

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 28, 2006**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jeannette Bell  
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Scott Post, City Attorney  
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

**EXCUSED:** Jim Sengstock, Common Council President

**LEAGUE: 51-52**

**1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION**

**AB1000**      **AUTHORIZING DIRECT LEGISLATION IN COUNTIES;  
LIMITING HOW DIRECT LEGISLATION MAY BE REPEALED**  
OPPOSE, because the bill would make changes that would limit and reduce City flexibility in this regard.

**AB1005/  
SB596**      **PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN SOLICITATIONS BY STATE OR  
LOCAL ELECTIVE OFFICIALS**  
No position.

**AB1015**      **AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPALITY TO SIMULTANEOUSLY  
CREATE A NEW TIF DISTRICT AND SUBTRACT TERRITORY  
FROM AN EXISTING TIF DISTRICT**  
No position.

**AB1022**      **EXEMPTING A MUNICIPALITY FROM THE COUNTY  
LIBRARY TAX**  
Refer to Mike Koszalka.

1. **REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION Cont'd.**

**SB588** **RETALIATORY CONDUCT BY PUBLIC OFFICERS; INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS FOR APPROVALS AND PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DNR AND MUNICIPALITIES**

OPPOSE, because the bill is another state unfunded mandate and interferes with local control.

**SB600** **PAYMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR NATURAL DISASTERS**

Refer to Gary Schmid and Steve Hook.

**AB1033** **AUTHORITY FOR AN OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER TO ACT OUTSIDE HIS OR HER TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**

Refer to Dean Puschnig and Scott Post.

**AB1040** **ERECTION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS IN AREAS ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY**

Refer to Ted Atkinson and John Stibal.

**AB1043** **ISSUING OF BUILDING PERMITS BY MUNICIPALITIES FOR PROJECTS ON LAND THAT MAY ADVERSELY IMPACT WETLANDS**

Refer to Ted Atkinson and John Stibal.

**AB1051** **OBJECTING TO PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS**

Refer to Chuck Ruud.

**SB607** **EXEMPTING CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FROM SMART GROWTH**

Refer to John Stibal.

**SB612** **ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS**

Refer to Paul Ziehler.

**AB979** **GRANTS TO BUSINESSES THAT LOCATE IN EXTREMELY DEPRESSED AREAS, PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM EMERGENCY RULE PROCEDURES, GRANTING RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION**

Refer to John Stibal.

2. **REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION**

**SB498** **EXCAVATION NOTICES AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER LATERALS**

No position.

2. **REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION Cont'd.**

**AB929** **CONSTRUCTION OF ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS BY DWELLING OWNERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS**

No position.

**SB570** **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY CERTAIN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS**

OPPOSE, because the bill does not go far enough in solving the problem of tax exempt status for benevolent associations; specifically, the bill would allow certain types of property to remain tax exempt (housing for older people without a financial threshold and property that is not residential, presumably all commercial and industrial).

3. **OTHER**

a.) **Outstanding Referrals.**

**AB980/SB516** Ted Atkinson (2/14/06)

**AB956** Ted Atkinson (2/14/06)

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Jeannette Bell, Mayor