Today the Common Council’s Finance and Personnel Committee recommended approval of Alderman Tony Zielinski’s resolution to direct the Director of the Department of Employee Relations to create a policy to provide anti-sexual harassment training to city employees.

After input from many national reports of sexual harassment and assault, Ald. Zielinski says he wanted to ensure that city employees are trained on appropriate conduct in the workplace.

Ald. Zielinski says, “Sexual harassment can create an intimidating, hostile, and offensive workplace. We need to ensure preventive measures are in place, and this resolution aims to make sure our high standards are reflected within each employee’s behavior.”

The anti-sexual harassment training policy resolution will be taken up by the full Common Council when it meets at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17 in the third floor Common Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. If adopted, the Department of Employee Relations would be required to bring a training plan before the Common Council within 90 days of adoption. Ald. Zielinski would then review the recommendations and introduce an ordinance to make the training policy a permanent part of the city’s code of ordinances.