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Council approves recommendations to tighten FPC protocols, records

The **Common Council** today voted to adopt legislation recommending that the Fire and Police Commission adopt key system improvements in the manner in which it manages records and how it documents and communicates internal processes and policies.

The improvements – recommended for approval by the Public Safety and Health Committee earlier this month after an audit by the Inspector General into the FPC’s disciplinary actions involving former Milwaukee Police Chief Alfonso Morales – were outlined in Council file #201504, sponsored by **Alderman Cavalier Johnson** and **Alderswoman Milele A. Coggs**.

Alderman Johnson thanked his Council colleagues for their support of the file, noting that he firmly believes the legislation will help to move the FPC forward in a positive way.

“I thank my colleagues for their affirmative votes on this file, and I again thank Inspector General Ronda Kohlheim for her thorough review of the matters in question, and in her excellent report that laid out key recommendations for the Fire and Police Commission to consider for quick adoption,” Alderman Johnson said, also noting the open cooperation and assistance provided by FPC Executive Director Leon Todd during the audit process.

Alderswoman Coggs said: “It is my sincere hope that the Fire and Police Commission will quickly adopt the recommendations, and that they will help the FPC to operate with greater efficiency, effectiveness and transparency.”

The IG Report issued the following four recommendations to the Fire and Police Commission:

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IG Recommendations Approved/ADD ONE

1. Revise, implement, and document comprehensive, well-defined Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commission specifically outlining each process.
2. Develop and implement records management procedures as guidance to promote consistent document and archival management controls.
3. Develop a systematic approach to managing records to ensure compliance with applicable requirements.
4. Establish and maintain a board information system that focuses on enlightened decision-making, stimulates participation and supports an appropriate balance of responsibility between the board, executive director and staff.