

Legal and Legislative Matters Committee

Chairman Wright, Conn, McAteer-
Margolis, Mortimer, Tramontozzi
Attending: Brodeur, Medeiros,
Seaboyer, Boisselle

Legal and Legislative Matters Committee called to order by Chairman Wright at 7:34 p.m.

Alderman Mortimer motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor. No one comes forward. Alderman Mortimer motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Order No. 09-230, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Robert J. Van Campen, Attorney-at-Law
To: City Solicitor Expiration: first Monday in March, 2010

Alderman Mortimer motions to suspend the rules, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Alderman Brodeur asks if any substantive structural changes have occurred in the Legal Department in the past year. Attorney Van Campen says no; Attorney Lucas still assists him. Alderman Brodeur asks if outside labor counsel will be used going forward. Attorney Van Campen says no; the City has done a good job eliminating outside labor counsel. Alderman Brodeur asks if in his role he serves the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. Attorney Van Campen says he serves all departments except the School Committee. Alderman Brodeur asks if the Board of Assessors seeks his advice. Attorney Van Campen says that department has a small line-item to seek outside counsel as does the City Treasurer.

Alderman Seaboyer asks how much work goes to Attorney Lucas. Attorney Van Campen says percentage wise, roughly 15-20% of what the office handles.

Alderman Tramontozzi thanks Attorney Van Campen for taking on the task and responsibility. He trusts his decision making as to how much work is turned out. There has been a significant savings to the City having him full-time.

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Alderman Mortimer motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Legal and Legislative Matters Committee adjourns at 7:38 p.m.

There are no orders in the Public Service or Finance Committees to be acted on.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees