

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2007**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jeannette Bell  
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Scott Post, City Attorney

**EXCUSED:** Richard Narlock, Common Council President Designee  
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

**LEAGUE: 1-8**

**1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION**

**AB21/SB7 REVISIONS IN TERMINOLOGY THAT AFFECT MOBILE HOMES, MANUFACTURED HOMES, ETC., AND CHANGES THAT APPLY TO MONTHLY FEES COLLECTED BY CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS**

Refer to Chuck Ruud and Ted Atkinson.

**AB25 APPLIES TRAFFIC LAWS AND OTHER RULES OF THE ROAD TO PRIVATE ROADS WITHIN MOBILE HOME PARKS**

Refer to Dean Puschnig and Mike Lewis.

**SB17 RELATING TO POWERS OF CERTAIN TOWNS, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF CHARTER TOWNS BY CERTAIN TOWN BOARDS, AND EXPANDING THE AUTHORITY OF CHARTER TOWNS TO CREATE TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING DISTRICTS**

OPPOSE, because the bill is unnecessary since towns can already incorporate as municipalities under current State law.

**SB21/AB57 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS**

OPPOSE, because the bill would take the Police & Fire Commission's disciplinary authority out of its hands and give it to an outside arbitrator.

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

- AB55** **QUALIFICATIONS OF NEWSPAPERS PERMITTED TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES AND ALLOWING MAILING OF LEGAL NOTICES INSTEAD OF PUBLISHING**  
FAVOR, because the bill would provide municipalities with another less costly alternative for publication of required documents.
- SB29/AB76** **INCREASING THE STATE IMPOSED RECYCLING FEE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TIPPING FEE, ON THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN LANDFILLS**  
Refer to Mike Pertmer.
- SB36/AB79** **ALLOWING CERTAIN TOWNS TO CREATE HYBRID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS KNOWN AS CHARTER TOWNS**  
OPPOSE, because the bill is unnecessary since towns can already incorporate as municipalities under current State law.
- SB46/AB110** **MAKES THE SELECTION OF A HEALTH CARE COVERAGE PLAN A PROHIBITED SUBJECT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IF THE MUNICIPALITY SELECTS THE STATE PLAN FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR PLAN**  
Refer to Audrey Key and Scott Post
- SB51** **ESTABLISHING A PUBLICLY FINANCED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FOR THE RESIDENTS OF WISCONSIN**  
Refer to Audrey Key and Gary Schmid.
- AB77** **STATE TO DISTRIBUTE SCHOOL LEVY TAX CREDIT TO COUNTIES EXCEPT FOR PAYMENT AMOUNTS EXCEEDING \$3 MILLION, WHICH CONTINUE TO BE PAID TO MUNICIPALITIES**  
Refer to Paul Ziehler.
- AB118** **REQUIRES MUNICIPALITIES TO CONSIDER RELATIONSHIPS WITH DRAINAGE DISTRICTS IN PREPARING COMPREHENSIVE PLANS UNDER THE SMART GROWTH LAW**  
Refer to Mike Lewis and John Stibal.
- AB16** **REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES TO COVER ORPHAN DRUGS AND GRANTING RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY**  
Refer to Audrey Key.
- AB22** **SEIZURE OF A COMPUTER USED IN COMMITTING A CHILD SEX OFFENSE, THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN FORFEITED PROPERTY, THE USE OF A COMPUTER BY A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CHILD SEX OFFENSE, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY**  
Refer to Dean Puschnig.

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

**AB26 LIABILITY FOR DISOBEYING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS  
AND PROVIDING A PENALTY**

Refer to Scott Post and Dean Puschnig.

**AB52 EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS TO THE  
REQUIREMENT THAT A DOG THAT BITES A PERSON BE  
QUARANTINED**

Refer to Scott Post and Dean Puschnig.

**AB68 TEMPORARY ALCOHOL BEVERAGE RETAIL LICENSES**

Refer to Scott Post and Paul Ziehler.

**AB69 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

Refer to Mike Lewis.

**2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION**

None

**3. OTHER**

- a.) Discussion of whether the Legislative Committee (and City) should take proactive vs. reactive stances on legislative ideas/issues.
- b.) Solicit ideas from all departments on new legislative ideas to propose to our State Legislators.
- c.) Governor's budget bill (SB40) – need to review applicable sections.

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Jeannette Bell, Mayor