



**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 LICENSES

No 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