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Dear Neighbor,

We have just completed work on the 2020 budget. This process seems to get more challenging every year. Nevertheless I want to thank you for sharing your ideas, suggestions, and concerns on how to best allocate our limited resources.

The planning process for the DNC is well underway. This event will have a significant impact on the 4th district, especially downtown and the Third Ward so stay tuned for updates on the plans as they develop. I believe the DNC will bring tremendous benefits to the city and region. Aside from the tens of thousands of visitors, Milwaukee will generate international attention during a time of year when Milwaukee can really shine and offer an outstanding quality of life. Everyone at the city recognizes the potential and we will all be working tirelessly to make this event a success.

Once again I am honored to represent you at City Hall and please do not hesitate to contact us about any concerns or complaints you may have.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bauman
Alderman, 4th District



Committee Assignments

CHAIR

- Public Works Committee
- Capital Improvements Committee
- Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award Selection Committee
- Historic Third Ward Architectural Review Board
- Joint Committee on the Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes
- Public Transportation, Utilities and Waterways Review Board

VICE CHAIR

- Joint Committee on Streetcar Implementation

MEMBER

- Steering and Rules Committee
- Judiciary and Legislation Committee
- Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board

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Alderman Bauman, Alderman Stamer, and Alderwoman Coggs celebrate with Billy Spencer of Spencer Renovation & Construction and his crew. This was the start of their first official project on November 7, 2019 for their contract with the City of Milwaukee to deconstruct blighted properties while salvaging valuable construction materials from the homes they take down.

What is Deconstruction?

Deconstruction in Milwaukee

The Deconstruction Ordinance authored by Alderman Bauman went into effect on January 1, 2018. The ordinance states that 1 to 4 family residential structures built before 1930, designated historic structures, and structures in historic districts that are slated for demolition must be deconstructed rather than mechanically demolished. In essence, covered structures must be dismantled by hand. Deconstruction has several benefits over mechanical demolition. First and foremost, deconstruction creates jobs because it is much more labor intensive than mechanical demolition. These are entry level jobs that will familiarize workers with construction methods, tool usage and workplace safety. The goal of the program is to provide jobs to unemployed and underemployed residents of the neighborhoods where the deconstruction is occurring.

Second, deconstruction will salvage and reclaim tons of structural and architectural building materials,



Wood planks salvaged from a home through the deconstruction process.

especially old growth true dimension (2x4s actually measure 2 inches by 4 inches) wood products. Salvaging and reusing structural lumber will reduce the need to harvest living trees and help

address climate change. Third, salvaging and reusing building materials will reduce land fill costs to city taxpayers since the city currently pays tipping fees to dump demolition debris in landfills.



A deconstruction crew reduces waste by removing salvageable materials from a home being taken down.

Finally, deconstruction will reduce dust and debris created by mechanical demolition.

Deconstruction Update:

In March 2019, the Common Council decided that the city needed to temporarily return to mechanical demolition to help address a backlog of blighted and abandoned buildings. However, the Council also specifically directed the Department of Neighborhood Services to dedicate \$1.2 million in demolition funding for deconstruction. This funding will cover about 56 properties and serve as a “proof of concept” program to demonstrate feasibility and benefits of deconstruction. As of October, the city has hired a deconstruction contractor and deconstruction work has begun. ▀



Alderman Bauman is interviewed by TMJ4 regarding snow plowing challenges.

Reserve Workforce for Snow and Ice Control

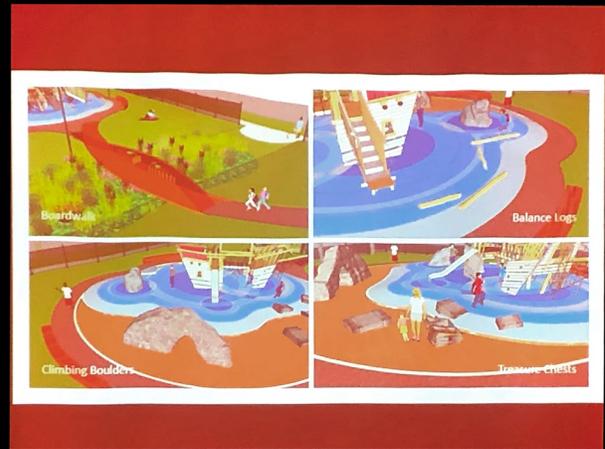
Last Spring, the Common Council passed a resolution authored by Alderman Bauman that directed the Department of Public Works to develop a reserve workforce comprised of retired plow drivers and supervisors to assist regular snow removal crews. Last winter, the department was having problems with snow removal due to a

shortage of experienced drivers and supervisors. Alderman Bauman felt that the city could overcome this problem by bringing back recent retirees on a part time basis to buttress the regular work force. As of October, DPW has reported that the reserve workforce has been organized and is ready to be deployed for the upcoming winter. ▀

Merrill Park-MKE Plays Playground

Last spring, Alderman Bauman held a neighborhood meeting in Merrill Park to announce the development of a new playground at 29th & Clybourn through the city's MKE Plays program. The park will contain state-of-the-art play equipment with a pirate/

nautical theme as well as resilient rubber surfaces to reduce injuries from falls. Modern LED lighting, security cameras and attractive fencing will be installed to enhance safety. ▀



Alderman Bauman discusses a new playground concept for Merrill Park introduced by MKE Plays at a neighborhood meeting on March 19, 2019.

