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## Mayor Johnson unveils 2025 MKE budget plan, which includes boost for police, fire depts.



Article compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson unveiled his 2025 budget plan, which calls for a boost for police and fire...and a proposed 2% increase in the tax levy.

The mayor said, for a typical Milwaukee homeowner, that would amount to \$62 more in city property taxes.

If the Common Council approves the mayor's budget proposal, the 2025 budget would go up \$88 million – to a total of more than \$2 billion.

Mayor Johnson's budget calls for portable cameras to monitor reckless driving.

Currently, cameras monitoring the speed of motor vehicles are not allowed in Wisconsin.

Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson (shown above) revealed his 2025 budget proposal. It calls for a boost for police and fire, but it could also mean higher fees and taxes.

In response to a post-budget address question about the cameras and what they're going to do in Milwaukee, Johnson responded the cameras will allow the city to be able to get more information about vehicles that are speeding.

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## Holy Redeemer COGIC helps register voters ahead of election; Rev. Jesse Jackson visits, urging congregants to vote Nov. 5!

At Holy Redeemer Institutional COGIC last Sunday, the focus went from religion to politics as civil rights icon Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rainbow PUSH Coalition descended on the 'Brew City' to help get 'more souls to the polls.' "If you are 17-years-old, and you'll be 18 by November 5, please stand," said Rev. Jackson. At least five non-registered individuals stood up. One of the five was David Baker. "We need someone that's trying to help the little people that can't speak for themselves," said Baker (presumably talking about Vice President and Democratic Presidential Nominee Kamala Harris) after Jackson's visit. Baker admitted he wasn't informed enough to vote in 2016, adding he won't make that same mistake this November. "Now I'm going out to vote so my voice can be heard." U.S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson, Jesse Jackson's son, told church members that not only is the coming election the most important, "it's the most

consequential race we're going to see in our lifetime. Noting mail-in ballots are already in the mail, Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson told Holy Redeemer members the city is doing its best to make the voting process open, accessible, and convenient to allow folks to cast their ballot early. Johnson—who said he plans on voting early—also noted that in-person early voting begins October 22 until November 3. "I'm happy that churches in Milwaukee take the opportunity to let their parishioners know about the power that they have in their vote." Johnson was given a plaque by Holy Redeemer's Pastor, Valerie Daniels-Carter, recognizing his commitment to civic engagement. Daniels-Carter told congregants the church isn't endorsing any candidates, stressing the need for people to go to the polls the first Tuesday of November and vote. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp

**Packers 'Super back-up,' Quarterback Malik Willis, does it again! Leads team to 30-14 win over the Tennessee Titans!**



Back-up Green Bay Packers Quarterback Malik Willis keeps impressing Packers fans with a second solid performance, this time against the Tennessee Titans in Nashville. Packers starter, Jordan Love, who is nursing a knee injury, doesn't have to rush back given the sterling play of Willis who, ironically, was traded by the Titans to the Packers before the start of the season to bolster a weak quarterbacking crew. Willis passed for 202 yards, ran for 73 yards, and scored two touchdowns. Look for more photos from the game in this week's Weekend Edition. —Photos by Kim Robinson



## After purchasing Ebony for \$14 million, former NBA player JUNIOR BRIDGEMAN reportedly buys stake in team he played for!

BY ABU MUBARIK, article courtesy of face2faceafrica.com, Sept. 16, 2024

Former NBA player Junior Bridgeman played for the Bucks for 10 seasons before moving to the Los Angeles Clippers to ply his trade for two seasons. Upon retiring in 1987, he built a business empire, making him a multi-millionaire.

He is behind Bridgeman Sports and Media, which owns Ebony Magazine after a successful bid to purchase the bankrupt media firm for \$14 million in 2020.

Founded in 1945 by John H. Johnson, the magazine enjoyed a wide readership before a drop in ad revenues and the internet led to its fall.

The magazine was forced into Chapter 7 Bankruptcy in July 2020 by its creditors for defaulting on \$10 million in loans, according to the Chicago Tribune.

However, the bankruptcy was converted into a voluntary Chapter 11 reorganization in September, the Tribune added.

Despite the woes of Ebony, his optimism of returning the once-revered Black-owned publica-

tion in America to profit and to a place of prominence in American culture led him to purchase it.

In 2020 when he was considering buying Ebony, he said, with "the right ideas and execution", the plan could materialize in no time.

"Nothing is ever easy, but this would be, I think, a labor of love," Bridgeman said.

Besides being a Coca-Cola distributor, Bridgeman's other businesses include fast-food restaurants.

The former NBA player is also now seeking to expand his business ownership to include sports. And he is seeking to invest in the Bucks. CNBC reported on Thursday that he is close to purchasing a 15% stake in the franchise he played for during much of his NBA career.

The platform noted that the 70-year-old will be receiving a preferred limited-partner discount, which entitles him to a 15% stake in the organization. The deal values the team at \$4 billion.

The Bucks finished third in the Eastern Conference last season, however, the team operated at a loss because it had to dip into the luxury tax and pay \$52 million.

Photo courtesy of vermonthbiz.com



**José G. Pérez,**  
Common Council  
President and  
12th District alderman, listens  
as Mayor Cavalier  
Johnson outlines the 2025  
city budget.  
—photo courtesy of  
fox6now.com

# Mayor unveils 2025 MKE budget plan, which includes 2% tax levy increase

## St. Joseph Academy set to open John & Betty Maliszewski Family Health Clinic in partnership with Sixteenth Street Community health centers

St. Joseph Academy, a 5 Star Youngstar rated Early Child-care Center and K4-8th grade school on Milwaukee's southside, is pleased to announce the addition of an onsite health clinic.

The Grand Opening of the John & Betty Maliszewski Family Health Clinic will take place at 11:00 am on Friday, October 25, 2024.

Health issues and lack of access to healthcare were identified as leading barriers to family health, child development, and academic learning at St. Joseph Academy.

With a focus on supporting the whole child, St. Joseph Academy began exploring the possibility of providing an on-site health clinic upon re-opening following the pandemic.

In 2022, St. Joseph Academy met with Sixteenth Street Health Centers to explore opportunities to partner for the health care needs of the children and families in the immediate community, especially those uninsured, underinsured

or without a regular doctor.

Following successful talks with Sixteenth Street and with approval from the Felician Sisters, a campaign was launched to secure funding for the clinic.

Funding for this project was provided by the Felician Sisters of North America, We Energies Foundation, St. Francis Fund, Townsend Foundation, and many private donations from family and friends of the Maliszewski Family.

The new clinic houses three exam rooms, a lab and a waiting area.

