



City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Common Council City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Devine

Ald. Richard Narlock

Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, Clerk/Treasurer

Scott Post, City Attorney

Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

EXCUSED: Ald. Jim Sengstock

LEAGUE: 7-8

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

AJR8 AMENDING THE UNIFORMITY CLAUSE TO ALLOW RESIDENTIAL

PROPERTY TO BE TAXED AT A DIFFERENT RATE

No position.

SB37 MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND DRIVERS LICENSE

SUSPENSION

Refer to Paul Murphy and Scott Post.

SB55 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

AND PROMOTION

Refer to John Stibal and Mike Lewis.

AB39 SATELLITE VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING SITES

Refer to Paul Ziehler.

AB52 BOTTLING MUNICIPAL WATER

No position.

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION Cont'd.

SB81 EXTENDING THE LIFE OF A TIF DISTRICT TO BENEFIT

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Refer to John Stibal.

AB16/SB27 REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF HEARING AIDS

AND COCHLEAR IMPLANTS FOR PERSONS UNDER 18 YRS OLD

Refer to Audrey Key.

AB25 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLATS

OPPOSE, because the bill would give school boards approval of subdivision plats which has been inherently forever a responsibility of municipalities' land use

planning and growth strategy processes.

AB30 EMPLOYER MONITORING OF EMPLOYEE ELECTRONIC MAIL

USAGE

Refer to Scott Post and Jim Jandovitz.

AB36 LIABILITY OF THE STATE FOR A VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL

FMLA OF 1993, FLSA, OR ADEA OF 1967 OR OF TITLE I OF THE

FEDERAL ADA OF 1990

Refer to Scott Post and Audrey Key.

AB40 ALLOWS UNIONS TO FILE WAGE CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF THEIR

MEMBERS

Previously opposed as SB2 on 2/10/09.

AB41 INCREASING MINIMUM WAGE; ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO

ADOPT LIVING WAGE ORDINANCES

Previously took no position on SB1 on 1/27/09.

SB42 REPORT ON FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS

Previously referred to Terry Brandenburg on 2/10/09 as AB10.

SB59 SEIZURE OF A COMPUTER USED TO COMMIT A CRIME AND

PROVIDING A PENALTY

Refer to Mike Jungbluth, Scott Post, and Jim Jandovitz.

AB75 STATE BUDGET BILL

Continue to review and monitor the State budget bill as it moves through the State

Legislature review process. The budget bill has both positive and negative

aspects for the City.

2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

SB20/AB31 ALLOWING PUNITIVE AND COMPENSATORY DAMAGES IN EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION CASES

OPPOSE, because the bill would cost the City additional litigation and settlement expenses in employment discrimination matters.

SB15/AB5 PAYMENT OF WISCONSIN SUPPLEMENTAL AND EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS IN THIS STATE

No position.

AB8 MUNICIPAL QUOTAS FOR RETAIL INTOXICATING LIQUOR

LICENSESNo position.

3. OTHER

- Request by Mike Lewis, City Engineer, for Legislative Committee support for state law change that would allow Neighborhood Elective Vehicles (NEV) to drive on and cross state highways. In discussing this request, the Legislative Committee decided not to request a state law change on NEV because of the following:
 - (1) the state law is a bad law and eventually the Legislature will change it or the State DOT will begin to approve municipal ordinances;
 - (2) the local police departments and state patrol will not be enforcing the prohibition to be on state highways; and
 - (3) this proposed legislation is not a high priority for the City compared to other legislative priorities.
- Outstanding Referrals

AB10/SB42 Terry Brandenburg (2/10/09)

Dan Devine, Mayor