



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2009**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

PRESENT: Mayor Dan Devine
Richard Narlock, Common Council President Designee
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Treasurer
Scott Post, City Attorney
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

LEAGUE: Bulletin #1

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

None

2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

None

3. OTHER

- a.) Discussion of Committee background and process for Mayor Devine.
- b.) Communication and contact with Federal officials on legislation introduced in Congress.
- c.) Review of potential new federal employment legislation coming from the Obama Administration/Congress early in the new congressional session.
- d.) Review of new State legislative leaders in the Assembly and Senate for both the Democrats and Republicans; also Committee Chair assignments.

- e.) Discussion of \$386 million State budget deficit for this fiscal year and \$5.4 billion projected deficit in the 2009-11 biennium; agencies and programs affected by potential cuts.
- f.) Listing of City of Milwaukee: 2009-10 Legislative Package.
- g.) Listing of League of Wisconsin Municipalities' preview of 2009-10 Legislative session and municipal agenda for 2009-10.
- h.) Review of Wisconsin Alliance of Cities' ideas for better local/state partnerships.
- i.) Preliminary review of City of West Allis legislative ideas:
 - Thirteen (13) proposals for new initiatives.
 - Departmental ideas for possible submittal to State Budget Office and Mayor Devine's related letter.
 - Other miscellaneous ideas.
 - Recommended changes from Brownfield Study group.

NOTE: Legislative Committee members were asked to review all the information related to City legislative ideas prior to the next meeting on January 27, 2009, and prioritize those that are most important. At that next meeting, it is hoped the Legislative Committee can arrive at a consensus as to which legislative proposals would be submitted to our three area State legislators (Sen. Sullivan, Rep. Staskunas, and Rep. Vukmir) for their introduction to the State Legislature on our behalf.



Dan Devine, Mayor