

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2006**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, February 14, 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: 46-50

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

SB498 **EXCAVATION NOTICES AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN
WATER AND SEWER LATERALS**
Refer to Mike Lewis and Mike Pertmer.

**AB936/
SB510** **REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO
AREA COOPERATION COMPACTS**
No position.

**AB980/
SB516** **CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR BUILDING CONTRACTORS
AND CERTIFICATION OF BUILDING INSPECTORS**
Refer to Ted Atkinson.

SB524 **CREATING A BUILDING INSPECTOR REVIEW BOARD**
OPPOSE, because the bill is unnecessary and imposes the State's opinion over the supervision of city building inspectors.

AB956 **PREEMPTING MUNICIPAL BUILDING CODES THAT DIFFER
FROM THE STATE'S STANDARDS**
Refer to Ted Atkinson.

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

- AB978** **AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES OPERATED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**
No position.
- AB999/
SB546** **CHANGES TO THE BROWNFIELD CLEANUP LAWS**
FAVOR, because the bill will make the closure of environmentally contaminated West Allis sites faster and cheaper.
- SB564** **NUMBER OF BALLOTS AUTHORIZED TO BE PRINTED AT AN ELECTION**
OPPOSE, because the State has no business telling us how many election ballots we need; it is a local decision.
- SB570** **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY CERTAIN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS**
Refer to Chuck Ruud and Paul Ziehler.
- AB929** **CONSTRUCTION OF ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS BY DWELLING OWNERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS**
Refer to Chuck Ruud.

2. **REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION**

- SB833** **INCREASING THE RECYCLING FEE AND THE PROGRAM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS**
No position.
- AB888** **VOTER REGISTRATION AT OFFICES OF COUNTY CLERKS AND BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would allow electors to register at the County, thus creating administrative, storage, and processing problems.
- SB474** **MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES IN WORKER'S COMPENSATION LAW, REQUIRING THE EXERCISE OF RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would not reduce the City's workers' compensation costs and may actually increase expenses in some areas.

3. **OTHER**

a.) Outstanding Referrals.
None.

b.) Communications.

- Letter and resolution (for Common Council) to be prepared on the State's new, proposed constitutional amendment entitled the Taxpayers Protection Amendment (TPA).
- Mayor Bell sent letter to FCC on testimony on local cable franchising process and possible changes to existing federal law.

Jeannette Bell, Mayor