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Proposal seeks change to allow water negotiations with Waukesha for wider service area

A Common Council resolution to be considered for immediate adoption tomorrow would amend a resolution approved earlier this month by the Council to allow negotiations with the City of Waukesha for water service to the city's existing service area *and* to the area beyond its service area.

The resolution for immediate adoption (**attached**), sponsored by **Alderman Jim Bohl**, would require 10 votes for approval. **The Common Council meets at 9 a.m. tomorrow (Tuesday, July 24) in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Council file #120230 (approved on July 6) is clear in that it pertains only to negotiations for water service to the City of Waukesha's existing service area. Alderman Bohl said his file would allow negotiations that include the water service area beyond the current service area as proposed by the City of Waukesha in its application to the Great Lakes Basin Compact to divert water from Lake Michigan. While the resolution directs the City of Milwaukee to negotiate on the expanded Department of Natural Resources boundaries, it calls for separate negotiations and terms between the City of Milwaukee and the City of Waukesha, and the City of Milwaukee and the additional communities in the expanded water service area.

Alderman Bohl said he believes both Milwaukee and Waukesha are better served by having separate negotiated terms and two separate agreements for the larger service area. Milwaukee gets to raise issues on matters such as future development that distinguishes some of the expanding outlying communities and the City of Waukesha which is more fully developed.

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The City of Waukesha is best served by having two separately negotiated agreements because provisions of the Great Lakes Compact have not been met by these communities (which to date have failed to provide evidence of a non-potable water source) and it could harm Waukesha's request with the Great Lakes states, according to Alderman Bohl. "To have separate negotiated deals allows the City of Waukesha to proceed forward with a contingency plan in hand," he said.

"In this scenario Waukesha also gets to negotiate for Milwaukee water – the best and least expensive option for them," he said.

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