



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CHAIR**

*Ald. Nikiya Dodd, Vice-Chair*

*Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Ald. Robert J. Bauman, and Ald. Michael J. Murphy*

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Monday, July 19, 2021

1:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

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**Meeting convened at 1:36 PM**

**Present** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman, Murphy

1. [210562](#) Resolution relating to the settlement of various lawsuits brought by Mr. Alfonso Morales.

*Appearing:*

*Nate Cade - Outside Counsel*

*President Cavalier Johnson*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

2. [210405](#) Resolution urging the federal government to cancel federal student debt, and directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to lobby for this policy.

*Appearing:*

*Sponsor - Ald. Cavalier Johnson*

*Ald. Hamilton asked to be added as co-sponsor. There were no objections.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

3. [191096](#) Substitute resolution relating to settlement funds received from opioid litigation.
- Appearing:*  
*Sponsor - Ald. Murphy*
- Ald. Hamilton asked to be added as Co-sponsor. There were no objections.*
- A motion was made by ALD. DODD that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy
- No** 0
4. [210312](#) Substitute resolution approving contract for legal services between the City of Milwaukee, Grzeca Law Group, S.C., and Arunachalam Ramaiah, Ph.D., relating to an employment-based nonimmigrant visa to work in the Health Department.
- Appearing:*  
*Elleny Christopoulos - ACA*
- A motion was made by ALD. MURPHY that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy
- No** 0
- Appearing:*  
*Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharyya - MHD*  
*ACA Elleny Christopoulos*
- A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECONSIDERED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy
- No** 0
- A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy
- No** 0
5. [201486](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Danielle E. Bradley
- no one present when called.*
- 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 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker and Bauman

No 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

6. [201307](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Jorge L. DeJesus for property damage.  
*no one present when called.*
- 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 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

7. [201239](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Meghan Reidy and Matthew Spannknebel  
*no one present when called*
- 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 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker and Bauman

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Murphy

8. [201100](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Georgina Damouni.
- Appearing:  
ACA - Tyrone St Junior  
Mr. & Mrs. Geogina Damouni*
- Based on City Attorney's recommendation and City Department testimony, Ald. Spiker moved denial of these claims.*
- A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

9. [200788](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Georgina Damouni for property damage.
- Appearing:  
ACA - Tyrone St Junior  
Mr. & Mrs. Geogina Damouni*

*Based on City Attorney's recommendation and City Department testimony, Ald. Spiker moved denial of these claims.*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

10. [200999](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Time Equities, Inc.

*Appearing:  
legal counsel*

**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 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

11. [200795](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Yolanda Davis for property damage.

*Appearing:  
Ms. Yolanda Davis on the line  
Tyrone St Junior*

*Based on City Attorney's recommendations and City Department's testimony, 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 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

12. [210552](#) Communication from the Office of the Common Council - City Clerk relating to the 2021 redistricting process.

*Appearing:  
Mr. Jim Owczarski - City Clerk*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

13. [210497](#) Communication from the Comptroller's Office relating to the Annual Outstanding Receivables Report.

*Appearing:*

*Gloria Lucas - Comptroller's Office  
Kori Mocbeichel - Comptroller's Office*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

14. [210511](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Russell MacRae, in the amount of \$18,000.

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

15. [210367](#) Communication from the Milwaukee Police Department and certain car manufacturers relating to a recent significant increase in vehicle theft.

*Appearing:  
Sponsor - Ald. Coggs  
Deputy City Atty. Yolanda McGowen  
MPD Chief of Staff - Nick DeSiato*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

16. [210564](#) Resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of State legislation enabling municipalities to create local housing investment funds.

*Appearing:  
Jim Bohl - IRD  
Ald. Murphy Co-Sponsor*

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

**Aye** 5 - Hamilton, Dodd, Spiker, Bauman and Murphy

**No** 0

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Meeting adjourned 4:49 PM  
Joanna Polanco  
Staff Assistant

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