

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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- Finance and Personnel

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- Licenses Committee



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ALDERWOMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

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- Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation Board
- Special Joint Committee on the Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes
- Wisconsin Center District Board
- Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development

Budget deliberations should focus on using the people's dollars to improve and save lives

Statement of Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs October 4, 2019

Throughout our deliberations over the next several weeks there will likely be spirited debates over the proposed distribution of the people's dollars. Many references will likely be made about the City of Milwaukee being handicapped by being short-changed in shared revenue from the state or the need for a sales tax, and we will be reminded to be mindful of current and future pension obligations while maintaining vital services.

While all of that is important, there is nothing more important than life itself. With each department and its delivery of services, with each Council member and our advocacy for residents, we each have the awesome responsibility of influencing the citizens' of Milwaukee's quality of life and the prevention of the loss of it.

Can you imagine leaving four kids behind, losing your life while teaching your son to drive, or watching your one-month-old being treated for a bullet wound, or being shot and killed while driving down the street with your children and sister in the car?

For most of us these scenarios would be unimaginable, but in Milwaukee each one is some family's reality or nightmare. Whether it is a case of domestic violence, momentary anger over car accidents, parking spaces or cigarettes, our lives are worth so much more. One cannot quantify the level of inhumanity we are witnessing in our city right now. Outrage does not begin to describe the emotions that I and so many others feel as we see the daily stories of injury and death told each with more horrific details than the last.

Though homicides in sheer numbers in the city are down, I would argue that the fear and concern residents have for their safety and wellbeing is up. There is no corner of this city that has not been impacted by violence. In an effort to keep us focused on improving the quality of life and preventing the loss of resident's lives each day we deliberate over this city's more than \$1.6 billion dollar budget I want us to be thinking of the 73 lives lost here in Milwaukee this year so far.

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Although money alone cannot solve the problems we face, how we prioritize resources to support efforts of intervention and violence prevention CAN have an impact. We must always remember that we have to work in concert with the community and other levels of government to ensure that adequate resources are available to help.

In a city as great as ours has the potential to be, one wonders how we can stop the carnage on our streets. As a mother, policy maker and public servant I do not have all the answers, but I do know that we each have to do more. Every person that pulls the trigger is someone's son/daughter, nephew/niece, cousin/friend, and somewhere in their life's journey there is opportunity, opportunity to influence their lives for the better. Outrage must give birth to action. We have to seize the opportunities to impact lives, deescalate situations, intervene, and prevent violence.

Our budget deliberations will be held during the remainder of October and into November, and I am committed to remembering all of the lives lost in our city and staying focused on what the city needs to do to provide more resources to prevent such loss in the future as we prioritize spending the people's dollars and I will be encouraging my colleagues at all levels to do the same. We each have to do more.

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NOTE: The Common Council's Finance and Personnel Committee will be conducting hearings on the proposed 2020 city budget throughout October and into early November (please see the **attached** Finance and Personnel Committee budget hearing schedule). All hearings will be televised live on the City Channel via streaming video on the city website at www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25 and can also be viewed on Spectrum Cable and on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee.

To view the budget document online please go to <https://milwaukee.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3923054&GUID=DED3CD93-79C0-46CB-B168-4D8FD0304561&Options=ID|Text&Search=190001>.

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2020 Budget Hearing Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2019				
Mon. 23	Tues. 24 9:00 A.M. COMMON COUNCIL MEETING Mayor's Budget Presentation	Wed. 25	Thurs. 26	Fri. 27
OCTOBER 2019				
Mon. 30	Tues. 1 9:00 A.M. Licenses Committee	Wed. 2 9:00 A.M. Public Works Committee 1:30 P.M. Community and Economic Development Committee	Thurs. 3 9:00 A.M. Public Safety & Health Committee 1:30 P.M. Steering and Rules Committee	Fri. 4 Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearings 9:00 A.M. Budget Overview (Given by DOA's Budget Director) Capital Improvement Overview City Revenue/City Debt Grant & Aid Fund CC Contingent Fund Tax Stabilization Fund 11:00 A.M. City Attorney Treasurer 1:30 P.M. Comptroller City Clerk

2020 Budget Hearing Schedule

OCTOBER 2019				
Mon. 7	Tues. 8	Wed. 9	Thurs. 10	Fri. 11
<p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 A.M. Dept. of Administration Port Milwaukee Assessor's Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30 P.M. Judiciary and Legislation Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 P.M. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING Common Council Chamber</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:00 A.M. Zoning, Neighborhoods, and Development Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30 P.M. Dept. of Neighborhood Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:30 P.M. Dept. of Employee Relations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:00 A.M. Finance and Personnel Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30 P.M. Employee Retirement System Mayor's Office Municipal Court Deferred Compensation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 A.M. Police Department</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30 P.M. Fire Department Fire and Police Commission</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 A.M. DPW – Admin. Services DPW – Infrastructure</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 A.M. DPW – Sewer Maint. Fund DPW – Transportation</p>
Mon. 14	Tues. 15	Wed. 16	Thurs. 17	Fri. 18
<p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 A.M. DPW – Water DPW - Sanitation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 A.M. DPW - Fleet Services DPW – Forestry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30 A.M. Milwaukee Public Library</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:00 A.M. COMMON COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30 P.M. Election Commission BOZA Dept. of City Development RACM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 A.M. Health Department</p>		

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OCTOBER 2019

Mon. 21	Tues. 22	Wed. 23	Thurs. 24	Fri. 25
	9:00 A.M. Licenses Committee	9:00 A.M. Public Works Committee 1:30 P.M. Community and Economic Development Committee	9:00 A.M. Public Safety Committee 1:30 P.M. Steering and Rules Committee	4:45 P.M. Budget Amendment Submittal Deadline
League of Wisconsin Municipalities (Green Bay, WI)				
Mon. 28	Tues. 29	Wed. 30	Thurs. 31	Fri. 1
1:30 P.M. Judiciary and Legislation Committee	9:00 A.M. Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee	9:00 A.M. Finance and Personnel Committee	Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearing 9:00 A.M. (All Day) BUDGET AMENDMENT DAY	Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Hearing 9:00 A.M. (All Day) BUDGET AMENDMENT DAY CONTINUED <i>May be cancelled if determined unnecessary</i>

NOVEMBER 2019

Mon. 4	Tues. 5	Wed. 6	Thurs. 7	Fri. 8
	9:00 A.M. COMMON COUNCIL MEETING			9:00 A.M. (All Day) COMMON COUNCIL MEETING BUDGET ADOPTION DAY

Amended 10/1/19