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Meeting Minutes Finance and Personnel Committee

Chairman Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II
Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy
Dennis Wiser
Ronald D. Hart
O. Keith Fair

Thursday, March 1, 2012

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 205

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Q.A. Shakoor, II, Terry McCarthy, Dennis Wiser and O. Keith Fair

EXCUSED: 1 - Ronald D. Hart

1. [12-7267](#) **Subject:** Communication to the Mayor and City Council from the Alderpersons of the 5th and 15th districts requesting to discuss having the city provide the same health insurance benefits to State-registered domestic partners and their dependants, that is now provided to married couples. (Res. 12-2992)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

1-23-12: Defer the item until the next scheduled Finance & Personnel Committee meeting pending legal review and financial impact.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

2-13-12: Item to be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

3/1/12 : To approve the request of Alderman Mozol and Alderman Kaprelian-Becker to provide standard benefits to state-registered domestic partners of City employees and the children of those partners, and further that the City Attorney's Office be directed to provide the appropriate resolution.

Fiscal Note: It is anticipated that current and long term fiscal impacts of this policy change will not have any more impact than current ongoing changes in the family status of the rest of the employee base.

Deputy City Attorney Scott Letteney provided background information and informed the committee of current law in relation to this issue and research as to what other Wisconsin jurisdictions are currently doing. A lively discussion ensued. Also present and participating were Aldermen Marcus, Shields, Kaplan, Kaprelian-Becker, Weidner, Wisneski and Mozol.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Dennis Wiser, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012 at City Hall in Room 301.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ald. Q.A.Shakoor, II, Chairman
Finance & Personnel Committee**