Berghammer Construction was the contractor for this project.

The clinic opened in September with a soft opening. In its first phase, the clinic will care for students, their families and staff. In phase two, expansion may include the surrounding neighborhood.

Named after the late John & Betty Maliszewski, John & Betty were longtime sup-

porters of health care for children.

In 1967, John & Betty brought their son, to St. Francis Hospital due to an illness. At the time, St. Francis Hospital was sponsored by the Felician Sisters.

John & Betty were moved to do something when they saw the large number of disadvantaged children being cared for, often with no parents present or visiting.

John & Betty found many ways to serve including gifts for the children.

John was a regular Santa at the Hospital for many years and was active in fundraising with the St. Francis Foundation's annual Golf Outing. Betty enjoyed holding babies and giving children hugs and cuddles.

When the hospital changed ownership, the Golf Outing moved to support St. Joseph Academy, a child centered Felician Ministry, thus continuing their support of children in need.

hicle; didn't get a license plate, if there was one. This will amplify the police's ability to be able to do some recognize; get that information and be able to go after those vehicles."

have. Hecklers interrupted the mayor's speech. They criticized police funding and said they wanted participatory budgeting.

Mayor Johnson's proposal

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The mayor's budget calls for three classes of police recruits – 65 recruits per class, the most the mayor said they can

would also add firefighters – and leave open the possibility of reopening a closed fire station.

The budget would continue investments in Raze and Revive, to demolish blight. It would also place investments in roads.

The public will have a few chances to share their views on the proposed budget. First up is the financial committee meeting on Monday morning, Sept. 30 at City Hall.

Then, on Oct. 7, there will be a joint public hearing with the mayor and Common Council.

Lastly, the Common Council will then get to work hashing out the budget for passage in November.

Sources for the article: fox6now.com, the 2025 budget plan revealed by the mayor Tuesday, September 24.



Their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren & great-great grandchildren continue their legacy of commitment to children to this day.

**About St. Joseph Academy:** St. Joseph Academy is a Catholic educational organization sponsored by the Felician Sisters.

Their Mission is to educate children to be successful lifelong learners and problem solvers.

They are guided by the Felician Core Values for Ministry:

Respect for Human Dignity, Compassion, Justice and Peace, Transformation and Solidarity with People in Need. They partner with families and the community to fulfill this mission.

St. Joseph Academy serves approximately 550 children annually.

The Early Childhood Education Center serves infants and toddlers from six weeks to three years of age. It is accredited through the National Accreditation Commission and

has a five star Young Star rating.

The K4-8th program is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as a Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and is both Cognia and Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation (WRISA) accredited.

All programs are housed on one campus, providing a sense of community and support for students and families.



Vladimir Vladimirov via Getty Images

# Black girls face disproportionate discipline rates in every state

**A Government Accountability Office report finds colorism, gender stereotypes and biased views of Black girls contribute to the disparities.**

**By Naaz Modan, article courtesy of k12dive.com**

Black girls are disciplined more often and more harshly than other girls, and they have the highest rates of exclusionary discipline like suspensions and expulsions, according to a Government Accountability Office report released last week. Black girls are disciplined at higher rates in every state nationwide.

Despite accounting for only 15% of all girls in public schools, Black girls received almost half of the suspensions and expulsions in the 2017-18 school year. Black girls

also received harsher punishments than White girls even when their infractions — such as defiance, disrespect and disruption — were similar.

Factors contributing to the discipline disparities include a biased view of Black girls as older and more promiscuous than their peers, colorism, and gender stereotypes like traditional expectations of femininity, according to GAO's review of research.

In 2022, Members of the House

tasked GAO, a congressional watchdog that investigates federal spending and performance, with reviewing the effects of disciplinary policies and practices for girls in public schools.

"How students are treated in schools can profoundly influence their experiences and have a lingering effect into adulthood," FAO said in a letter on the report to Democratic Reps. Rosa DeLauro, Nancy Pelosi, and Ayanna Pressley, who requested the study.

"Recent federal data show that many girls are struggling across almost all measures of well-being — including substance use, experiences of violence, mental health, and suicidal thoughts and behaviors."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, teen girls felt twice as persistently sad and hopeless as boys did in 2021. Nearly 1 in 3 teen girls considered attempting suicide, and 1 in 5 said they had experienced sexual violence in the preceding year, CDC found.

CDC recommended that schools foster school connectedness, among other solutions, to address worsening student mental health.

Students who feel more connected to their school are more likely to earn higher grades and test scores, less likely to engage in risky behaviors, and less apt to experience emotional distress and thoughts of suicide in the teen years, according to the agency.

However, the GAO report found that Black girls reported feeling less safe and less connected to their

schools than other groups of girls. Black girls, for example, were more likely than White girls to say they were afraid of being attacked on school property, and they were more likely than White or Asian girls to disagree that teachers at their school treat students with respect. Black girls also reported feeling more frequently that school rules were unfair.

GAO researchers also interviewed young women ages 18-24 about their K-12 experiences, and what they learned mirrored the data reviewed, according to Jackie Now-

icki, director of GAO's Education, Workforce, and Income Security division.

"And it showed us that the girls themselves are aware that even when they behave similarly

to their peers or perform well academically, they may be treated differently at school because of their race and their gender," Nowicki said during a Sept. 19 podcast on the report's findings. "So, there are educational consequences, economic consequences, and emotional consequences for girls' safety and

well-being."

A 2020 study led by a Princeton University researcher showed that teachers are not less likely than those in other professions to harbor explicit and implicit bias toward Black people. Last year, a small study of one diverse California district showed that extensive use of referrals by a small group of teachers contributed significantly to discipline gaps between Black and White students.

Targeted support and interventions for such teachers may help reduce biases, both studies found.

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COMING AND PAST HAPPENINGS IN AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

## MKE County Hosting Workshops for Community to Share Input on Street Safety Improvements



This summer, Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley signed legislation affirming Milwaukee County's commitment to Vision Zero and combatting reckless driving, traffic violence, and fatal and serious injury crashes by the year 2037.

As part of this effort and the Complete Communities Transportation Planning Project, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is hosting five Safer Streets Workshops across the county.

The purpose of these events is to share potential safe streets redesign and infrastructure solutions for Milwaukee County's Corridors of Concern (roadways with the highest safety risks based on community feedback and crash data history).

