



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2009**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

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

EXCUSED: Ald. Jim Sengstock

LEAGUE: 11-12

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

SB107 ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING
Refer to Mike Pertmer.

SB145 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL WARD, ALDERMANIC DISTRICT PLANS
OPPOSE, because the bill would give the State control over municipal ward and aldermanic district plans that should remain local.

SB147 LIMITING AMOUNT OF FORFEITURE FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW
OPPOSE, because the bill would impose State limits on municipal snow removal fees that should be left as a municipal authority.

AB149 INTEREST RATE ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
No position.

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION Cont'd.

- SB117 **LIMITING MUNICIPAL EXTRATERRITORIAL LAND DIVISION APPROVAL POWERS**
No position.
- AB159 **CHARGE-BACK OF REFUNDED OR RESCINDED PROPERTY TAXES**
Refer to Paul Ziehler, Gary Schmid, and Scott Post.
- SB108 **MANDATORY OVERTIME HOURS AND ON-CALL TIME WORKED BY HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES**
Refer to Audrey Key and Terry Brandenburg.
- AB105 **ARBITRATION AND FAIR-SHARE AGREEMENTS DURING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT**
Refer to Audrey Key and Scott Post.
- AB110 **ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT RECORDS OF CANDIDATES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT POSITIONS**
Previously referred to Mike Jungbluth and Scott Post as SB82 (3/10/09).

2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

- SB37 **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENSION**
OPPOSE, because the bill would create a severe burden on the municipal court and increase city costs.
- SB93 **MAKING ASSESSORS IMMUNE FROM TRESPASSING**
FAVOR, because the bill would help in giving city assessor's staff access to property where there has been no response or denied.
- AB85 **NUMBER OF TEMPORARY PICNIC WINE LICENSES A MUNICIPALITY MAY ISSUE**
No position.
- AB134 **DELETING OPTION OF CREATING AN ALTERNATIVE PROCESS FOR OBJECTING TO PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS**
No position.

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

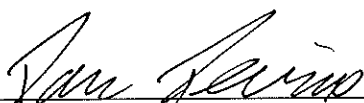
- SB67** **PREPARATION TIME AS A MANDATORY SUBJECT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
No position.
- SB71** **PREEXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSIONS, MODIFICATIONS AT RENEWAL, AND ESTABLISHING A STANDARD APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS AND GRANTING RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY**
No position.
- SB72** **PORTABILITY UNDER GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS AND INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF INSURANCE POLICY RESCISSIONS AND PREEXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSION DENIALS UNDER GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS**
OPPOSE, because the bill would impose another health insurance mandate on the City, which should be left to our own local control.
- SB73** **LIFETIME LIMIT UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE RISK-SHARING PLAN**
No position.
- SB74** **HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE DENIALS FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE RISK-SHARING PLAN**
No position.
- AB60** **PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS IN TRAFFIC COURTS AND MUNICIPAL COURTS BY INSTALLMENTS AND THE SUSPENSION OF OPERATING PRIVILEGES**
OPPOSE, because the bill would create additional costs and work for the Municipal Court and have a negative impact on citation revenue and less incentive for defendants to pay judgments.
- AB64** **EMPLOYER MONITORING OF EMPLOYEE ELECTRONIC MAIL USAGE**
OPPOSE, because the bill would complicate and restrict the City's ability to monitor appropriate City related business in our employees' electronic mail usage.
- AB67** **ALCOHOL BEVERAGES OPERATORS' LICENSES, MANAGERS' LICENSES, AND RETAIL LICENSES, AND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN RETAIL LICENSED PREMISES**
No position.

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

AB68 **DISTRIBUTION OF THE FIRST DOLLAR PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**
No position.

3. **OTHER**

- Mayor Devine sent his letter, dated March 18, 2009, transmitting our list of legislative ideas to our three area legislators. For the record, the Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 17, 2009 decided to take out the one library suggestion on regional/metropolitan library districts, but asked the Library Board to continue to study the matter and bring back some compromise language at a later date.
- Preliminary notifications of new bills that may soon be introduced into the legislature:
 - LRB 1318/1 Rent Use Requirement: Comments from City Assessor Charles Ruud that this bill would not benefit the City in any manner and could lead to more properties seeking the benevolent non-profit exemption without addressing the issue of low income vs. high income properties.
 - Proposed Fireworks Law Changes: Favorable comments from Fire Chief Steve Hook on closing loopholes in the issuance of firework user permits.
- Letter dated March 16, 2009 from Sen. Jim Sullivan stating that he voted against SB2 (which the City opposed on 2/10/09) and on SB11 (which the City also opposed), stating the bill will not be moving forward.
- Outstanding Referrals
 - SB77** John Stibal (3/10/09)
 - SB82/AB110** Mike Jungbluth (3/10/09)
 - SB83** Mike Jungbluth (3/10/09)
 - AB79** Mike Jungbluth (3/10/09)



Dan Devine, Mayor