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City launching pilot e-comment feature for public comment on cabinet-level appointments

Leadership for City Development, Neighborhood Services, Department of Administration, Information and Technology Management Division, and Purchasing Division set for this week

Statement from Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Alderman Mark Borkowski, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Cavalier Johnson, and Alderman Nik Kovac

Beginning this week additional Mayoral cabinet-level appointees will be before various committees of the Common Council for discussion. We are encouraging the community to weigh in on these appointments as this is a moment for policy makers to impact and improve service delivery for the community, and input from residents is vital in that process.

We urge residents to continue making their voices heard as we work to build a stronger Milwaukee. The first discussions that occurred with the appointees for City Block Grant Director and Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission yielded positive results, and we look forward to hearing more plans and action items from the forthcoming appointees.

Due to limitations of accepting public comment through virtual meetings, alternative options have been established to receive questions and statements from the public. The City has launched a pilot initiative to take public comment online via an e-commenting feature in the City's Legistar system.

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The following appointments will be heard the week of June 29:

- On Tuesday, June 30 file # 200188 - appointment of Lafayette Crump as the Commissioner of City Development, and file # 200282 - reappointment of Erica Lewandowski as Commissioner of Building Inspection will be before the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee.
- On Wednesday, July 1 file #200190 – reappointment of Rhonda Kelsey as the City Purchasing Director, file #200283 - reappointment of Sharon Robinson as Department of Administration Director, and file #200280 - reappointment of David Henke as Chief Information Officer will be before the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Those interested in providing comment electronically should follow these steps:

1. Visit milwaukee.legistar.com/Calendar.
2. Select the “e-comment” button across from the meeting during which the desired appointment will occur. Meeting info is listed above.
*Please note that for the appointments before the Finance and Personnel Committee users must select the drop down menu that lists “this month” and select “next month” as the meeting occurs July 1. Then press the “search calendar” button for July meetings.
3. Scroll down to the item number that corresponds to the desired appointment and click the “comment” button.
4. Fill in the necessary information, select a position and type a comment in the comment box. Note that comments are limited to 600 characters.
5. Hit submit.

As always, residents can also reach out to their representative to share any questions, comments or concerns.

All meetings will be televised live on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video on the city website at city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.