MCDOT will feature a handful of these Corridors of Concern at each meeting based on their proximity to the meeting location. All are welcome to join at the

following community locations:

**NORTHWEST SIDE MEETING:**  
Tuesday, September 24, 6:00PM-7:30PM  
Milwaukee Public Library, Good Hope Branch  
7715 Good Hope Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53223  
Accessible on MCTS Route 76  
**Featured Corridors of Concern:**  
N. 60th Street, N. 76th Street, N. 91st Street-N. 92nd Street, Good Hope Road, Mayfair Road-N. Lovers Lane Road, Silver Spring Drive

**NORTH SHORE MEETING:**  
Wednesday, September 25, 6:00PM-7:30PM  
Whitefish Bay Public Library  
5420 N. Marlborough Dr. Whitefish Bay, WI 53217  
Accessible on MCTS Green Line  
**Featured Corridors of Concern:**  
Green Bay Avenue, N. Lake Drive, Port Washington Road, Silver Spring Drive, Teutonia

Avenue

**NEAR NORTH SIDE MEETING:**  
Tuesday, October 1, 6:00PM-7:30PM  
Gee's Clippers  
2200 N. Doctor M.L.K. Jr. Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53212  
Accessible on MCTS Routes 19 and 21  
**Featured Corridors of Concern:**  
Capitol Drive, Fond du Lac Avenue, Hampton Avenue, North Avenue, Sherman Boulevard, 27th Street

**SOUTHWEST SIDE MEETING:**  
Saturday, October 12, 1:00PM-2:30PM  
West Allis Farmer's Market  
6501 W. National Ave. West Allis, WI 53214  
Accessible on MCTS Routes 18 and 54  
**Featured Corridors of Concern:**  
S. 60th Street-Hawley Road, S. 76th Street, S. 92nd Street, S. 108th Street, Miller Park Way, National Avenue

**SOUTH SIDE MEETING:** Tuesday, October 15, 6:00PM-7:30PM  
Milwaukee Public Library, Mitchell Street Branch  
906 W. Historic Mitchell St. Milwaukee, WI 53204  
Accessible on MCTS Routes 19, 20, 54 and 80  
**Featured Corridors of Concern:**  
27th Street-Layton Boulevard, S. Lake Drive, Layton Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, National Avenue

## City's Fair Housing Council offering free fair housing training for rental property owners and managers

The Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council is offering free in-person fair housing training seminars for owners and managers of rental housing in the City of Milwaukee:

- Friday, September 27**  
2 – 4 p.m.  
Good Hope Branch of the Milwaukee Public Library  
7715 Good Hope Rd.
- Monday, September 30**  
5 – 7 p.m.  
Bay View Branch of the Milwaukee Public Library  
2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024**  
3 – 5 p.m.  
Center Street Branch of the Milwaukee Public Library  
2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.



To register for any of these seminars, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MKEFairHousingFall2024> or call 414-278-1240.

These seminars will include information about the protected classes and prohibited practices delineated by local, state, and federal fair housing laws, as well as reasonable accommodations and modifications for tenants with disabilities.

If you need materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access our services, please call 414-278-1240.

The material presented during these seminars is intended for general information purposes only and does not constitute legal advice.

Recording of the seminars is not permitted.

## St. Ann Center Sets Homecoming Gala for Oct. 5

St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care will host Homecoming: A 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 5, at its Stein Campus, the intergenerational day care's first home.

New this year, Homecoming: A 25th Anniversary Celebration is also a sneaker ball.

Guests are invited to accessorize their glamorous attire with snazzy sneaks to blend style and comfort.

The gala event will take place at the Stein Campus in celebration of 25 years since it opened its doors.

Homecoming also celebrates 25 years of compassionate care and meaningful progress, including overnight respite, wellness services and dementia care; and a second campus on 24th Street and North Avenue featuring a special-needs dental clinic, a whimsical play garden specifically designed to teach children self-pride and key life skills, and a band shell for client performances and a summer concert series.

The event, St. Ann



**Portia Young and Steve 'The Homer' True**

Center's 20th annual gala, begins at 5pm.

Throughout the building, mouthwatering heavy appetizers from award-winning Milwaukee caterer Tall Guy and a Grill, sweet treats from The Dessert Cart, and an assortment of alcoholic and alcohol free beverages from The Crafted Tavern will be available to fuel the evening's program, emceed by Portia Young, Emmy-winning host of PBS Wisconsin's "10thirtysix" and public relations executive for Sargento.

Steve "The Homer" True, ESPN radio host and longtime voice of Marquette basketball, will

call the live auction. Among the items available are excursions to the Dominican Republic and Riviera Maya; Green Bay Packer autographed collectibles including a jersey autographed by star quarterback Jordan Love and a football signed by the 2023-2024 squad; tickets for four to the Milwaukee Ballet debut of "Casanova," an overnight stay at Saint Kate - The Arts Hotel plus a \$100 restaurant card, and more.

Afterward, guests can dance to the South Shore Band, then end their evening on a sweet note, making s'mores over fire rings on the back patio.

## Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment Invites Applications for \$250,000 Momentum Grants

*Funding available for health improvement projects in Wisconsin*

The Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment (AHW) is offering grants of up to \$250,000 for projects planned and implemented by community-led organizations in partnership with Medical College of Wisconsin faculty focused on improving health and advancing health equity in Wisconsin.

Eligible organizations for AHW's Com-

munity-Led Momentum Grants are Wisconsin-based 501(c)3 and 501(c)6 nonprofits, as well as Wisconsin-based government entities.

AHW has allocated \$6 million for this funding opportunity for community-led partnerships with MCW collaborators, allowing up to 24 awards at the maximum grant amount. Funded projects must be completed during a 24-month period beginning on July 1, 2025.

Letters of intent (LOIs) to apply for AHW Momentum Grants are due on Nov. 4, 2024. A merit review of LOIs will result in invitations to selected applicants for full proposals, which will be due on March 4, 2025.

For more information and to request a pre-application consultation with an AHW team member, visit <https://info.ahwendowment.org/momentum-grant-rfa-2025>.

