

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2005**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, 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: Jim Sengstock, Common Council President
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

LEAGUE: 15

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

AB307 **MUNICIPAL DRUG PARAPHERNALIA ORDINANCES**
FAVOR, because the bill would give the City the ability to prosecute such violations.

SB163 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR RESTAURANT KITCHEN EQUIPMENT**
OPPOSE, because the bill would reduce the tax base and thus shift the costs to other taxpayers.

2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

AB82 **AGE DETERMINATION FOR CIRCUIT COURT OR MUNICIPAL COURT VS. JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION**
OPPOSE, because the bill would undo the presumption that for most criminal purposes, a 17 year old is an adult.

- AB89** **EXCLUSIVE MUNICIPAL COURT JURISDICTION IN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST JUVENILES**
FAVOR, because the bill would clear up confusion as to which court has jurisdiction over traffic offenses by offenders under age 16.
- AB90** **REQUESTING A JURY TRIAL ON APPEAL FROM A JUDGMENT**
FAVOR, because the bill would give the same rights to the prosecution as to the defense.
- AB91** **NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A MUNICIPAL COURT ORDER**
FAVOR, because the bill would increase flexibility in sentencing.
- AB96** **PROPERTY TAXES FOR CONDEMNED PROPERTY**
No position.
- AB264** **INCREASING MUNICIPAL COURT FILING FEES**
FAVOR, because the bill would provide the City a higher option on settling certain court costs but not mandate them.
- AB265** **SALE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**
No position.
- SB137/
AB222** **ENVIRONMENTAL CLAIMS UNDER GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES**
Hold (waiting for analysis and recommendation from CVMIC).
- AB252/
SB128** **INCREASING INSURANCE COVERAGE LIMITS OF MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS OR ALCOHOLISM OR OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would increase costs to the City even though the bill would provide more mental health coverage.
- AB276** **WISCONSIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM**
FAVOR, because the bill would give the individual more flexibility in changing the retirement variable option.
- SB117** **LATE PAYMENTS OF PROPERTY TAX INSTALLMENTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES**
No position.

3. OTHER

- a.) Outstanding Referrals.
AB141 Dean Puschnig (3/22/05)
AB216 Dean Puschnig (3/22/05)
SB137 Paul Ziehler, John Stibal (4/12/05)
- b.) Other.
None

Jeannette Bell, Mayor