



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**ALD. MICHAEL J. MURPHY, CHAIR**

*Ald. Scott Spiker, Vice-Chair*

*Ald. Nik Kovac, Ald. JoCasta Zamarripa, and Ald. Milele A. Coggs*

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Friday, October 2, 2020

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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#### 2021 BUDGET HEARINGS

This is 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 9:02 a.m.

**Present** 5 - Murphy, Spiker, Kovac, Zamarripa, Coggs

**Also present:**

*Dennis Yaccarino, Budget & Management Director  
Aycha Sawa, Comptroller  
Dana Zelazny, Legislative Reference Bureau*

1. [200001](#) Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2021 budget.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*-Budget Overview (Given by DOA's Budget Director)*

*Mr. Yaccarino gave a Budget Overview presentation as follows:  
2021 Budget, "Bottom Line", Budget Impact on Typical Household, 2021 Proposed Tax Levy: Distribution by Budget Section/Purpose, 2021 Revenue Sources: Tax Levy Supported Budget, Trends in State General Purpose Revenue (GRP) and City Shared Revenue/ERP Aid: 2003 and 2021, City Tax Levy vs. State Shared Revenue, 2021 Proposed General City Purposes Budget: Expenditures, 2021 Proposed Departmental Expenditures: All Funds, 2021 General Fund Budget Request Compared to Proposed, Changes from the 2020 Budget, Pension Contribution Outlook, Pension Reform*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

*-Treasurer*

*Appearing:*  
*Molly King, Budget Office*

*Ms. King gave a Treasurer*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

*-City Revenue/City Debt*

*Appearing:*  
*William Christianson, Budget Office*  
*Joshua Benson, City Comptroller's Office*  
*Bryan Rynders, Budget Office*

*Mr. Christianson gave a City Debt presentation as follows:*  
*Community Goals & Objectives, 2021 Proposed Budget Summary, 2021 Debt Service Levy, "Presumed" Debt Service Fund Balance: 2013-2019, "Real" Debt Service Fund Balance vs. MPS Sinking Fund Portion: 2013-2019, "Real" Debt Service Fund Balance: 2013-2019, City of Milwaukee Bond Rating, Other Key Considerations in City Debt Budget*

*Mr. Rynders gave a City Revenue presentation as follows:*  
*General City Purposes Budget Revenue, Revenue Strategi Overview, State Shared Revenue/ERP Trend, 2021 Proposed Budget Changes, Street Lighting Fee*

*Meeting recessed at 10:52 a.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m.*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

*-Grant & Aid Fund*

*Appearing:*  
*Eric Pearson, Budget Office*

*Mr. Pearson gave a Grant & Aid Fund presentation:*  
*2021 Budget Summary, Projected Operating Grant Funding, Key Issues, Grants Expenditures vs CDBG & HOME Grant Awards*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

*-CC Contingent Fund*

*Appearing:*  
*Bryan Rynders, Budget Office*

*Mr. Rynders gave a CC Contingent Fund presentation as follows:*  
*Purpose of Contingent Fund, 2021 Budget Summary, Contingent Fund Usage, Percent of Contingent Fund Used*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

*-Tax Stabilization Fund*

*This item was discussed under City Revenue/City Debt.*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

**11:00 A.M.**

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Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2021 budget.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

-City Attorney

*Appearing:*

*Nicholas Sinram, Budget Office*

*Tearman Spencer, City Attorney*

*Kimberly Walker, City Attorney Chief of Staff*

*Miriam Horwitz, Deputy City Attorney*

*Mary Schanning, Deputy City Attorney*

*A City Attorney Overview presentation was given on the following:*

*2021 Budget Summary, Special Purpose Accounts, 2021 Revenues, Community Goals and Department Objectives, Organizational Opportunities, Staffing Challenges, Highlights - Employment, Labor, & Benefits Section, Real Estate, Education, & Housing Section, Litigation & Risk Management Section, Handling of Claims, Neighborhood Revitalization & Ordinance Enforcement Section*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

-Treasurer

*Appearing:*

*Molly King, Budget Office*

*Spencer Coggs, City Treasurer*

*Jim Klajbor, Deputy City Treasurer*

*A Treasurer Overview presentation was given as follows:*

*Mission, Community Goals & Objectives, Strategies, Performance Measures, Budget Summary, Revenues, Key Operating Budget Changes & Highlights, In Rem Initiative, In Rem Foreclosure Actions Taken 2008-2019, Tax Collection Rates as of 12/31/19*

*Meeting recessed at 12:32 p.m.*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

**1:30 P.M.**

[200001](#)

Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2021 budget.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Meeting reconvened at 1:31 p.m.*

-Comptroller

*Appearing:*

*Nicholas Sinram, Budget Office  
Joshua Benson, Deputy Comptroller  
Aycha Sawa, Comptroller*

*A Comptroller Overview presentation was given as follows:  
2021 Budget Summary, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Table of Contents,  
Administration, General Accounting, Revenue and Cost, Payroll Administration, Internal  
Audit, Financial Services, Public Debt, Systems Support, Comptroller's Office and  
COVID-19*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

*-City Clerk*

*Appearing:  
James Owczarski, City Clerk  
Mason Levy, Budget Office  
Jessica Celella, Deputy City Clerk  
Toni Biscobing, Comptroller's Office*

*A City Clerk Overview presentation was given on the following:  
2021 Budget Summary, Revenues, Special Funds, Special Purpose Accounts, Capital  
Improvements Budget, Budget & Service Charges, Legislative Achievements,  
Workforce Development Office, Navigate & Provide Expertise on Workforce  
Development System*

**This Communication was NOT ACTED ON**

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

**Aye** 5 - Murphy, Spiker, Kovac, Zamarripa and Coggs

**No** 0

**Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.**

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

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<http://milwaukee.legistar.com/calendar>.**