

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
APRIL 10, 2007**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

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

**LEAGUE: 13-14**

**1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION**

**AB219 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX INSTALLMENTS**  
Refer to Gary Schmid.

**SB85 DAMAGES FOR FRIVOLOUS CLAIMS**  
Refer to Scott Post.

**AB179 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WIGS FOR CANCER PATIENTS**  
OPPOSE, because the bill would mandate certain health insurance coverage, thus taking it away from our own local decision-making.

**2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION**

**AB158 VOTING PROCESS**  
No position.

**AB170 PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON MUNICIPAL WEBSITES**  
FAVOR, because the bill would allow the web site to be used as an alternative for publishing official notices, thus saving us publication costs.

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

**AB189/SB91 WINE LICENSES**

OPPOSE, because the bill would not allow the City to revoke this new class of license if violated, does not allow us to charge a reasonable administrative fee, and is unnecessary because a wine license is already available.

**AB142 DEFINITION OF WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURPOSES**

Hold for further review.

**SB93/AB184 MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT OPTIONS**

FAVOR, because the bill would give the City future options to use for investment of funds for post employment benefits.

**AB135 POINTING A FIREARM AT OR TOWARDS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND PROVIDING A PENALTY**

FAVOR, because the bill would provide added protection for officers from potential offenders pointing a gun or object at them causing a dangerous situation.

**3. OTHER**

a.) Outstanding Referrals.

**AB25** Dean Puschnig/Mike Lewis (2/27/07)

**AB22** Dean Puschnig (2/27/07)

Mayor Bell to clarify the reasons for Department Head recommendations.

b.) Miscellaneous.

1.) The Committee decided to take proactive stances on legislative ideas and issues.

2.) Mr. Ziehler to solicit updated ideas from all departments on previous and new legislative ideas to propose to our State Legislators.

3.) The Committee decided to monitor and review the state budget bill (SB40) and take whatever actions may be appropriate as sections develop.

4.) The Committee discussed whether a resolution should be prepared for Council consideration on the proposed state video franchising legislation. The Committee decided not to prepare a resolution but lobby on the bill for the changes we want as a more effective strategy.

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Jeannette Bell, Mayor