



Honorable Mayor Tom Barrett

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.

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Mayor Tom Barrett, Common Council Announce Public Inauguration Ceremonies *2008-2012 Term to Kick Off in Grand Style at Beautiful Pabst Theater*

Public inauguration ceremonies for Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Milwaukee Common Council members and other elected city officials will be held next Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the historic Pabst Theater, Mayor Barrett and Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. announced today. The ceremonies at the Pabst – free and open to the public – will be hosted by Milwaukee historian John Gurda and are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

The inauguration will follow the 2008-2012 charter meeting of the Common Council, which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. The Common Council will select a Common Council President and appoint the City Clerk during the charter meeting.

The public inauguration ceremonies at the grand and ornate Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St., will include the swearing in of citywide elected officials including the Mayor, City Attorney, City Comptroller, City Treasurer and the 15 members of the Common Council. The event will include performances by local singers and musicians, as well as brief addresses by Mayor Barrett, the Common Council President, Common Council members and the other elected officials.

Following the ceremonies at the Pabst, guests and city residents will be invited to public receptions inside City Hall. The third floor Council Chamber will be open and members of the Common Council will greet visitors, and Mayor Barrett and his family will receive guests during a reception inside the Mayor's Office (Room 201).

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Citizens are encouraged to attend the ceremony and to explore the Pabst Theater and historic City Hall, both built in 1895 and both architectural jewels that have been sources of pride for Milwaukeeans during three centuries. Downtown parking is limited and residents and guests are encouraged to carpool or use public transportation. County bus routes are available at www.ridemcts.com/ or by calling (414) 344-6711. Public parking lots/ramps are available at the SW corner of Kilbourn and Water, 1000 N. Water, and 4th and Highland. Additional parking may be located at www.parkmilwaukee.com.

“I hope the people of Milwaukee will join us as we recommit ourselves to our City and work together to move our City forward,” said Mayor Tom Barrett. “Together we can make Milwaukee safer and stronger and create hope and economic opportunity for every resident.”

“This ceremony marks a new chapter in the government and representation for the citizens of Milwaukee,” said Common Council President Willie Hines. “I know that this new Common Council will aggressively tackle the problems that face our City, head on. We will find solutions, improve services and effectively engage residents along the way. On April 15, we begin our work for a better Milwaukee.”

The official program for the event will be released by the City Clerk’s Office on Monday, April 14.

The inaugural ceremonies and the Council’s charter meeting will be carried live on City Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable in the city of Milwaukee.