



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR

Ald. Terry Witkowski, Vice-Chair

Ald. James Bohl, Jr., Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., and Ald. Robert Donovan

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Monday, July 20, 2009

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 1:38 .M.

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

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, July 20, 2009 in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats. to confer with legal counsel who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved with concerning Item #1...Communication from the City Attorney relating to section 74.37, Wisconsin Statutes, lawsuits against the City of Milwaukee and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Ald. Witkowski moves that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats. to confer with legal counsel who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved with concerning Item #1...Communication from the City Attorney relating to section 74.37, Wisconsin Statutes, lawsuits against the City of Milwaukee and then will go into open session for the regular agenda.

Roll call:

Ayes: Ald. Davis, Ald. Bohl, Ald. Donovan, Ald. Witkowski and Ald. Hamilton - 5

Also present:

Vince Moschella - City Attorney's Office

Mary Reavey and Peter Weissenfluh - Assessor's Office

Kim Montgomery - Mayor's Office

1. [090343](#)

Communication from the City Attorney relating to section 74.37, Wisconsin Statutes, lawsuits against the City of Milwaukee.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

2:00 P.M.

2. [090371](#) Appointment of Eric Von to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (10th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appointee not present.

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

3. [090365](#) Appointment of David Redemann to Election Commission by the Mayor. (10th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

4. [090375](#) Appointment of Stephanie Findley to Election Commission by the Mayor. (10th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

5. [090342](#) Substitute resolution appropriating \$5,662.59 from the 2009 Remission of Taxes Fund for settlement of a claim against the City of Milwaukee regarding the 2006 tax assessment of Brewery Project LLC.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individual present: Vince Moschella - City Attorney's Office

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

6. [090320](#) Resolution to cancel real estate taxes levied against certain parcels bearing various key numbers on the 2007 and 2008 tax rolls, plus interest applicable to date of repayment, if appropriate.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

7. [090332](#) An ordinance relating to revision of various provisions of the code for purposes of correcting errors, clarifying language and eliminating obsolete provisions.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

8. [090368](#) Reappointment of Jennifer Gonda to the Community Relations-Social Development Commission by the Mayor.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. BOHL that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

9. [090297](#) Substitute resolution to settle claims of Cermele & Associates for defense of various police officers.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

10. [090096](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Ronald Sherrill for property damage. (2nd Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*This item was taken out of order at 2:25 P.M.
Individuals present:*

*Marvin Pratt for the claimant
Earl Smith and Bernice Fleming - Water Works*

Grant in the amount of \$3,500.

**A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED.
The motion FAILED by the following vote:**

Aye 2 - Hamilton and Davis

No 3 - Witkowski, Bohl and Donovan

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

Aye 3 - Witkowski, Bohl and Donovan

No 2 - Hamilton and Davis

11. [090280](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Silvestre Villarreal for property damage. (8th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Claimant not present.

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

Aye 5 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis and Donovan

No 0

2:30 P.M.

Ald. Donovan excused from the rest of the meeting at 2:58 P.M.

Present 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl, Davis

Excused 1 - Donovan

12. [090229](#)

Substitute resolution relative to various legislative bills.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*Steve Kwaterski and Paul Vornholt - Intergov. Relations
Sgt. Stein - Milwaukee Police Dept.
Brenda Wood - Common Council/City Clerk's Office*

Ald. Bohl moves for support of AB-230. Prevailed. 3-1 (Ald. Davis voting "no")

Ald. Bohl moves for support of AB-284. Prevailed. 4-0

A motion was made by ALD. DAVIS that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

13. 090275

Substitute resolution relating to the spending of federal economic recovery monies to maximize the creation of American jobs restoring economic growth.

Sponsors: Ald. Zielinski and Ald. Wade

Held at the request of the sponsor.

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

Aye 4 - Hamilton, Witkowski, Bohl and Davis

No 0

Excused 1 - Donovan

Meeting adjourned: 3:24 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant

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