



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

PRESENT: Ald. Richard Narlock
Mayor Dan Devine
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, Clerk/Treasurer
Scott Post, City Attorney

EXCUSED: Ald. Jim Sengstock
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

LEAGUE: 4-5

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

AB14 REPEALING MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT ON EMERGENCY SERVICES SPENDING
FAVOR, because the bill will restore local control over annual budgeting decisions for the police and fire departments.

**AB18/
SB15 REPEALING RACIAL PROFILING DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENT**
Refer to Chief Jungbluth.

AB7/SB6 VOTER ID
No position but with following comments:

Based on the preliminary analysis by the City's Legislative Committee, its initial point of view is to not oppose or favor the bill but rather point out some problems with the bill as drafted and recommend some amendments/changes to address those problems.

The problems with the bill are as follows:

- 1.) Limited type of photo ID acceptable.
- 2.) Conformance of name variations, standards of review.
- 3.) Photo ID applicability for disabled, homebound, nursing home residents, etc.
- 4.) Increased use of provisional ballots.
- 5.) Photo ID requirements for absentee voter process.
- 6.) Applicability of Photo ID to confidentially protected voters.
- 7.) Funding for state and local training.
- 8.) Funding for informational outreach at state and local levels.
- 9.) Quick, early implementation date.
- 10.) Definition and use of "valid" Photo ID for driver's license if expired, cancelled, etc.
- 11.) Possible discontinuance of corroboration procedures.
- 12.) Possible discontinuance of same day registration.

The recommended amendments/changes to address the above-listed problems (in same numerical order) are as follows:

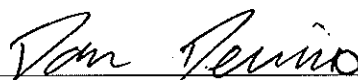
- 1.) Expand type of Photo ID's accepted to include passports, college ID's, and other photo ID's issued by other units of government including counties and municipalities.
- 2.) Accept Photo ID's of reasonable similarity and resemblance.
- 3.) Continue same, current process for disabled, homebound, and nursing home residents which would, in effect, exempt such from photo ID requirements.
- 4.) Consider alternatives to use of provisional ballots such as certificates and affidavits, or at a minimum, extend photo acceptance to second day after the election.
- 5.) Eliminate photo ID requirements for mailed absentee ballot process or with the assistance of special voting deputies; eliminate requirement for maintenance of photo file copies.
- 6.) Exempt from and elimination of recordkeeping and open records request for confidentially protected voters.
- 7.) Provide full funding for training for state election officials and local election officials.
- 8.) Provide full funding for informational outreach at state and local levels.
- 9.) Delay implementation of effective date of new bill provisions until 2012 elections.
- 10.) Allow use and acceptance for photo ID purposes: DOT issued driver's license even if expired or cancelled, alternative certificates and affidavits.
- 11.) Continue use of corroboration with integration with photo ID requirements and proof of residency.
- 12.) Continue use of same day registration with integration with photo ID requirements and proof of residency.

2. **REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION**

None.

3. **OTHER**

- a. The Legislative Committee discussed the past practice of the Advisory Committee and Common Council when it takes actions on the Legislative Committee minutes of only "Placing the Minutes on File," not "Approving" them. The Legislative Committee felt that a Committee of the Whole Meeting should be scheduled prior to the next Common Council meeting so this matter can be resolved. It is generally the Legislative Committee's feeling that it would be better if the Advisory Committee and the Common Council actually "Approve" the minutes and "Place them on File." That way, it is clear that the Common Council supports the positions being taken by the Legislative Committee. Under this kind of approach, any Alderperson who disagrees with any position on any proposed bill could argue and debate a contrary position and ultimately vote for or against each under separation of the issue.
- b. There was a brief discussion about a Milwaukee JournalSentinel article on the three new bills that have passed the Legislature in the Special Session that gave tax credits for economic development, health savings accounts, and job creation. This article stated that the three bills would be worth an estimated \$140 million less in State revenue realized without the three tax breaks, and that would have given the State \$140 million more to potentially have available to spend.
- c. There was also a brief discussion about an article in the National League of Cities' weekly newspaper about the CDBG Program possibly being at risk for major cuts or elimination completely. The article encouraged cities to report their success stories to their Congressional representatives.



Dan Devine, Mayor