## Where to find YOUR Milwaukee Community Journal PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- Milwaukee Community Journal Office-** 3612 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
- Milwaukee County Courthouse-** 901 N. 9th Street
- Milwaukee City Hall-** 200 E. Wells Street
- Milwaukee Public Library/Central Branch-** 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.
- Milwaukee Public Library/Atkinson Branch-** 1960 W. Atkinson Ave.
- Milwaukee Public Library/Martin Luther King Branch-** 2767 N. MLK, Jr. Drive (new library currently under construction)
- Milwaukee Area Technical College/Downtown MKE Campus-** 700 W. State St.
- University Wisconsin-Milwaukee Student Center-** 3210 N. Maryland Ave.
- Beans & Barley-** 1901 E. North Ave.
- Knapp Senior Citizen Apartments-** Knapp Street
- Arlington Court Senior Citizen Public Housing-** 1633 N. Arlington Place
- Lapham Square Apt.-** 1901 N. 6th Street
- BMO Bank-** 2745 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
- St. Ann's Milwaukee/Bucyrus Campus-** 2450 W. North Ave.
- YWCA** 1915 N. Dr. MLK, Jr. Drive

- Walgreens** 2826 N. Dr. MLK, Jr. Drive
- Coffee Makes You Black-** 2803 N. Teutonia Ave.
- PICK N' SAVE STORES/MILWAUKEE-BROWN DEER-GLENDALE**
- North 35th street location-** 2355 N. 35th St.
- Midtown location-** 5700 W. Capitol Drive
- East Garfield location-** 1100 E. Garfield St.
- East Point location-** 605 E. Lyon Street
- Brown Deer location-** 120 W. Brown Deer Rd.
- Glendale location-** 1735 W. Silver Spring Dr.
- GALST GROCERY STORES**
- Galst Foods at** 1622 W. North Ave.
- Galst Foods at** 4030 N. Teutonia Ave.
- BP Gas Station-** 807 W. Atkinson Ave.
- Sids Barber Shop-** 2420 W. Hopkins St.
- CHURCHES**
- Mt. Calvary-** 2959 N. Teutonia Ave.
- Mt. Zion Assembly-** 4300 N. Green Bay Ave.
- St. Matthew CME-** 2944 N. 9th St.
- Progressive Baptist-** 8324 W. Keefe Ave.
- Greater Galilee-** 2432 N. Teutonia Ave.
- St. Mark AME-** 1616 W. Atkinson Ave.
- Ephesians Missionary Baptist-** 510 W. Meinecke Ave.
- All Saints Catholic Church-** 4015 N. 26th St.
- Ebenezer Worship Center** 3132 N. Dr. MLK Drive
- Holy Redeemer Church of God in Christ-** 3500 W. Mother Daniels Way

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The Social Development Commission's main office sits empty in Milwaukee on the evening of June 28, 2024. The long-troubled agency in April abruptly shut down and laid off its entire staff, creating new holes in Milwaukee's safety net. (Julius Shieh / Wisconsin Watch)

# How Milwaukee's giant anti-poverty agency unraveled: weak controls, little oversight

**State, county and city agencies awarded the Social Development Commission big contracts even after it eliminated internal auditing mechanisms.** By Addie Costello / Wisconsin Watch and WPR

The Social Development Commission was reeling from a scandal in 2013.

The federal government had flagged numerous deficiencies in how the Milwaukee anti-poverty agency managed the city's Head Start early childhood development services.

Federal officials picked another vendor to run the program, costing SDC a \$22 million contract that cut its budget by more than half, eliminated 154 jobs and prompted the CEO to resign.

SDC would survive that blow. State, federal and local agencies over the next decade entrusted it with millions of dollars for services such as emergency furnace installation, tax support, career

advancement, senior companionship and rent assistance.

Over time, SDC absorbed other poverty-fighting initiatives, going on to earn more revenue in 2022 than 46 Wisconsin counties.

About a decade later, another scandal leaves SDC's future in doubt.

The organization's leaders this spring acknowledged having "misallocated" funds for its home weatherization program, costing SDC a \$6.7 million state contract that created ripple effects across its wider budget.

The details echoed those from 2013 and earlier in SDC's tumultuous history.

The agency in April abruptly shut down and laid off its entire staff, creating gaps in essential services for low-income Milwaukee residents.

Former vendors and employees are still trying to collect payment

for past work, and multiple SDC Board of Commissioners members have resigned. Whether the organization will ever reopen remains unanswered.

What caused SDC's unraveling? The results of a state audit launched just before its closing should fill in some details. Already clear, however, is that SDC's past leaders significantly weakened internal financial controls with little outside scrutiny.

State, county and city governments awarded SDC major contracts even after the organization eliminated its internal auditing department and board auditing committee, WPR and Wisconsin Watch found.

These actions should have raised red flags to any independent monitors, experts say. But few were looking at SDC's broader operations.

Wisconsin Watch and WPR could not locate a comprehensive government audit of the organization's finances conducted before 1996, when dial-up internet was still popular and Mike Holmgren still coached the Green Bay Packers.

SDC additionally failed to update financial procedures or internal controls for more than 15 years, even after eliminating the role of internal auditor.

SDC was created by govern-

thority.

Government officials told WPR and Wisconsin Watch they largely focused on how SDC executes contracts with their individual offices — rather than broader operations issues.

A Milwaukee County spokesperson wrote in an email: "there appears to be no statute or ordi-

should intervene, regardless of how statutes delegate responsibility, he said, with the constitutional responsibility to protect residents' welfare taking precedence.

"Why would you let this entity that serves the largest number of people in the state with critical services wither away?"

### SDC shutdown was no surprise

Toni Hamelin learned of SDC's closing on April 26, a Friday. That left her little time to plan the next Monday's breakfast, lunch and dinner for up to 40 children at the child care center where she works.

Like 30 other Milwaukee County child care centers that serve low-income families, Hamelin's Bright Rainbow Academy counted on SDC to prepare and deliver meals through the federal Child and Adult Food Program.

SDC's closing required her to arrive to work early to prepare meals including cabbage rolls, shepherd's pie and chicken tacos — with nothing more than a crock pot, a roaster and a hot plate.

Hamelin said SDC's shutdown wasn't a surprise. The organization's meal quality declined during her 30-plus years in child care, and SDC stopped sending infant formula over a year ago, she said.

"I've been questioning things for sure, six months, because things just didn't seem the way they were," Hamelin said in July.

But it took officials months longer to notice SDC again faced the type of trouble that clouded every decade in its history.

### Decades of scandals at SDC

Controversy has surrounded SDC since the 1960s, when residents argued over whether it should supply birth control and discuss police brutality. Within a decade, the scrutiny focused less on politics and more on corruption and mismanagement.

Headlines in the 1970s described leaders using grant dollars for lavish trips, moving SDC money into private accounts and

plagued reputation in the 1990s.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported between 1993 and 1996 that SDC leadership tapped organization funds for resort stays for staff retreats, spent exponentially more on a board dinner for 285 people than a Thanksgiving dinner that served 295 seniors, hired an executive director who falsified items on her resume, lost key financial documents in a series of burglaries, spent \$400,000 in grant dollars without approval on a suspended construction project and allowed 1 million pounds of food to rot in storage.

