

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2007**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

PRESENT: Ald. Jim Sengstock
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Treasurer
Scott Post, City Attorney

EXCUSED: Mayor Jeannette Bell
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

LEAGUE: 19-23

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION

AB315 PAYING FEES AND TAXES IN CASH
No position.

**AB339/
SB186 NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLE TRAILER BILL**
Refer to Dean Puschnig, Scott Post, and Mike Lewis.

**AB350/
SB189 MANDATE RELIEF**
Refer to Paul Ziehler.

SB40 STATE BUDGET BILL
**Police & Fire discipline option to arbitrator rather than Police & Fire
Commission**
OPPOSE, because this provision in the State budget bill would take a key responsibility away from the Police & Fire Commission where it belongs and who is created to be a citizen group to provide citizen oversight over police and fire operations, including disciplinary matters.

1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION Cont'd.

AB363 LIMITS ON DIRECT LEGISLATION

Refer to Paul Ziehler and Scott Post.

AB380 FIREWORKS

Refer to Steve Hook and Scott Post.

AB382 PERCENTAGE OF ROOM TAX SPENT ON TOURISM PROMOTION

OPPOSE, because the bill would mandate how local revenue must be spent, taking away this decision from local control.

SB202 BROWNFIELD LOANS

Refer to John Stibal

SB203 WEB PUBLICATION OF BID NOTICES

FAVOR, because the bill would give the City another alternative to publication of public construction bid notices, which would be less costly and save the City money.

AB349 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY A NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT OPERATES AN OLYMPIC ICE TRAINING CENTER

Refer to Paul Ziehler and Gary Schmid.

2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION

SB147 REQUIRING A DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENTS

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)

AB299 Chuck Ruud (5/8/07)

AB285 Chuck Ruud (5/8/07)

3. OTHER Cont'd.

b.) Miscellaneous.

- 1.) Mr. Ziehler reported that the Advisory Committee discussed and acknowledged the ability, under State law, for certain boards and commissions of the City (Health, Library, Police/Fire) to provide or make statements on legislation within their respective areas of responsibilities. The Advisory Committee stated, however, that the Legislative Committee should, in most cases, always refer to the staff legislative matters for input prior to considering and acting on what positions to take.

Jeannette Bell, Mayor