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Committee passes files to support election operations and federal COVID relief

At yesterday's meeting of the **Judiciary and Legislation Committee** (Monday, October 5th), the committee approved three files sponsored by **Common Council President Cavalier Johnson**. The first is file **#200755** – a resolution relative to acceptance and expenditure of the Center for Tech and Civic Life grant. This resolution authorizes the Election Commission to accept and expend additional grant funds in the amount of \$1,255,000 to ensure that all voters in the City of Milwaukee have access to safe and secure voting this fall. The grant will provide funding for additional election apparatus, tabulators, drive-up voting sites, and additional personal protective equipment for election workers. The committee also recommended approval of a second election file, **file #200749** – a resolution directing department heads to recruit staff who are willing and able to be assigned to work for the Election Commission during the November 2020 election. This file intends to use City of Milwaukee staff to supplement any shortage in election workers that exists.

“Having fair, safe, secure and trustworthy election processes is crucial, and these files help the city bolster its resources less than one month from the election,” Alderman Johnson said. “I want to thank the Election Commission for their hard work and diligence in this particularly challenging election year as they work to ensure residents have the best and safest voting experience possible.”

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The Judiciary and Legislation Committee also recommended approval of **file #200758** – a resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee’s support for enacting new Federal legislation and funding to support local governments and provide economic stimulus. The file is co-sponsored by Alderman Ashanti Hamilton and Alderman Michael J. Murphy. “Residents of our city, state and the nation continue to deal with a variety of COVID-19 related health and economic issues. It is time the federal government act in the interest of citizens who need support now more than ever, and local governments who are on the front line of combating this virus,” Alderman Johnson continued.

These files will be before the full Common Council for adoption at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 13th.