State and county auditors responded in 1996 by laying out three options for SDC: Close, become a part of an existing government office or make serious changes.

Following some recommendations, SDC cut its board from 24 to 18 seats, created a comprehensive budget and rehired an internal auditing staff.

Just a few years later, however, it couldn't account for grant money to feed low-income children.

By 2011 complaints surfaced over SDC's management of Milwaukee's Wisconsin Works and Head Start programs. The organization within two years lost both contracts and roughly 70% of its budget.

That prompted SDC to fire its internal audit staff — eliminating the same positions state auditors previously recommended creating.

Just as in the 1980s, the organization failed to update financial procedures to reflect the change, state records show.

### Questions about oversight

Weakened financial controls can make organizations more vulnerable to mismanagement or wrongdoing. Internal auditors serve a key governance role by offering objective views of an organization, said Mike Varney, the North American board chair of the Institute of Internal Auditors.



Barbara Toles, who chairs the Social Development Commission's Board of Commissioners, presides over a board meeting at Port Milwaukee on Sept. 11, 2024. SDC's latest trouble came from trying to continue programs it couldn't afford after budget cuts, she says. (Joe Timmerman / Wisconsin Watch)

keeping abysmal records that prevented auditors from investigating the agency.

During the turmoil, SDC leader-

While external auditors typically review records from a prior year, internal auditors monitor financial controls and processes in real time, Varney said.

SDC's internal audit team had caught serious issues, such as a lack of action around a \$300,000 state weatherization grant in 2004.

An internal audit just before the team was eliminated in 2013 revealed SDC was making inappropriate payments to employees. Hearing that an organization removed internal auditing controls would "begin to raise red flags," Varney said.

But SDC's grantors didn't seem overly concerned. Its government funding increased after the changes.

Even without internal auditing, the state still required SDC to contract an independent auditor to conduct an external audit, Tatyana Warrick, a Wisconsin Department of Administration spokesperson, wrote in a statement to WPR and Wisconsin Watch.

"The absence of an internal audit director should not be conflated to suggest there is a total absence of internal controls in that

ship in the 1980s eliminated the internal auditing position. The organization's outdated financial procedures manual referenced the role for years after it no longer existed.

SDC cemented its scandal-

State and local governments this agency that is too big to fail?" asked Wyman Winston, who spent 50 years in community development, eight of them directing the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.

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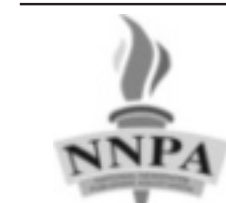
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The Social Development Commission Board of Commissioners meets at Port Milwaukee on Sept. 11, 2024, in Milwaukee. SDC commissioners are continuing to meet about the anti-poverty agency's future, which remains unclear after it abruptly shut down in April. (Joe Timmerman / Wisconsin Watch)

SDC cemented its scandal-

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# How police should deal with our undisciplined, wayward youth!

"Since you (parents) don't want to raise your kids, I'm gonna start raising them for you. Every time we make an arrest, your kids' photo is going to be put out there, and if I can do it, I'm gonna perp walk your kid so that everybody can see what your kid's up to."

Such was the commendable (albeit exasperating) words of Volusia County (Florida) Sheriff Mike Chitwood at a news conference Friday.

Much to the surprise of many pundits, there was little outcry from ultra-left Missionaries whose friends benefit from the Culture of Poverty (and white privilege).

But don't hold your breath. The subject of the sheriff's outrage was an 11-year-old White kid whose misconduct included threats to burn down a public school. Hours later, the sheriff released a video of two teens being handcuffed and led to jail for similar offenses.

If you read between the lines, his frustration was not only with the wayward kids but also with their parents.

While I haven't read much about this unusual act of early world criminal 'exposure' outside of the Florida media, that may change after you read this column, and liberal organizations like the ACLU intervene to 'defend' the rights of teen delinquents who the sheriff said will no longer be coddled and hidden away from public discernment.

(By the way, the kids in question—as I noted—were White. And given the history of Florida race relations, there would have been national outcries if they were Black. Which prompts the question of a local response if our Black sheriff or police chief had followed a similar policy for our local Black terrorist?)

The criminal justice system has rarely given out names—much less publicized photos—of juveniles under the philosophy that they are too young to know what they are doing—delinquent vs. thuggish—and merely acting out.

The rare exceptions are teens whose sensationalistic or brutal criminal acts of violence prompt public or political outcry. But even then, identifying them or their parents is rarer than beef tartare at a ghetto barbeque.

If you've listened to local media lately, the tsunami of teen violence is prompting calls weighing the perceived rights of violent teens against community safety. And to a growing number of frustrated citizens—and victims—the status quo only encourages a continuation of the teen terrorism tidal wave.

I can't remember a day when the local news didn't include a sensational crime committed by teens, who generally assume they will get nothing more than a slap on the wrist through a fur-lined glove. And you can't scan a newspaper's editorial page,



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listen to a Black radio station, or search social media without encountering a discussion on how to slow—not cure—the tsunami of teen violence and mayhem.

Unfortunately, most 'solutions' are based on wishful thinking or hopes of divine intervention.

Few of the 'solutions' touch on the core reasons for this generation of thugs and thugettes or how our rejection of traditional cultural values—including prioritizing nuclear families, Africentric values and mores, or Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Tao, Kemetic tenets—have taken the 'v' out of the village.

Thus, it is no surprise to me that the folks I notified of the Florida sheriff's actions were met with applause.

In fact, my hands have only stopped slapping each other to type this column and use the bathroom.

Why not publicize the mug shots of urban terrorists?

According to one of Milwaukee's most prominent defense attorneys, some of his clients would probably revel in their minute of fame.

Some myopic thugs would probably post their articles/photos on social media.

And don't be surprised if their parents—make that 'parent'—would do likewise, calling their girlfriends and baby daddies to proudly announce "my baby's in the paper!"

Even if that is an unintended consequence, it should not deter this innovative deterrence. In fact, I think the new floor should be used instead of the ceiling for the sentencing options.

There is a growing call for corporal punishment and alternative penalties for our undisciplined and wayward youth. Or, to summarize the beliefs of my favorite Truth station radio revolutionary—AI—if they are bold enough to commit violent crimes and put fear in the hearts of our elderly, you should pay the piper.

I don't know how much leeway local judges

have. Still, I would be thrilled to see one mandate a violent carjacker to parade around in a tee-shirt identifying themselves as a terrorist, with details of their crime as they ready themselves for a 'turn-key' stint in juvenile detention.

For teens adjudicated as adults, the option could be a sentencing option or used as part of extended parole—after imprisonment—upon the recommendation of counselors or law enforcement.

