

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2005**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

PRESENT: Mayor Jeannette Bell
Jim Sengstock, Common Council President
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Treasurer
Scott Post, City Attorney
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

LEAGUE: 32-35

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

AB649 ACCESS TO HIGHWAYS

Refer to Mike Lewis.

AB656 DETERMINING FAIR MARKET VALUE OF PROPERTY TAKEN BY CONDEMNATION

OPPOSE, because the bill would result in increased costs to the City.

AB657 PROHIBITING THE CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

OPPOSE, because the bill would significantly limit the City's ability to redevelop blighted property.

AB662 REQUIRING DOA AND DOR TO STUDY IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF REMOVING LAND FROM TAX ROLLS

No position.

SB321 MUNICIPAL QUOTAS FOR CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSES

No position.

**AB665/
SB326 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR RECREATIONAL MOBILE HOMES**

No position.

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

- AB667/
SB329** **PARKING OF VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS**
Refer to Mike Lewis.
- AB670** **DISTRIBUTING SCHOOL LEVY PROPERTY TAX CREDITS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would result in loss of interest revenue to the City.
- AB675** **ALLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS TO SEEK COMPENSATION FOR
THE REDUCTION IN VALUE CAUSED BY ZONING REGULATIONS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would result in a tremendous increase in cost to the
City and significantly limit the use of our development tools.
- AB682** **PROHIBITING CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES
NOT EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED**
Refer to Scott Post.
- AB689** **USE OF PREFERENTIAL VOTING TO DETERMINE RESULTS OF
LOCAL ELECTIONS**
Refer to Paul Ziehler.
- AB726** **ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CLAIM REFUNDS OF THE
MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX**
FAVOR, because the bill would reduce costs to the City.
- AB736** **TESTING OF EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO BE PAID THE
PREVAILING WAGE RATE**
No position, but it is curious to note that this bill, like so many others, provides an
exemption for the State.
- SB357** **REQUIRING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REPORT ON
SUBSIDIES PROVIDED TO BUSINESSES**
OPPOSE, because the bill would create additional paperwork, administration, and
reporting requirements and limit the City's ability to promote economic
development.
- SB338** **PROHIBITION AGAINST A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE
HAVING A PRIVATE INTEREST IN A PUBLIC CONTRACT**
Refer to Scott Post.
- SB341** **VOTER REGISTRATION FOR CERTAIN VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC
ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING**
Refer to Paul Ziehler.

2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

- AB601** **REVOKING, MODIFYING OR IMPOSING CONDITIONS ON CERTAIN APPROVALS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would interfere with municipal authority in giving property owners a veto of City zoning changes.
- AB645** **REPEALING SMART GROWTH**
OPPOSE, because the bill would eliminate the goal of doing long-range municipal planning.
- SB296/
AB627** **ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM STANDARDS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would create a large administrative nightmare, create security problems, and is not practical to implement, plus cost the City additional money.
- AB610/
SB276** **EXPANDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO CITIES AND VILLAGES FOR FIRE CALLS ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS**
FAVOR, because the bill would potentially provide the City with reimbursement for fire department responses on certain highways.

3. OTHER

- a.) Outstanding Referrals.
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| AB543 | Dean Puschnig (7/12/05) |
| AB527 | Terry Brandenburg (8/23/05) |
| AB588 | Mike Lewis (8/23/05) |
| AB619 | Scott Post (9/13/05) |
- b.) Correspondence to be Sent:
- Letter to Congressional delegation to be sent by Mayor Bell on behalf of the Legislative Committee opposing federal legislation or deregulation of rights-of-ways and eliminating franchise fees from cable companies.
 - Letter to State Assembly Urban & Local Affairs Committee on AB573 by Mayor Bell on behalf of the Legislative Committee favoring State legislation that would narrow the tax exemption for benevolent associations.

Jeannette Bell, Mayor