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January 30, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Committee on Legislative Matters convened on January 30, 2007 with Chairman Thomas Taylor presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Rebekah Gewirtz, Dennis Sullivan and Robert Trane also present and voting. Also present were DPW Commissioner Stan Koty, George Landers from ISD and Health Director Noreen Burke.

Commissioner Koty addressed the members regarding the Home Rule Petition to exempt the positions of Supervisor and Asst. Supervisor of School Custodians from the provisions of Civil Service law. Mr. Koty explained the associated cost-savings and said that this was an effort to streamline the department. When asked about Local 3's opposition to the change, the Commissioner told the members that Michael Brown, President of SMEA had stated that Local 3 has no standing in the matter, as the positions are in SMEA Unit D.

The committee heard from George Landers and Noreen Burke who agreed that the merger of health inspectors into the Inspection Services Department has worked out well. Ms. Burke informed the members that, in case of a health emergency, the Health Department would be in control of the Health Inspectors.

Alderman Trane's motion that the Clerk of Committees, send a communication to the Administration requesting an update on all Home Rule Petitions that have been forwarded to the State House was approved.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 2 items:

182517: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to delete Section 2 of Chapter 316 of the Acts of 2004, eliminating the sunset clause to reorganize the health inspectors.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182518: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to exempt the position of Supervisor and Asst. Supervisor of School Custodians from the provisions of Civil Service Law.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: 3 - 1 in favor

Alderman Thomas F. Taylor, Chairman
Committee on Legislative Matters

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