

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 8, 2007**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

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

LEAGUE: 17-18

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

- AB275** **HEART DISEASE WORKERS COMP PRESUMPTION FOR FIRE FIGHTERS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would make the City pay the same claim twice (once for a duty disability retirement and once for workers comp).
- AB294/
SB167** **STATE LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would prohibit municipalities from licensing electricians, thus costing the City revenue and removing our ability to monitor their work.
- AB290** **FUNDING OF STATE MANDATES**
FAVOR, because the bill would require the State to provide funding whenever it mandates something.
- AB293** **EXEMPTING ASSESSORS FROM TRESPASS**
Previously favored on April 24, 2007 as SB148.
- AB299** **EXCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS TO PRINCIPLE DWELLING FROM PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT**
Refer to Chuck Ruud.

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION Cont'd.

AB285 REQUIRING AN ADVERSE POSSESSOR OF PROPERTY TO PAY FAIR MARKET VALUE AND PROPERTY TAXES

Refer to Chuck Ruud and Scott Post.

SB147 REQUIRING A DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENTS

Refer to Audrey Key and Gary Schmid.

2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

SB85 DAMAGES FOR FRIVOLOUS CLAIMS

No position.

3. OTHER

a.) Outstanding Referrals.

AB25 Dean Puschnig/Mike Lewis (2/27/07)

AB22 Dean Puschnig (2/27/07)

SB121 Audrey Key/Scott Post (4/24/07)

AB259 Mike Lewis (4/24/07)

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AB238 Mike Lewis (4/24/07)

b.) Miscellaneous.

1.) Letter sent by Mayor Bell to U.S. Reps. Moore and Sensenbrenner opposing HR 811 (Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007).

2.) Letter sent by Mayor Bell on behalf of Engineering Dept. to U.S. Reps. Moore and Sensenbrenner objecting to use of outdated flood plain maps by FEMA.

3.) Discussion on whether City citizen advisory committees and boards can take legislative positions separately from, or different from, the position taken by the Legislative Committee that, in turn, then goes to the Advisory Committee and the Common Council. General consensus of the Legislative Committee and opinion of the City Attorney was that such positions should go through the Legislative Committee; however, certain boards (Health, Library, Police & Fire Commission) have some statutory authority to promote or make statements on behalf of their respective areas of responsibilities.

- 4.) Mayor Bell to attend Alliance of Cities meeting this Friday, May 11, in Madison.
- 5.) Paul Ziehler to attend Alliance of Cities/League of Wisconsin Municipalities Legislative Luncheon Meeting next Wednesday, May 16, in Madison.

Jeannette Bell, Mayor