Along with their identifying orange tees, the punk or punkette would be required to pick up litter and serve as elementary school safety guards, for whom they could explain their actions while expressing their 'remorse.'

When not 'exposing' themselves to the public, they can escort the elderly to grocery stores and senior activities.

I don't agree with one prominent community leader who suggested housing them in a glass jail cell, but I would require them to serve their time in isolation, with a television permanently set to the religious channel and Lawrence Welk reruns.

Teaching Sunday school wouldn't hurt. That's if he or she can read.

Additionally, force the male thugs to wear belts and take away the wigs and weaves from the punkettes. No cell phones, blunts, or candy.

I also agree with those, including Sheriff Mike, who believe the parents—or 'parent and sperm donor'—should also be held accountable.

Hey, don't get me wrong. I'm not saying to blame the victims of poverty and institutional racism. But if you recall, the next president, Kamala Harris, aggressively responded to a controversial California law that penalized the parents of truant students.

She said last week that if someone broke into her house, she would not hesitate to 'blow them away.'

She didn't make an exception for age.

The bottom line is we've reached the point of no return. And there is strong evidence we helped steer the ship. Through complicity or apathy, we helped create the new norm and the resulting tsunami of teen violence and criminality.

Blame my support for these farfetched 'cures' on my senior status.

Some suggest the older you get, the more conservative you become. That's true.

But it's only part of it. The other part of the equation is my unhealthy frustration with the status quo. With seniors locking themselves behind bars, innocent children being caught in the crossfire, absentee fathers, and a culture in which we view our history through the prisms of self-graduation and hatred.

Maybe we should all wear a self-incriminating T-shirt, with some letters smaller than others.

**Hotep.**

## LEGALS/CLASSIFIEDS

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007177**  
In the matter of the name change of: SE'KANI SHARODE HELTON  
By (Petitioner) SHANTEL Y HAMPTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: SE'KANI SHARODE HELTON to: SE'KANI SHARODE REDD  
Birth Certificate: SE'KANI SHARODE HELTON

IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE OCTOBER 17, 2024, TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 9-6-2024  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO  
Circuit Court Judge  
575/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007083**  
In the matter of the name change of: CHENEQUA PATRICE WILLIAMS

By (Petitioner) CHENEQUA PATRICE WILLIAMS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: CHENEQUA PATRICE WILLIAMS to: CHAI AMA NAVA ISREAL  
Birth Certificate: CHENEQUA PATRICE WILLIAMS

IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE OCTOBER 22, 2024, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 9-3-2024  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO  
Circuit Court Judge  
577/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007218**  
In the matter of the name change of: BROOKE LYN FELSKI

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: BROOKE LYN FELSKI to: RIVER CARTER SLOANE  
Birth Certificate: BROOKE LYN FELSKI

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN ROOM 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE OCTOBER 10, 2024, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 8-9-2024  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN  
Circuit Court Judge  
572/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV006877**  
In the matter of the name change of: KIARA MICHELLE HARDY-WRIGHT

By (Petitioner) KIARA MICHELLE HARDY-WRIGHT

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: KIARA MICHELLE HARDY-WRIGHT to: KEI DAVID HARDY-WRIGHT  
Birth Certificate: KIARA MICHELLE HARDY-WRIGHT

IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN ROOM 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE OCTOBER 1, 2024, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 8-26-2024  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN  
Circuit Court Judge  
574/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007142**  
In the matter of the name change of: TIA TRENA BUFORD

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: TIA TRENA BUFORD to: ZYTIA D'TRENA MOINI BUFORD  
Birth Certificate: TIA TRENA BUFORD

IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE OCTOBER 18, 2024, TIME 9:15A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 9-5-2024  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY

Circuit Court Judge  
571/9-11-18-25-2024  
**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007017**  
In the matter of the name change of: DIANA ELIZABETH CALDERON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: DIANA ELIZABETH CALDERON to: DANIEL JACOBS CALDERON  
Birth Certificate: DIANA ELIZABETH CALDERON

IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE OCTOBER 10, 2024, TIME 3:00 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 8-29-2024  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO  
Circuit Court Judge  
576/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007145**  
In the matter of the name change of:

DELOIS ANN BUFFORD  
By (Petitioner) DELOIS ANN BUFFORD

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: DELOIS ANN BUFFORD to: DELORES ANN ROBINSON  
Birth Certificate: DELOIS ANN BUFFORD

IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE OCTOBER 28, 2024, TIME 2:00 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 9-5-2024  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO  
Circuit Court Judge  
578/9-11-18-25-2024

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**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007217**

In the matter of the name change of: **BRIANNA MARIE PICKERING**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **BRIANNA MARIE PICKERING** to: **FINN ASPEN SLOANE**  
Birth Certificate: **BRIANNA MARIE PICKERING**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN** ROOM 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 10, 2024, TIME 9:45 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 8-9-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN**  
Circuit Court Judge  
573/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007254**

In the matter of the name change of: **TARRIUS TARRICE CHESSER-SHORTER**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **TARRIUS TARRICE CHESSER-SHORTER** to: **TARRIUS SHORTER**  
Birth Certificate: **TARRIUS TARRICE CHESSER-SHORTER**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO** RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 10, 2024, TIME 10:00 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
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Dated: 9/18/2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO**  
Circuit Court Judge  
579/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV7257**

In the matter of the name change of: **ISAC RAMIRO QUILES**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **ISAC RAMIRO QUILES** to: **ISAC QUILES MARTINEZ**  
Birth Certificate: **ISAC RAMIRO QUILES**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS** RM 404 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 16, 2024, TIME 11:15 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-10-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS**  
Circuit Court Judge  
580/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV006972**

In the matter of the name change of: **THEODORE ALEXANDER MOSKONAS-JOHANNECK**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **THEODORE ALEXANDER MOSKONAS-JOHANNECK** to: **SARAH ALYNN MOSKONAS**  
Birth Certificate: **THEODORE ALEXANDER MOSKONAS-JOHANNECK**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

In the matter of the name change of: **MYLES XAVIER HARDISON**

By (Petitioner) **MYLES XAVIER HARDISON**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **MYLES XAVIER HARDISON** to: **MYLES XAVIER BANKS**  
Birth Certificate: **MYLES XAVIER HARDISON**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY** ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 11, 2024, TIME 9:00A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 8-29-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY**  
Circuit Court Judge  
581/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007302**