Alderman Bauman Seeks Further Discussion on Alley Funding

The Alley Reconstruction program has been a challenge. Recently, the Capital Improvements Committee met to review the city's capital budget and learned that the Barrett Administration has decided to effectively abandon alleys throughout the city. The committee paid particular attention to a line item in the capital budget for the Department of Public Works which showed no appropriation for alley reconstruction for the second consecutive year.

As Committee Chair, Alderman Bauman asked the City Engineer whether this represented a decision to basically abandon alleys in the city, and he acknowledged that it was. He elaborated by stating the administration viewed alleys as private driveways for the property owners abutting the alleys and that abutting property owners would have to shoulder a much higher share of reconstruction costs for the

city to resume alley reconstruction work. Under current law, abutting property owners pay 50% of alley reconstruction costs. A 90% or even a 100% cost share (with the city absorbing the engineering costs) was suggested.

Whether alleys should or should not be abandoned and whether abutting property owners should pay 90% or 100% of the reconstruction costs is a significant policy decision that should not be buried in the budget. There should be a full and transparent discussion of these policy choices. Accordingly, Alderman Bauman offered a budget amendment that would add \$500,000 to the capital budget for alley reconstruction so that at least some alley reconstruction work can occur in 2020 while the city debates the merits of abandoning alleys or charging home owners a much higher percentage of the cost. ▀

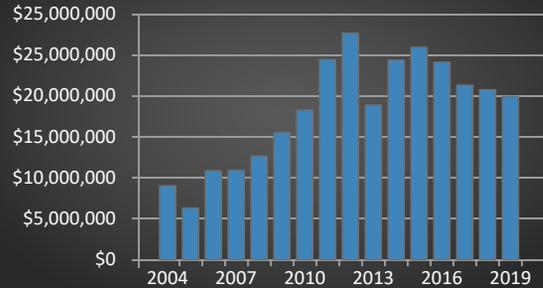
Alderman Bauman's Street Repair Efforts in Milwaukee

Over the years, Alderman Bauman has successfully added over \$12 million to City budgets to increase funding for the Local Streets program, the High Impact Paving program, the Alley Reconstruction program, and the Sidewalk Replacement program. ▀

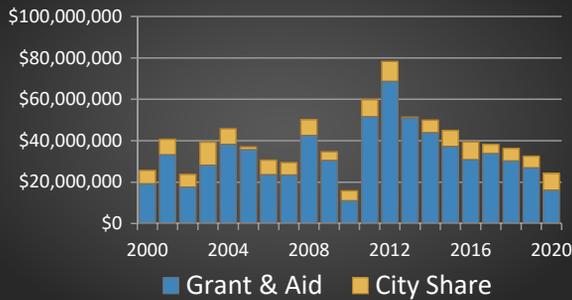
Recent History of Street Repair Programs

Street and sidewalk maintenance are a topic of concern throughout Milwaukee. Presented below is a series of charts that show the history of spending and roadway work over the past decade or so. This data shows that the city does devote considerable resources to maintaining, repaving and reconstructing roadways as well as sidewalks and alleys. The work is expensive. A mile of street reconstruction costs about \$1 million.

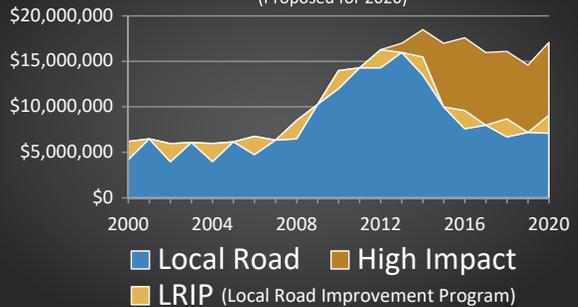
Major, Local & High Impact Street and Alley Reconstruction City Capital Funding



