



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2009**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

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

EXCUSED: Ald. Jim Sengstock

LEAGUE: 9-10

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

- SB93 MAKING ASSESSORS IMMUNE FROM TRESPASSING**
Refer to Chuck Ruud.
- AB85 NUMBER OF TEMPORARY PICNIC WINE LICENSES A
MUNICIPALITY MAY ISSUE**
Refer to Paul Ziehler.
- SB70/
AB118 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF DEPENDENT ADULT
CHILDREN**
OPPOSE, because the bill would mandate certain health insurance coverage,
which should be left to the local control of the City.
- AB130 RECOVERING COSTS OF ADMINISTERING TESTS FOR
INTOXICATION**
FAVOR, because the bill would reimburse the City for some of its Police Dept.
costs related to this work.

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION Cont'd.

- AB134** **DELETING OPTION OF CREATING AN ALTERNATIVE PROCESS FOR OBJECTING TO PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS**
Refer to Chuck Ruud.
- SB67** **PREPARATION TIME AS A MANDATORY SUBJECT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
Refer to Audrey Key and Scott Post.
- SB71** **PREEXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSIONS, MODIFICATIONS AT RENEWAL, AND ESTABLISHING A STANDARD APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS AND GRANTING RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY**
Refer to Audrey Key.
- SB72** **PORTABILITY UNDER GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS AND INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF INSURANCE POLICY RESCISSIONS AND PREEXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSION DENIALS UNDER GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS**
Refer to Audrey Key.
- SB73** **LIFETIME LIMIT UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE RISK-SHARING PLAN**
Refer to Audrey Key
- SB74** **HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE DENIALS FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE RISK-SHARING PLAN**
Refer to Audrey Key.
- SB77** **CHANGES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX BENEFIT PROGRAMS, PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM EMERGENCY RULE PROCEDURES, AND REQUIRING THE EXERCISE OF RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY**
Refer to John Stibal.
- SB82** **ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT RECORDS OF CANDIDATES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT POSITIONS**
Refer to Mike Jungbluth and Scott Post.
- SB83** **STRIP SEARCHES**
Refer to Mike Jungbluth.

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

- AB60** **PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS IN TRAFFIC COURTS AND MUNICIPAL COURTS BY INSTALLMENTS AND THE SUSPENSION OF OPERATING PRIVILEGES**
Previously referred to Paul Murphy and Scott Post as SB37 on 2/24/09.
- AB64** **EMPLOYER MONITORING OF EMPLOYEE ELECTRONIC MAIL USAGE**
Refer to Jim Jandovitz and Scott Post.
- AB67** **ALCOHOL BEVERAGES OPERATORS' LICENSES, MANAGERS' LICENSES, AND RETAIL LICENSES, AND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN RETAIL LICENSED PREMISES**
Refer to Paul Ziehler and Scott Post.
- AB68** **DISTRIBUTION OF THE FIRST DOLLAR PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**
Refer to Paul Ziehler.
- AB79** **RELEASE OF PERSONS WHO COMMIT OWI OFFENSES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES**
Refer to Mike Jungbluth.

2. **REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION**

- SB37** **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENSION**
Hold for Judge Murphy's comments to be received.
- SB55** **HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION**
FAVOR, because the bill would enhance certain aspects of historic preservation and such buildings.
- AB39** **SATELLITE VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING SITES**
No position.
- SB81** **EXTENDING THE LIFE OF A TIF DISTRICT TO BENEFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
FAVOR, because the bill would increase the flexibility and scope of the TIF laws, particularly as it relates to affordable housing.

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

AB30 EMPLOYER MONITORING OF EMPLOYEE ELECTRONIC MAIL USAGE

OPPOSE, because the bill would complicate and restrict the City's ability to monitor appropriate City related business in our employee's electronic mail usage.

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

No position.

AB16/SB27 REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF HEARING AIDS AND COCHLEAR IMPLANTS FOR PERSONS UNDER 18 YRS OLD

OPPOSE, because the bill would be another state mandate for our health insurance coverage, which should be left as a local decision for the City.

AB10/SB42 REPORT ON FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS

No position.

SB59 SEIZURE OF A COMPUTER USED TO COMMIT A CRIME AND PROVIDING A PENALTY

No position.

3. **OTHER**

- The Legislative Committee discussed the February 27, 2009 letter from Library Board President Sr. Mary Ellen Paulson (see attached) in regards to the Library Board's opposing comments on the Legislative Committee's inclusion of the option of a regional approach to the delivery of library services in the list of legislative ideas suggested to the City's three area legislators. The Legislative Committee decided to have Mayor Devine hold off sending the letter to our three area legislators with this one item included until the City's Advisory Committee at its next Recess Committee meeting on March 17 can make a decision on this item from an official City policy position.
- The Legislative Committee heard a report on those items the League of Wisconsin Municipalities will be working on for new legislation in this session including: (1) Clean up of language on statutory differences between cities and villages; (2) Specifying the definition of what housing is tax exempt as it relates to low income and high-income individuals; (3) Inclusion of income rental rate consideration for leasing commercial property for assessment purposes;

(4) Improvement of storm water regulation; and (5) Allowing neighborhood electric vehicles to be on and cross state highways.

- **AB75 – State Budget Bill:** The Legislative Committee continued to discuss the positive and negative aspects of Governor Doyle’s proposed budget. At the Committee’s next meeting on March 24, a summary list of the City’s position on the important aspects of the budget bill will be agreed to so that it can be sent to the State Legislature explaining what elements we favor and what elements we oppose. (The Committee noted a letter from the MCLEEA that had been sent from Chief Jungbluth noting opposition to the single license plate, the elimination of the registration decal, and the collection of traffic stop statistics.)
- Outstanding Referrals
SB37 Judge Murphy (2/24/09)



Dan Devine, Mayor