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Ald. Coggs sponsors budget amendments targeting public health, city services, and more

Today (Friday, November 6), the Common Council adopted an amended 2027 city budget. The amended budget includes a variety of amendments authored by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs** that address issues affecting residents' quality of life.

“Every year the Common Council is presented a budget by the Mayor, and has a matter of weeks to amend that budget based on what we hear from the people. This year, I worked to craft a variety of amendments and footnotes aimed at tackling issues that are important to the people by increasing transparency, accountability, and service delivery across many departments,” said Alderwoman Coggs.

Adopted budget amendments sponsored by Alderwoman Coggs include:

- A footnote instructing the Office of African American Affairs in the Department of Administration to develop and report planned activities and partnerships that correlate to their five pillars.
- A footnote directing the Department of Administration - Information Technology Management Division and the Department of Employee Relations to report quarterly on Workday's performance and challenges.
- A footnote directing the Assessor to report annually on the assessments of residential properties built in connection with affordability programs and subsidies.
- A footnote instructing the Department of City Development to require garden education for those who take on gardens.

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- A footnote instructing the Department of City Development to post garden locations and responsible party information on the City's website.
- A footnote instructing the Department of City Development and the Health Department to offer annual garden and farmer's market education.
- A footnote instructing the Department of City Development and the Health Department to list all food access points and food programs on the City's website.
- A footnote directing the Fire Department to provide data on reopened stations.
- A footnote instructing the Health Department to work with established doula programs to create contract bidding opportunities for diverse doula groups.
- A footnote instructing the Health Department to biannually report on Doula contracting.
- A footnote directing the Library to explore a historic preservation surcharge for facility rentals.
- A footnote urging the Milwaukee Public Library to work with the Innovation Office and the Library Foundation on possible philanthropic sponsorship of Sunday hours and Sunday programming.
- A footnote urging the Milwaukee Public Library to promote seed library programs.
- A footnote urging the Library to explore making memberships to cultural institutions available for patrons to check out.
- A footnote urging the Milwaukee Public Library to develop a marketing plan for Sunday hours.
- A footnote requiring annual reporting of changes made to Police procedures and training in response to settlement and litigation.
- A footnote directing the Department of Public Works to explore the creation of a youth electrical apprenticeship program.
- A footnote directing the Department of Public Works to provide an annual report of street light outages.
- A footnote directing the Department of Public Works to complete an annual audit of street lights on main streets.
- A footnote directing the Department of Public Works to create a map showing street sweeping throughout neighborhoods.

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