



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2008**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

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

**EXCUSED:** Ald. Jim Sengstock

**LEAGUE: 51-53**

**1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION**

**AB771** **MUNICIPAL USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS**  
No position.

**AB787/  
SB462** **MANDATORY POLICE PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS**  
No position.

**AJR99** **TABOR**  
OPPOSE, because the resolution would severely limit the City's ability to raise revenues to operate and force another state mandate on the City local home rule powers.

**AB784** **AUTHORIZING CREATION OF LOCAL PARK DISTRICTS**  
Previously took "no position" on SB248 (10/9/07).

**AB788** **ACCESS TO UTILITY SECURITY PLANS**  
No position.

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

- AB805**            **REGULATORY TAKINGS**  
OPPOSE, because the bill would severely restrict the City's economic development and redevelopment activities and increase costs tremendously by forcing the City to pay for any planning and land use control techniques.
- AB833/  
SB478**            **CREATING A WINTER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE GRANT PROGRAM**  
Refer to Mike Pertmer and Mike Lewis.
- SB481**            **MUNICIPAL FEES IN SUPPORT OF WATER SAFETY PATROLS**  
No position.
- AB825/  
SB519**            **TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS INVOLVING RENTAL CARS**  
Refer to Scott Post and Dean Puschnig.
- AB829**            **REQUIRING A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASES BE FROM IN STATE PROVIDERS**  
Refer to Gene Baietto.
- SB489**            **POLICE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS**  
Refer to Dean Puschnig, Scott Post, and Audrey Key.
- AB734**            **OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED AND PROVIDING A PENALTY**  
Refer to Scott Post and Dean Puschnig.
- AB736**            **STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS**  
Previously referred to Mike Pertmer as SB423 (2/12/08).
- SB452/  
AB737**            **INTEGRATED CRIME ALERT NETWORK**  
Refer to Dean Puschnig.
- 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**  
Refer to Scott Post.
- SB436/  
AB756**            **REPORTS OR RECORDS KEPT ON THE OCCURRENCE OF FIRES**  
Refer to Steve Hook.

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

- SB431/  
AB757**      **VARIOUS CHANGES IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW AND  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION**  
Refer to Gary Schmid and Audrey Key.
- SB430/  
AB758**      **MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION  
LAW**  
Refer to Gary Schmid and Audrey Key.
- AB759**      **POSSESSION OF AN ELECTRIC WEAPON**  
Refer to Dean Puschnig.
- SB412/  
AB775**      **PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS IN TRAFFIC COURTS AND MUNICIPAL  
COURTS BY INSTALLMENTS AND THE SUSPENSION OF  
OPERATING PRIVILEGES**  
Refer to Paul Murphy and Scott Post.

**2.      REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION**

- AB684/  
SB407**      **MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGMENT REGARDING COMMUNITY  
SERVICE WORK**  
FAVOR, because the bill would save time for the Municipal Court and allow community service as a first option.
- AB669**      **ASSIGNMENT OF EARNINGS TO PAY MUNICIPAL COURT  
JUDGMENT**  
FAVOR, because the bill would help the Municipal Court with collections.
- AB673**      **ACCESS TO UTILITY SECURITY PLANS**  
FAVOR, because the bill would broaden the ability of cities to obtain receiverships for abatement of residential nuisances.
- SB382**      **INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER  
AS A SEX OFFENDER**  
FAVOR, because the bill would help reduce crime by making certain information of sex offenders available to the Police Department.
- AB676**      **DISCLOSURE OF JUVENILE COURT RECORDS TO OTHER COURTS,  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND  
OTHER PROSECUTORS, AND AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO  
A JUVENILE COURT AND PROVIDING A PENALTY**  
FAVOR, because the bill would be useful to the Police Department because it would allow quicker investigations and the collection of information. It would also give prosecutors and municipal courts easier and quicker access to records.

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

**AB702**            **PROHIBITING MUNICIPALITIES FROM RESTRICTING THE RESIDENCY OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS**  
OPPOSE, because the bill would prevent cities from enforcing any sex offender placement/resident ordinances and eliminate municipal autonomy on this matter, thus preventing the City from ensuring that offenders do not live near public places where children are.

**AB690**            **HARASSMENT OF A PERSON WHO IS PART OF A NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH PROGRAM AND PROVIDING A PENALTY**  
No position.

**AB686**            **REQUIRING NOTICE FOR DISCONNECTION OF PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE TO RENTAL DWELLINGS, PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM EMERGENCY RULE PROCEDURES, AND GRANTING RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY**  
No position.


**AB752/  
SB426**            **EXTENDING THE LIFE OF A TIF DISTRICT**  
FAVOR, because the bill would give the City another optional tool to use for redevelopment with the extra one year of TIF life.

**AB701**            **REPORT ON FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS**  
FAVOR, because the bill would consolidate food licensing/inspection of two state agencies into one, thus making our City conduct of business with them less burdensome.

3. **OTHER**

a.) Outstanding Referrals.

<b>AB662</b>	Gary Schmid and Chuck Ruud (01/22/08)
<b>AB718</b>	Steve Schaer (02/12/08)
<b>SB423/AB736</b>	Mike Pertmer (02/12/08)

  
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Jeannette Bell, Mayor