



City of Milwaukee

City Hall
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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ALD. MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, CHAIR

Ald. Scott Spiker, Vice-Chair

**Ald. Milele A. Coggs, Ald. Michael J. Murphy, and Ald.
JoCasta Zamarripa**

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Thursday, September 29, 2022

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

2023 BUDGET HEARINGS

This is also 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 9:12 a.m.

Present 4 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Coggs, Murphy

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

Also present:

Aycha Sawa, Comptroller

Nik Kovac, Budget Director

Tea Norfolk, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist

1. [220001](#) Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2023 budget.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Director Kovac gave a Budget Overview presentation as follows:

2023 Budget, 2023 Proposed Budget Bottom Line, Proposed 2023 Budget Impact on Typical Household, 2023 Proposed Tax Levy: Distribution by Budget Section/Purpose, City of Milwaukee 2023 Revenue Sources: Tax Levy Supported Budget, City Tax Levy vs. State Shared Revenue, 2023 Proposed Departmental Budgets: Expenditures, 2023 Budget Reserve Use Compared to 2021 and 2022, Changes from the 2022 Budget, Questions That Guided Decisions on Which City Services to Prioritize, Outlook for Future Budgets, Pension Contribution History, Presentation Follow-up

Appearing:

Andrea Fowler, Budget Office

Members asked for further information on the exact breakdown amounts in Library cuts, impact of the 1% longevity general city employee increase on the pension,

-Capital Improvement Overview

Appearing:

Mason Lavey, Budget Office

Bryan Rynders, Budget Office

Joshua Benson, Comptroller's Office

Mr. Lavey gave a Capital Improvement Overview presentation as follows:

Community Goal & Objectives, Capital Source of Funds Comparison: 2022 Adopted vs. 2023 Proposed, 2023 Proposed Capital Budget Overview: Levy-supported Capital, ARPA - Impact on 2023 Proposed Capital Budget, Capital Budget by Department: 2022 Adopted/2023 Requested & 2023 Proposed, Highlights of General City 2023 Proposed Capital Budget, 2023 Proposed Capital Budget Overview: Enterprise Funds, Outlook for 2023-2028 Capital Improvements Plan

Members requested further details on 2023 Requested and Proposed Capital Budget for departments (City Attorney) and department equipment details (police vehicles and guns).

-City Revenue/City Debt

Appearing:

Mason Lavey, Budget Office

Joshua Benson, Comptroller's Office

Toni Biscobing, Comptroller's Office

Mr. Lavey gave a City Debt presentation as follows:

Community Goals & Objectives, 2023 Proposed Budget Summary, Debt Service Levy, City of Milwaukee Bond Rating

Mr. Rynders gave a City Revenues and Tax Stabilization Fund presentation as follows:

General City Purposes Budget Revenue, Revenue Strategic Overview, State Shared Revenue/ERP Trend, Trends in State General Purpose Revenue (GRP) and City Shared Revenue/ERP Aid: 2003 and 2023, 2023 Proposed Budget Changes, Proposed Tax Stabilization Fund Withdrawal

Members requested the percentage of increase in various fees.

-Grant & Aid Fund

Appearing:

Eric Pearson, Budget Office

Andrea Fowler, Budget Office

Mr. Pearson gave a Grant & Aid Fund presentation as follows:

2023 Budget Summary, Goals & Objectives, Projected Operating Grant Funding, Key Issues, 2023 ARPA Funding, Grants Expenditures vs CDBG & HOME Grant Awards, 2021 Expenditures

-CC Contingent Fund

Appearing:

Bryan Rynders, Budget Office

Mr. Rynders gave a Contingent Fund presentation as follows:

Purpose of Contingent Fund, 2023 Budget Summary, Contingent Fund Usage, Percent of Contingent Fund Used

-Tax Stabilization Fund

This item was considered with City Revenue.

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Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2023 budget.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

-Comptroller

Appearing:

Bryan Rynders, Budget Office

Joshua Benson, Comptroller's Office

Mr. Rynders and Comptroller Sawa gave a Comptroller's Office presentation as follows:

Performance Measures, 2023 Budget Summary, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Organization Chart, Administration, General Accounting, Revenue and Cost, Payroll Administration, Internal Audit, Financial Advisory, Public Debt, Systems Support, Racial Equity & Inclusion Efforts

-City Clerk

Appearing:

Mason Lavey, Budget Office

James Owczarski, City Clerk

Dana Zelazny, Deputy City Clerk

Jim Cooney, License Division Manager

Mr. Lavey, City Clerk Owczarski, and Deputy Clerk Zelazny gave a City Clerk presentation as follows:

2022 Budget Summary, Operating Changes, Special Funds, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, License Division, City Channel, Workforce Development, City Records Center, Storage Space for Records Boxes, Legislative Reference Bureau, Municipal Research Library, Public Information Division, Intergovernmental Relations

Meeting recessed at 1:37 p.m.

1:30 P.M.

[220001](#)

Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2023 budget.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Meeting reconvened at 1:37 p.m.

-Treasurer

Appearing:

Mason Lavey, Budget Office

Spencer Coggs, City Treasurer

Jim Klajbor, Deputy City Treasurer

Alex Highley, LRB

Ms. Lavey, City Treasurer Coggs, and Deputy City Treasurer Klajbor gave a City Treasurer presentation as follows:

2022 Budget Summary, Salary Changes, Operating & Equipment Changes, Special Funds, Special Purpose Account, Revenues, Department Defined Values, Department Mission, Department Objective and Outcome Indicators, Organization Chart, Department Functions within Divisions, Diversity and Inclusion, Property Tax Collection, In Rem Tax Foreclosures, Portfolio Management, Additional Department Metrics, Ramifications of Reducing the City Treasurer's Budget Request

-City Attorney

Appearing:

Bryan Rynders, Budget Office

Tearman Spencer, City Attorney

Odalo Ohiku, Deputy City Attorney

Robin Pederson, Deputy City Attorney

Julie Wilson, Assistant City Attorney

Hannah Jahn, Assistant City Attorney

Pres. Jose Perez, Common Council

City Attorney Spencer, Deputies Ohiku and Pederson, ACAs Wilson and Jahn, and Mr. Rynders gave a City Attorney presentation as follows:

Mission & Objectives, 2023 Budget Summary, Special Purpose Accounts, 2023 Revenues, Department Workforce Demographics, Staffing and Office Challenges, Highlights (Employment, Labor, & Benefits Section; Real Estate, Education, & Housing Section; Litigation & Risk Management Section; Handling of Claims; Neighborhood Revitalization & Ordinance Enforcement Section)

Members requested information on the disposition of impounded cars and reckless driving cases, property and gun receivership, anticipated cases to settle in the future, and supervisory ratios.

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 4 - Dimitrijevic, Spiker, Coggs, and Murphy

No 0

Excused 1 - Zamarripa

Meeting convened at 3:50 p.m.

Chris Lee, Staff Assistant

Council Records Section

City Clerk's Office

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