



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Devine
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, Clerk/Treasurer
Scott Post, City Attorney
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

EXCUSED: Ald. Jim Sengstock
Ald. Richard Narlock

LEAGUE: 47-48

1. **REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION**

SB483 PROHIBITING HEALTH PLANS FROM DENYING COVERAGE TO PERSONS INJURED AS A RESULT OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION
Refer to Scott Post and Audrey Key.

SB508 EXEMPTING FROM INCOME TAXATION CERTAIN EMPLOYER-PAID FRINGE BENEFITS FOR MASS TRANSIT EXPENSES
No position.

SB511 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
No position.

AB703 CORRECTING ERRORS IN EQUALIZED VALUE
Refer to Chuck Ruud.

AB706 WORKERS COMPENSATION LAW CHANGES
Refer to Scott Post, Gary Schmid, and Audrey Key.

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION Cont'd.

SB469 **AUTHORITY OF THE PSC OVER CERTAIN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES, TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACCESS CHARGES, UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS
BASED ON INTERCONNECTED VOICE OVER INTERNET
PROTOCOL SERVICE, TANDEM SWITCHING PROVIDER
ELECTRONIC CALL RECORDS, GRANTING RULE-MAKING
AUTHORITY, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION**
Refer to Jim Jandovitz, Gene Baietto, and Jerry Musial.

SB498 **TECHNICAL CHANGES TO 2009 WIS ACT 100**
No position.

AB504 **MILWAUKEE COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX FOR PARKS,
RECREATION, AND CULTURE**
No position [Vote: 3-1 (P.Ziehler-No)]

2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

**SB440/
AB643** **WAIVING ARRA TAX EXEMPT BOND ALLOCATIONS TO
COUNTIES AND CERTAIN CITIES**
No position.

AB578 **MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS USE CERTAIN GREEN
CLEANING SUPPLIES AND PAPER PRODUCTS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would mandate the use of certain more expensive
products, thus increasing city costs.

**SB442/
AB654** **QUALIFICATIONS-BASED SELECTION PROCESS FOR CONSULTING
CONTRACTS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would impose unneeded, additional State control,
increase processing time that would delay projects, require additional
recordkeeping, and make contracting decisions harder to defend.

SB458 **LOCAL REGULATION OF TICKET SCALPING**
No position.

SB447 **STATE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AND FALSE CLAIMS
SUBMITTED TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, REQUIRING
THE EXERCISE OF RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY, AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES**
No position.

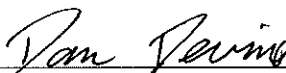
2. **REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION Cont'd.**

**SB435/
AB646** **PERIOD FOR RETENTION OF CERTAIN ELECTION MATERIALS
IN STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS**
No position.

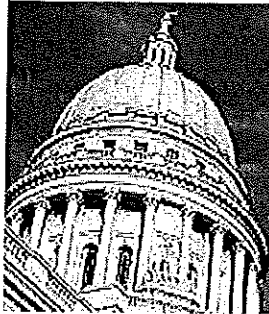
AB635 **FUNDING FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY FOR WINTER
MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES ON STATE TRUNK HIGHWAYS**
No position.

3. **OTHER**

- Outstanding Previous Referrals
AB612 Mike Jungbluth, Scott Post (1/12/10)
- Ald. Czaplewski's request for Legislative Committee to take a position to the effect that if the State Legislature passes any mandate on health insurance, that a law be passed allowing municipal employers to pass on the cost to employees. (The Legislative Committee decided to suggest that Ald. Czaplewski sponsor and introduce a Common Council resolution that would have the City adopt such a position; the Advisory Committee in reviewing that resolution may first refer the resolution to the Legislative Committee for its recommendation.)
- It was reported to the Legislative Committee that there might be a State budget repair bill yet this year. It was also reported that the State's next two-year biennium budget will be another difficult one. Both may have negative effects on City revenue financing. Who wins the Governor's race in Wisconsin this year will also be a factor on local government funding.
- The Legislative Committee reviewed the Local Government Labor Relations Reform Bill that has been prepared as a package for the State Legislature to consider for introduction. The ideas are the collective work of the Wisconsin Alliance of Cities, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin Association of School Boards. There are six points included in the proposed package (see attached). In addition to these six points, the legislative Committee suggested adding another new, seventh point, which would "require an arbitrator to consider any state or federal unfunded mandate imposed on local government when choosing between the employer and the union's final offer."



Dan Devine, Mayor



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Urge Your State Legislators to Introduce the Local Government Labor Relations Reform Bill

The League has joined with the Alliance of Cities, the Counties Association, and the Association of School Boards in an effort to reform the collective bargaining laws in this state. We encourage local officials to urge their state legislators to introduce the following package of changes to the state's Municipal Employment Relations Act:

- Prohibit final offers submitted by unions from exceeding the community's allowable increase in the property tax levy limit. (2009 AB 450)
- Prohibit local government employers participating in the Wisconsin Retirement System from paying the first 3 percent of the employee's required contributions under the WRS on behalf of any newly hired employees. (2007 AB 449)
- Under binding interest arbitration, prohibit an arbitrator from taking into account wage and benefit increases in other jurisdictions when choosing between the employer and the union's final offer.
- Require an arbitrator to favor the offer that most closely matches the local economic conditions and the budget of the local government.
- Prohibit an arbitrator from giving consideration to a local government's fund balance (e.g., the existence and size of a community's reserve fund) when choosing between competing offers.
- Allow either party to unilaterally open up contracted compensation settlements until 2014.

A bill draft containing these changes has been prepared. It only needs to be introduced and acted upon by the state legislature.

View a copy of the bill draft [here](#).

Call your state legislators today and urge them to introduce the Local Government Labor Relations Reform Bill.

To see a list of reasons why local governments are requesting this bill, [click here](#).