthews)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Karen Taylor - DCD

*Lynn Steffen -
Emily Pines - DNS*

Kerry Urban - Treasurer

Mr. Devon A. Matthews

DNS charges

Litter Cleanup \$683.18

Boardup \$345.00

total \$1,028.18 Due by noon on Feb 10, 2014

2010-2013 delinquent taxes

If paid in Feb \$12,271.51

If paid by March 13, 2014 \$12,419.29

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

25. [131069](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 6628 N 60th street, in the 9th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Timothy Day on behalf of Great Day Real Estate Investment, LLC)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Karen Taylor - DCD
Lynn Steffen - DNS
Emily Pines - DNS
Kerry Urban - Treasurer

DNS charges:
Reinspection Fees \$3,164.20
Recording Enforcement \$907.35
Total \$4,071.55 Due

2010-2013 Delinquent taxes
if paid in Feb \$28,438.78
If paid by March 13, 2014 \$28,744.07

Other properties owned by applicant:
5324 N 66th ST
2013 \$2806.14

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

26. [131196](#) Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 626 W. Melvina, in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner. (Robert I. Greer)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:
Karen Taylor - DCD
Lynn Steffen - DNS
Emily Pines - DNS
Kerry Urban - Treasurer

DNS Charges:

Reinspection fees-Special Enforcement \$4,949.00

Vacant Building Inspection fees \$507.00

Vacant building NO Entry Fees \$100.70
Reinspection Fees \$ 4,750.00

Total charges \$10,306.70

The building was placard as unfit for human habitation on June 20, 2011. Therefore, if the Common Council approves the return of this property, the building cannot be occupied until all of the violations have been corrected, the placard has been removed and the owner has been issued an Occupancy Certificate by DNS.

2010-2013 delinquent taxes

if paid in Feb \$6,216.50

if paid by March 13, 2014 \$6,282.35

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

27. [131304](#)

Resolution supporting enactment of a comprehensive federal legislative package to reduce poverty and directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to actively seek enactment of this legislation.

Sponsors: Ald. Hamilton and Ald. Davis

Appearing:

Mr. David Riemer - Senior Fellow Public Policy Institute

Mr. Conor Williams - Economic Policy Analyst Pathways to Ending Poverty

Mr. Leroy Mclin - Milwaukee Working Project participant

Mr. Joseph Ellewanger - Project Return Milwaukee

Mr. Brian Keith Osei - Project Return participant

Ald. Davis moved to substitute (Sub 2)

prevailed 4-0

Ald. Davis requested to be added as Co-sponsor to this legislation.

This Resolution was SUBSTITUTED

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

[131304](#)

Substitute resolution supporting enactment of a comprehensive federal

legislative package to greatly reduce poverty, directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to actively seek enactment of this legislation, and directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division and other City agencies to support state legislation for the reduction of poverty in the state, and implement local initiatives that will strengthen support for such legislation.

Sponsors: Ald. Hamilton and Ald. Davis

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

28. [131430](#) Communication relating to the Minority Impact Statement legislation.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appearing:

Mr. David Crowley district Director for State Senator Nikiya Harris

Kim Montgomery - IRD

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Davis and Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

29. [131404](#) Resolution relative to legislative bills.

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 Puente

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

**Joanna Polanco
Staff Assistant**

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