Steering & Rules Committee to discuss (CORE) development zone resolution promoting community benefits agreements

On Thursday, July 25, the Steering & Rules Committee will discuss a (CORE - Community-Oriented Responsible and Equitable) development zone resolution encouraging the establishment of community benefits agreements between business owners or developers and service sector workers in Milwaukee’s central business district.

Common Council File # 190592, sponsored by Alderman Robert J. Bauman and co-sponsored by Council President Ashanti Hamilton, states that owners or developers of property located in Milwaukee’s central business district that employ workers in service-sector employment should enter into community benefits agreements similar to the agreement between Milwaukee Bucks LLC and the Alliance for Good Jobs. The agreement has ensured quality employment standards for Bucks workers who reside in Milwaukee ZIP codes most affected by unemployment or underemployment, including a $12.50 minimum wage, which will increase to $15 by 2023.

The resolution aims to ensure that economic wealth generated in Milwaukee’s central business district will be reflected in the wages of service-sector workers, especially those in neighborhoods struggling with poverty and unemployment. The targeted service-sector jobs generally pertain to occupations in culinary or food and beverage service, the hospitality industry, janitorial or custodial work and security services.

This meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in room 301-B at City Hall (200 E. Wells St.) and televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee. It can also be viewed via streaming video on the City website at milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

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