In the matter of the name change of: **ANGEL GERMANI SANTINO THOMPSON**

By (Petitioner) **DESTINY MARSHANN WILSON**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **ANGEL GERMANI SANTINO THOMPSON** to: **SAINT ANGEL GERMAN Y OLLENBURG**  
Birth Certificate: **ANGEL GERMANI SANTINO THOMPSON**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY** ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 18, 2024, TIME 9:45A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
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Dated: 9-11-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY**  
Circuit Court Judge  
582/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007287**

In the matter of the name change of: **Ahmad LaMarr Smith**

By (Petitioner) **Ahmad LaMarr Smith**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **Ahmad LaMarr Smith** to: **Ahmad LaMarr Love**  
Birth Certificate: **Ahmad LaMarr Smith**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO** RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 17, 2024, TIME 9:00 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
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Dated: 9-11-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO**  
Circuit Court Judge  
584/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007176**

In the matter of the name change of: **THEODORE ALEXANDER MOSKONAS-JOHANNECK**

By (Petitioner) **SARAH ALYNN MOSKONAS**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **THEODORE ALEXANDER MOSKONAS-JOHANNECK** to: **SHATERRI DEBRA DOTSON**  
Birth Certificate: **SHATERRI DEANNA LEE**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY** ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 28, 2024, TIME 1:30 P.M.**

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **THEODORE ALEXANDER MOSKONAS-JOHANNECK** to: **THEODORA ALEXANDRA MOSKONAS-JOHANNECK**  
Birth Certificate: **THEODORE ALEXANDER MOSKONAS-JOHANNECK**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY** ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 18, 2024, TIME 9:30A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
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Dated: 9-6-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY**  
Circuit Court Judge  
583/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV006376**

In the matter of the name change of: **WILLIAM HENRY MCCLELLAN**

By (Petitioner) **WILLIAM HENRY MCCLELLAN**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **WILLIAM HENRY MCCLELLAN** to: **FREYJA NAOMI AMOR**  
Birth Certificate: **FREYJA NAOMI AMOR**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY** ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, TIME 9:45 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 8-7-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY**  
Circuit Court Judge  
543/8-21-28/9-4-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007185**

In the matter of the name change of: **ROBIN DYANN CWIKLINSKI-KERTSCHER**

By (Petitioner) **ROBIN DAEMON CWIKLINSKI-KERTSCHER**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **ROBIN DYANN CWIKLINSKI-KERTSCHER** to: **ROBIN DAEMON CWIKLINSKI-KERTSCHER**  
Birth Certificate: **ROBIN DYANN CWIKLINSKI**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. J.D.WATTS** ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 28, 2024, TIME 1:30 P.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-6-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. J.D.WATTS**  
Circuit Court Judge  
585/9-18-25/10-2-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV005284**

In the matter of the name change of: **SHATERRI DEBRA DOTSON**

By (Petitioner) **AMAL AHMAD FARES**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **SHATERRI DEANNA DOTSON** to: **ROYALTY UNIQUE GRACE**  
Birth Certificate: **SHATERRI DEANNA LEE**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS** RM 404 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **NOVEMBER 1, 2024, TIME 10:15 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-16-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY**  
Circuit Court Judge  
606/9-25/10-2-9-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV7420**

In the matter of the name change of: **AMAL AHMAD FARES**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. J.D. WATTS** BR 15 ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, TIME 9:15 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 7-29-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. J.D. WATTS**  
Circuit Court Judge  
568/9-4-11-18-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007066**

In the matter of the name change of: **SAMANTHA SUSAN ALFRED**

By (Petitioner) **SAMANTHA SUSAN ALFRED**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **SAMANTHA SUSAN ALFRED** to: **SAMANTHA SUSAN ILLET-SCHKO**  
Birth Certificate: **SAMANTHA SUSAN ALFRED**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. J.D.WATTS** ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 21, 2024, TIME 3:00 P.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-3-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. J.D.WATTS**  
Circuit Court Judge  
607/9-25/1-2-9-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007416**

In the matter of the name change of: **MAIA BEYLANI MCDOWELL**

By (Petitioner) **MONIQUE KLEENA MALATHONG**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **MAIA BEYLANI MCDOWELL** to: **MAIA BEYLANI MALA-ABUNAAJ**  
Birth Certificate: **MAIA BEYLANI MALA-ABUNAAJ**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY** ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **NOVEMBER 1, 2024, TIME 10:15 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-16-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY**  
Circuit Court Judge  
606/9-25/10-2-9-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV7420**

In the matter of the name change of: **AMAL AHMAD FARES**

By (Petitioner) **AMAL AHMAD FARES**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **AMAL AHMAD FARES** to: **AMAL AHMAD HAMDAN**  
Birth Certificate: **AMAL AHMAD HAMDAN**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS** RM 404 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **NOVEMBER 19, 2024, TIME 2:30 P.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-10-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS**  
Circuit Court Judge  
580/9-11-18-25-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007195**

In the matter of the name change of: **LYDIA SUDEEPTHI ALFRED**

By (Petitioner) **JASMINE LENINA ILLET-SCHKO**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **LYDIA SUDEEPTHI ALFRED** to: **LYDIA SUDEEPTHI ILLET-SCHKO**  
Birth Certificate: **LYDIA SUDEEPTHI ALFRED**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO** RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **OCTOBER 21, 2024, TIME 11:00 A.M.**

9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **NOVEMBER 18, 2024, TIME 3:00 P.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-16-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS**  
Circuit Court Judge  
600/9-25/10-2-9-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007546**

In the matter of the name change of: **HAYWOOD ROBINSON**

By (Petitioner) **HAYWOOD ROBINSON**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **HAYWOOD ROBINSON** to: **HAYWOOD GEE, JR.**  
Birth Certificate: **HAYWOOD ROBINSON**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS** RM 404 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **NOVEMBER 4, 2024, TIME 9:00 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-19-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS**  
Circuit Court Judge  
602/9-25/10-2-9-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007590**

In the matter of the name change of: **DYLAN FRANCIS MENDLOWITZ-LOVE**

By (Petitioner) **DYLAN FRANCIS MENDLOWITZ-LOVE**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **DYLAN FRANCIS MENDLOWITZ-LOVE** to: **DYLAN FRANCIS LOVE**  
Birth Certificate: **DYLAN FRANCIS MENDLOWITZ-LOVE**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO** RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **NOVEMBER 1, 2024, TIME 11:00 A.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-20-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO**  
Circuit Court Judge  
603/9-25/10-2-9-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007371**

In the matter of the name change of: **JOSELY MIANGELEE MELENDEZ-ORTIZ**

By (Petitioner) **CYNTHIA MELENDEZ**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: **JOSELY MIANGELEE MELENDEZ-ORTIZ** to: **JOSELY MIANGELEE DELGADO MELENDEZ**  
Birth Certificate: **JESELY MIANGELEE MELENDEZ-ORTIZ**

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: **HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS** RM 404 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE **NOVEMBER 19, 2024, TIME 2:30 P.M.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 9-10-2024  
**BY THE COURT:**  
**HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS**  
Circuit Court Judge  
580/9-11-18-25-2024

**C. No. 19**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025**

The COMMON COUNCIL and the MAYOR will hold a joint public hearing on the City of Milwaukee Proposed Executive Budget for the year 2025. This notice is published in accordance with s. 65.20, Wis. Stats., and the Milwaukee City Charter.

