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**City of West Allis Matter Summary** 

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

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#### Resolution

File Number: R-2011-0029 Final Action:

Sponsor(s): Advisory Committee FEB 0 1 2011

Resolution establishing the City of West Allis Legislative Package for the 2011-2012 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session.

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Legislature is now back in session for the 2011-2012 Biennium; and,

WHEREAS, the State Legislature will be considering much legislation that will affect the City either positively or negatively; and,

WHEREAS, during the State Legislative session, the City's Legislative Committee meets regularly to review and comment on proposed legislation; and,

WHEREAS, for the last biennial session or two, the City's Legislative Committee has developed the City's own set of legislative ideas and priorities for consideration by the State Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to again develop a Legislative Package for presentation to the Governor, State Assembly, State Senate, and our area representatives and senators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that the attached City of West Allis Legislative Package for the 2011-2012 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session be and is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that the City Administrative Officer, Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to provide copies of said legislative package to Governor Walker, State Assembly and State Senate leaders, area representatives and senators, and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

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**ADOPTED** 

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Paul M. Ziehler, City Admin. Officer, Clerk/Treas.

**APPROVED** 

Dan Devine, Mayor

# City of West Allis Legislative Package 2011-2012 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session

The following legislative proposals are suggested for enactment by the State of Wisconsin during its 2011-2012 Biennial Session.

#### 1. Shared Revenues

Continue the State Shared Revenues and Expenditure Restraint Program and increase funding levels.

#### 2. <u>Transportation Aids</u>

Continue the State programs of transportation aids, including state highway aids and state connecting highway aids and increase funding levels.

#### 3. Spending and Tax Levy Limits

Eliminate spending and tax levy limits for municipalities.

#### 4. <u>Property Tax Exemptions</u>

Reduce number and scope of property tax exemptions that shift the burden of paying for municipal services to residential property owners.

#### 5. <u>Municipal Labor Relations</u>

- Prohibit final offers submitted by unions from exceeding the City's allowable spending and levy limits.
- Prohibit City from paying the first 3% of the employee's contribution in the WRS.
- Prohibit arbitration from using comparable wage and benefit increases in other cities when choosing between the two final offers.
- Require an arbitrator to favor the final offer that best matches the economic and budget conditions of the City.
- Prohibit the arbitrator from considering the City's fund balances when choosing the final offer.
- Make the City's decision to contract out municipal services to be a permissive subject of bargaining.

#### 6. State Mandates

- Eliminate the maintenance of efforts for public safety and emergency services.
- Eliminate the maintenance of efforts for libraries; substitute an alternative rule that would continue to ensure basic levels of library financing for participants in federated library systems.
- Require the renegotiation of the DNR/MMSD/City stipulation agreement; limit MMSD authority to impose requirements on private homeowners; require gubernatorial review of all State applied MMSD requirements.
- Increase the prevailing wage law applicability up to \$250,000.
- Reduce State law DNR, wetland, rules, etc. down to the level of federal laws.

### 6. <u>State Mandates Cont'd.</u>

- Reduce State employment laws on sexual harassment, workers compensation, unemployment compensation, FMLA, etc. down to the level of federal laws.
- Relax the water quality standards that limit the amount of phosphorus allowed in wastewater treatment plant effluent.
- Revise stormwater rule NR151 requiring the reduction of total suspended solids by 40% by 2013; total review and modification needed.
- Reduce DOT rules and regulations for transportation projects to improve design timeframe.
- Provide full funding for recycling mandates.
- Provide for the allowable increase of beer license fees from \$100 to \$200 and liquor license fees from \$500 to \$1,000.
- Provide the mandated funding level of 13% (now 8%) for public library system aids.
- Modify State library laws to specify and clarify the powers of a federated system and local library boards.

#### 7. <u>Economic Development</u>

- Provide financial incentives for older city, brownfield TIFs.
- Change condemnation law to allow property owner to accept eminent domain/condemnation offer, but allow at a later date the ability to litigate the amount, including attorney fees.
- Require sufficient bandwidth for federated library system use as part of the Badger Net Fiber Project as a tool to assist libraries in computer assisted job searches.

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