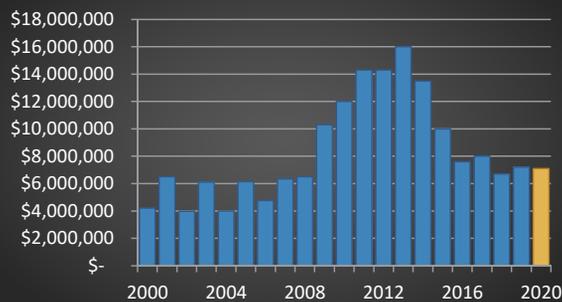
Major Street Funding



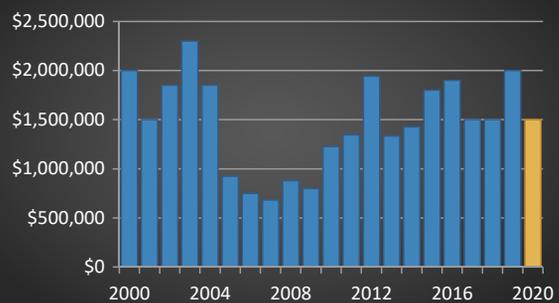
Funding Available for Local Streets
(Proposed for 2020)



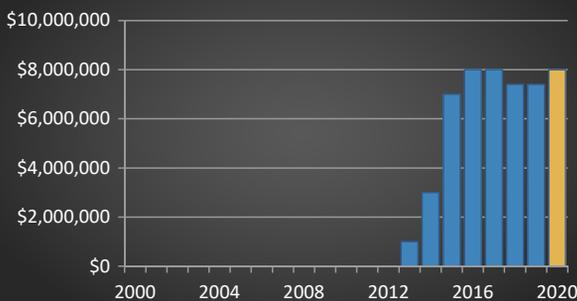
Local Streets - Budgeted Funding



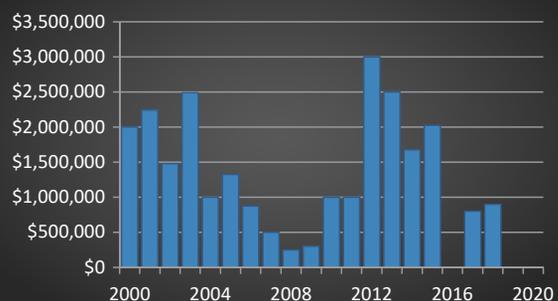
Sidewalk Replacement - Budgeted Funding



High Impact Streets - Budgeted Funding



Alley Reconstruction - Budgeted Funding





Alderman Bauman reads to local children during the Magic of Storytelling campaign & book giveaway by WISN 12 News on March 27, 2019 hosted by Penfield Children's Center (Photo courtesy of WISN 12 News, 2019).



On April 6, 2019 Alderman Bauman handed out awards to the winners of the 2019 Milwaukee Marathon which more than doubled the previous participant numbers from 2016 & 2017 featuring its new location at the Fiserv Forum. Congrats to all 7,635 participants of the 2019 Marathon, Half-Marathon, and 5K events.



Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton & Alderman Bauman presented Big East Player of the Year Markus Howard of Marquette University's Men's Basketball Team with a Common Council commendatory citation during a special presentation on May 8, 2019. One was also presented to the MU Women's Basketball Team as 2018-2019 Season Big East Conference Champions!



David Uihlein accepts an award at Cream of the Cream City awards from Historic Preservation Commission member Alderman Bauman at Best Place in the Historic Pabst Brewery on May 30, 2019.



Mayor Barrett and Alderman Bauman alongside Alderman Murphy for the ribbon cutting celebrating the quality restoration of Postman Square on June 4, 2019.



Near West Side Partners hosted one of their signature Brat For Your Thoughts events on September 4, 2019 in partnership with Neighborhood House of Milwaukee & MKE Plays. Alderman Bauman visited with about 150 residents who were able to stop by and share neighborhood concerns, connect with resources, complete Marquette University surveys, enjoy the food, and learn about possible changes coming to Neighborhood House Park at 27th & Richardson Place.



On September 26, 2019 the Milwaukee Public Market hosted a 4th District neighborhood meeting regarding the Dollar General's proposed DGX convenience store location in the Third Ward and an update on the homeless encampment under the freeway ft. Milwaukee County's Housing Division and the Milwaukee Police Department.



Alderman Bauman attended the October 16, 2019 Resident Organization meeting at College Court, one of several Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee properties in the 4th district. The 2020 City Budget concerns were discussed along with the RO's plans for the upcoming holiday season.

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How to Report Excess Boat Noise on Milwaukee's Rivers

Have you struggled with noise coming from private or party boats on a Milwaukee river late at night? In October, Alderman Bauman passed an ordinance that prohibits any person from causing or allowing any loud, excessive, or unusual noise to emanate from any boat on any waterway in the city. You can alert my office and also notify the Milwaukee Police Department's Marine Unit at **(414) 935-7150**. Please be sure to note specific details such as the date and time of the excess noise, a description of the boat, the name of the boat, the location of the boat during the excess noise production, and any other identifying factors. 



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MPD's New Crime Stat Tool

The public may access data online about eight major crime categories: homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft-larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Users may filter crime data based on location (police district, aldermanic district and by neighborhood), time period, and type of crime. Crime statistics are updated daily but are subject to be changed at a later date based upon further investigation. Specific addresses and names of persons involved are not included to protect the identity of the individuals. Try it here: milwaukee.gov/crime-statistics

