



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2008**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

PRESENT: Ald. Jim Sengstock
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, Clerk/Treasurer
Scott Post, City Attorney
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

EXCUSED: Mayor Jeannette Bell

LEAGUE: 54-55

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

AB888 **USE OF PREFERENTIAL VOTING TO DETERMINE THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL OFFICES AND GRANTING RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY**

Refer to Paul Ziehler and Scott Post.

**SB553/
AB915** **CONSTRUCTION IN WETLANDS, MUNICIPAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Refer to Ted Atkinson.

2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

**AB825/
SB519** **TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS INVOLVING RENTAL CARS**

FAVOR, because the bill would increase traffic fines for the City by increasing car rental companies' payments from 50% to 100%.

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

- AB734** **OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED AND PROVIDING A PENALTY**
No position.
- AB746** **THE AGE AT WHICH A PERSON WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE VIOLATED A CRIMINAL LAW, A CIVIL LAW, OR A MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE IS SUBJECT TO CIRCUIT COURT OR MUNICIPAL COURT RATHER THAN JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION, IMPOSING A FEE ON THE SALE OF VIDEO GAMES AND VIDEO GAMING DEVICES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION**
OPPOSE, because the bill would eliminate one remedy the municipal court has for individuals under 18.
- AB775/
SB412** **PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS IN TRAFFIC COURTS AND MUNICIPAL COURTS BY INSTALLMENTS AND THE SUSPENSION OF OPERATING PRIVILEGES**
OPPOSE, because the bill would impose an undue burden on the court by requiring a determination of ability to pay.
- SB489** **POLICE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS**
FAVOR, because the bill would correct the recent State budget provision on police and fire disciplinary procedures.
- AB829** **REQUIRING A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASES BE FROM IN STATE PROVIDERS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would create administrative problems and increase City purchasing costs.
- SB431/
AB757** **VARIOUS CHANGES IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION**
FAVOR, because the bill would provide some improvement in procedural rules and potentially save the City money.
- SB430/
AB758** **MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION LAW**
Hold until response from CVMIC and HR.
- AB662** **CHARGE-BACK OF REFUNDED OR RESCINDED PROPERTY TAXES**
No position.

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

AB718 **DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING STATUTE**

FAVOR, because the bill would give the City more time to thoroughly and completely update our future land use plan.

**SB423/
AB736** **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS**

FAVOR, because the bill would ensure mutual cooperation among cities in emergency situations.

3. **OTHER**

a.) Outstanding Referrals.

AB833/SB478

Mike Pertmer and Mike Lewis (2/26/08)

SB452/AB737

Dean Puschnig (2/26/08)

SB436/AB756

Steve Hook (2/26/08)

AB758/SB430

Audrey Key (2/26/08)

AB759

Dean Puschnig (2/26/08)

b.) Letter from Sen. Sullivan to Sen. Decker recommending scheduling of SB202/AB706 for action by full Senate.



Jeannette Bell, Mayor