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May 6, 2008

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Committee on Legislative Matters convened on May 6, 2008 with Chairman Thomas Taylor presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Walter Pero, Rebekah Gewirtz, Robert Trane and Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen William Roche and William White, Assistant City Solicitor Matthew Buckley, Stephen Mackey from the Chamber of Commerce, Matt Grew from the Associated Builders and Contractors and interested members of the public.

Responsible Employer Ordinance (REO):

Chairman Taylor noted that this item is also before the Finance Committee for review and Alderman Pero suggested that, regardless of that fact, the matter be voted on at this meeting. Aldermen White and Trane told the members that they are still waiting for information that was requested at a previous meeting, including the Worcester and U Mass studies. Alderman Gewirtz submitted an article, for the record, that contained information re: REO's. Chairman Taylor will schedule a joint meeting for May 20th with the Finance Committee to deal with this matter and he requested that the clerks forward any information regarding the REO to all members of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Gewirtz's motion **that the Clerk of Committees compile all information received regarding the responsible Employer Ordinance and submit a complete package to the entire Board of Aldermen one week prior to the May 20, 2008 meeting of the Legislative Matters Committee**, was approved.

Alderman White requested that the Administration provide a list of all contracts, within the last 5 years, that would fall within the scope of the Responsible Employer Ordinance, indicating all violators who did not comply with the prevailing wage.

Plastic Bag Ordinance:

Alderman Trane's motion **that the appropriate city department notify all supermarkets in the city of the proposed ordinance regulating plastic bags, which is scheduled to be discussed on May 20th by the Legislative Matters Committee**, was approved.

No papers were acted on.

Alderman Thomas F. Taylor, Chairman
Committee on Legislative Matters

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