

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MARCH 28, 2006**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jeannette Bell  
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

**EXCUSED:** Jim Sengstock, Common Council President  
Scott Post, City Attorney

**LEAGUE: 53-55**

**1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION**

**AB1083      SALE OF FIREWORKS AND FIREWORKS PERMITS**  
Refer to Steve Hook.

**AB1089      CREATING A LOCAL AIRPORT DISTRICT**  
No position.

**SB642/  
AB1093      STANDARDS FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING PROGRAMS**  
Refer to Steve Hook.

**AB1109      AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPALITY TO ASSESS FEES FOR  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COSTS ON CERTAIN  
INTOXICATED INDIVIDUALS**  
No position.

**SB639      PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS FOR  
MANUFACTURING PROPERTY AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION  
FAVOR, because the bill would reduce City costs on manufacturing property tax  
refunds and interest.**

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

**SB660**      **REVISION AND ELIMINATION OF THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROPERTY TAX FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY**  
FAVOR, because the bill would solve the problem of the tax-exempt status for benevolent associations for high-end residential property.

**2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION**

**AB956**      **PREEMPTING MUNICIPAL BUILDING CODES THAT DIFFER FROM THE STATE'S STANDARDS**  
OPPOSE, because the bill would remove the City's own home rule authority to determine building and construction codes.

**AB980/  
SB516**      **CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND CERTIFICATION OF BUILDING INSPECTORS**  
OPPOSE, because the bill would allow the State to suspend or revoke the certification of our licensed inspectors.

**AB1022**      **EXEMPTING A MUNICIPALITY FROM THE COUNTY LIBRARY TAX**  
No position.

**SB600**      **PAYMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR NATURAL DISASTERS**  
No position.

**AB1033/  
SB641**      **AUTHORITY FOR AN OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER TO ACT OUTSIDE HIS OR HER TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**  
FAVOR, because the bill provides the needed civil and criminal liability protection and cost reimbursement for City off duty police officers to aid other jurisdictions.

**AB1040**      **ERECTION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS IN AREAS ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY**  
No position.

**AB1043**      **ISSUING OF BUILDING PERMITS BY MUNICIPALITIES FOR PROJECTS ON LAND THAT MAY ADVERSELY IMPACT WETLANDS**  
No position.

**AB1051**      **OBJECTING TO PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS**  
FAVOR, because the bill would have positive affects in the appeal process for the local Board of Review.

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

**SB612** **ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS**

No position; however, the State should compensate the City for the retraining and reeducation of staff and election workers that will be required (otherwise it is another unfunded state mandate).

3. **OTHER**

a.) **Outstanding Referrals.**

**SB697/AB1061** John Stibal (2/28/06)

**AB979** John Stibal (2/28/06)

b.) **Communications.**

- Letter from Senator Tom Reynolds on Taxpayers Protection Constitutional Amendment.
- Letter from Senator Herb Kohl on Video Choice Act.

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Jeannette Bell, Mayor