



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, February 18, 2019

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened at 1:31 PM

Present 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski, Dodd

1. [181184](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Shirlean Clayton for property damage. (6th Aldermanic District)

Appearing:

Pat Fricker - ACA

Erin Stoekl - Forestry

Ms. Shirlean Clayton

Based on the amount of this claim, City Department's testimony and the recommendation of the City Attorney, Ald. Bauman moved denial of this claim. There were no objections.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

2. [181120](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Jeffery Baas and Anthony Torti, agents for Baas-Torti Properties, for property damages. (3rd Aldermanic District)

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

3. [181494](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Ruth Rivera for medical expenses and pain and suffering in the amount of \$50,000.

Appearing:
Pat Fricker - ACA
Jerrel Kruschke - DPW
Mrs. Ruth Rivera

Based on the City Department's of the City Attorney's recommendations, Ald. Bauman moved denial of this claim.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

4. [181376](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Lance Quigley for property damages.

Appearing:
Pat Fricker - ACA
Jerrel Kruschke - Infrastructure
Amin Samir - Infrastructure
Lance Quigley

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

5. [181317](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Alex Terry for property damages.

Appearing:
Pat Fricker - ACA
Jerrel Kruschke - Infrastructure
Alex Terry

Based on the City Department's and City Attorney's recommendations, Ald. Bauman moved denial of this appeal.

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

Aye 4 - Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 1 - Borkowski

6. [171816](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Tracy Korich for property damage.
(6th Aldermanic District)

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

7. [171460](#)

Resolution relating to the claim of Dan and Jill Stilwell for property damage.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

8. [181307](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 2233 S. Muskego Avenue, in the 8th Aldermanic District to its former owner LIR Properties LLC.

Appearing:

Deborah McCullum-Gathing - DCD

Emily McKeown - DNS

Jim Klajbor - Treasurer

Atty. Crowley - LIR Properties, LLC Rep.

Nicole Larsen - ACA

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

9. [181563](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 6151 N. 37th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District, to former owner Lolita Dixon.

Appearing:

Deborah McCullum-Gathing - DCD

Emily McKeown - DNS

Jim Klajbor - Treasurer

Ms. Dixon

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

10. [181564](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 4709 N. 28th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District, to former owner Dorothy Guthrie (application made by Tiffany Guthrie).

Appearing:

Deborah McCullum-Gathing - DCD

Emily McKeown - DNS

Jim Klajbor - Treasurer

Ms. Tiffany Guthrie

DNS reinspection feed pending \$1,422.40 that need to be paid by 2/25/19

Two Outstanding building code violations in the amount of \$1,464.04 need to be paid by February 25, 2019

Ald. Bauman recommends Ms. Guthrie to negotiate with the City for purchase.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

11. [181579](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5443 N. 40th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District, to former owner Brittany Brewster.

Appearing:

Deborah McCullum-Gathing - DCD

Emily McKeown - DNS

Jim Klajbor - Treasurer

Ms. Brittany Brewster

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

12. [181322](#)

Substitute resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3565 N. 14th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District to its former owner Christina Pitts and Klacee SM Pitts.

Appearing:

Deborah McCullum-Gathing - DCD

Emily McKeown - DNS

Jim Klajbor - Treasurer

Ms. Pitts requested item to be postponed until 3/18/19

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

13. [181576](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3733-3735 N. 11th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District, to former owner Pacific Northwest Investments LLC (Application made by Neil Rubnitz, property manager).

Appearing:

Deborah McCullum-Gathing - DCD

Emily McKeown - DNS
Amy Turim - DCD
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer
Neil Rubnitz, Property Manager

Regarding item #181576, please note that the applicant also has an ownership interest in 5526 N. 42nd St., which is not disclosed on the in rem vacation application. The applicant, Brian Wyatt, is affiliated with Pac-Perl LLC. Pac-Perl is the owner of two of the properties disclosed on the application, 4652-54 N. 19th St. and 600-02 W. Garfield, as well as the undisclosed property noted above.

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

Aye 3 - Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 2 - Borkowski and Johnson

14. [181562](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 5700-5702 N. 61st Street, in the 9th Aldermanic District, to former owner Lue S. Vang.

Appearing:
Deborah McCullum-Gathing - DCD
Emily McKeown - DNS
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer
Mr Lue S. Vang

DNS pending charges for Reinspection feed of \$914.40 need to be paid by February 25, 2019

Outstanding Muni court judgment in the amount of \$1,838.79 paid by February 25, 2019

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

15. [181561](#)

Resolution authorizing the return of real estate located at 3917 W. Roberts Street, in the 15th Aldermanic District, to former owner Albert and Verrita Hill.

Appearing:
Deborah McCullum-Gathing - DCD
Amy Turim - DCD
Emily McKeown - DNS
Jim Klajbor - Treasurer
Mr. Albert Hill

Regarding item #181561, please note that the applicant, Verrita Hill, also has an ownership interest in 1513 N. 37th, which is not disclosed on the application. Ms. Hill is the incorporator of the owner, Unity United Community Company, Inc., a dissolved corporation. Note that the assessor's record lists the owner as "Unity United Community Co. Inc c/o Verrita Hill." This property has delinquent real estate taxes for tax years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

There is one outstanding building code violation forfeiture on this property in the

amount of \$355.00 to be paid by February 25, 2019.

The Unity United Community Co, Inc. entity does have outstanding municipal court judgments on properties it once owned but lost to in Rem foreclosure:

*2464 W Monroe St.,
\$4,054.15*

*2817 N 16th St.,
\$1,080.00*

To clarify this situation and ownership status of all properties, Ald. Bauman moved to Hold this Item tot he call of the Chair.

Ald. Bauman withdrew his motion.

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

16. [181604](#)

Resolution authorizing the denial of claims for alleged unlawful and alleged excessive tax assessments filed with the City of Milwaukee.

Appearing:

William Davidson - ACA

Steven Miner - Assessor's Office

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

Aye 5 - Borkowski, Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

17. [181643](#)

Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of State legislation to restore the eligibility of domestic partners of City of Milwaukee employees and their dependent children for all City benefit programs for which spouses of City employees are eligible.

Appearing:

Ald. Dodd - Sponsor

Brenda Wood - IRD

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

Aye 4 - Johnson, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Abstain 1 - Borkowski

18. [181450](#)

Resolution relative to legislative bills.

Appearing:

Brenda Wood - IRD

AB-2/SB-4

Relating to: motor vehicle immobilization devices.

Ald. Bauman moved to Support

3-0

Zielinski and Johnson EXCUSED

LRB-1170/1

Relating to: aids to counties and municipalities for certain special election costs and making an appropriation.

Ald. Bauman moved to Support

4-0

Johnson EXCUSED

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be SUBSTITUTED.

This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

[181450](#)

Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

19. [170937](#)

Communication from the Fire and Police Commission relating to updates and current activities.

Appearing:

Lakeisha Butler - F&PC

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Bauman, Zielinski and Dodd

No 0

Excused 1 - Johnson

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Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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