**DATE:** Monday, October 7, 2024

**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Common Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Milwaukee City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI, 53202.

The meeting will be streamed live at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/citychannel> or on Channel 25 on Spectrum cable.

The 2025 Proposed Plan and Executive Budget Summary and 2025 Proposed Executive Budget (detail) are available on the City's website at <https://city.milwaukee.gov/oa/budget/Milwaukee-Budgets>. Reasonable accommodations provided upon request at 414-286-3475 or [ADACoordinator@milwaukee.gov](mailto:ADACoordinator@milwaukee.gov).

**CAVALIER JOHNSON**  
Mayor

**JIM OWCZARSKI**  
City Clerk

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## CITY OF MILWAUKEE 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

In accordance with Chapter 65 of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Milwaukee City Charter 18.04(1), a summary statement of the proposed departmental appropriations for the year 2025 and the anticipated revenues is hereby published as a matter of information.

### MAYOR CAVALIER JOHNSON

#### SECTION 1. CITY BUDGET UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

	2024 ADOPTED BUDGET	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET	CHANGE 2025 VERSUS 2024	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2024	2024 ADOPTED BUDGET	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET	CHANGE 2025 VERSUS 2024	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2024
<b>A. GENERAL CITY PURPOSES</b>								
<b>1. Budgets for General City Purposes</b>								
Administration, Dept. of	\$14,540,829	\$25,897,426	\$11,356,597	78.1%				
Assessor's Office	2,142,959	5,613,487	3,470,528	162.0%				
City Attorney	3,321,967	8,991,261	5,669,294	170.7%				
City Development, Dept. of	2,178,454	7,708,232	5,529,778	253.8%				
City Treasurer	2,458,640	4,816,646	2,358,006	95.9%				
Common Council City Clerk	5,274,504	11,750,828	6,476,324	122.8%				
Comptroller	1,924,083	5,784,294	3,860,211	200.6%				
Election Commission	4,641,013	3,239,392	-1,401,621	-30.2%				
Emergency Communications, Dept. of	10,386,425	27,094,584	16,728,159	161.4%				
Employee Relations, Dept. of	2,240,928	6,250,886	4,009,958	178.9%				
Fire and Police Commission	3,253,099	5,018,663	1,765,564	54.3%				
Fire Dept.	143,047,117	149,658,972	6,611,855	4.6%				
Health Dept.	19,431,271	21,001,702	1,570,431	8.1%				
Library	14,720,741	33,786,467	19,065,726	129.5%				
Mayor's Office	661,182	1,742,026	1,080,844	163.5%				
Municipal Court	1,438,166	3,984,443	2,546,277	177.1%				
Neighborhood Serv. Dept. of	10,473,044	26,024,743	15,551,699	148.5%				
Police Dept.	304,124,605	314,501,013	10,376,408	3.4%				
Port Milwaukee	6,743,282	8,492,168	1,748,886	25.9%				
Public Works Dept. (Total)	(145,813,707)	(166,133,032)	(20,319,325)	13.9%				
Administrative Serv. Div.	2,063,831	4,039,490	1,975,659	95.7%				
Infrastructure Services Div.	39,321,573	54,228,878	14,905,305	37.9%				
Operations Division	104,428,303	107,866,664	3,438,361	3.3%				
Special Purpose Accounts	178,196,625	184,184,992	5,988,367	3.4%				
Fringe Benefit Offset	-179,663,489	-223,737,732	-44,074,243	24.5%				
<b>Total Budgets for General City Purposes</b>	<b>\$697,329,152</b>	<b>\$797,937,525</b>	<b>\$100,608,373</b>	<b>14.4%</b>				
<b>2. Source of Funds for General City Purposes (Revenues)</b>								
Taxes & Pmt. in Lieu of Taxes	\$47,084,000	\$73,450,947	\$26,366,947	56.0%				
Licenses and Permits	17,857,000	18,812,000	955,000	5.3%				
Intergovernmental Revenue	295,331,000	305,503,000	10,172,000	3.4%				
Charges for Services	147,132,282	154,883,468	7,751,186	5.1%				
Fines and Forfeitures	3,001,000	2,500,100	-500,900	-16.7%				
Miscellaneous Revenue	30,993,000	34,656,600	3,663,600	11.8%				
Fringe Benefits	59,200,000	25,000,000	-34,200,000	-57.8%				
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$600,598,282</b>	<b>\$614,606,115</b>	<b>\$14,007,833</b>	<b>2.3%</b>				
Tax Stabilization Fund Withdrawals	0	37,920,000	37,920,000	100.0%				
Property Tax Levy	96,730,870	145,411,410	48,680,540	50.3%				
<b>Total Financing for General City Purposes</b>	<b>\$697,329,152</b>	<b>\$797,937,525</b>	<b>\$100,608,373</b>	<b>14.4%</b>				
<b>B. EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT</b>								
<b>1. Budgets for Employees' Retirement</b>								
Firemen's Pension Fund	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0	0.0%				
Policemen's Pension Fund	14,000	0	-14,000	-100.0%				
<b>Employees' Retirement Fund</b>								
Pension Contributions and Social Security	227,460,941	200,996,815	-26,464,126	-11.6%				
Administration	24,271,800	24,526,723	\$254,923	1.1%				
Other Retirement Funds and Deferred Compensation	\$1,822,427	\$12,579,797	\$10,757,370	590.3%				
<b>Total Budgets for Employees' Retirement</b>	<b>\$253,587,168</b>	<b>\$238,121,335</b>	<b>-\$15,465,833</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>				
<b>2. Source of Funds for Employees' Retirement</b>								
Revenues	\$183,178,282	\$168,931,943	-\$14,246,339	-7.8%				
Property Tax Levy	70,408,886	69,189,392	-1,219,494	-1.7%				
<b>Total Financing for Employees' Retirement</b>	<b>\$253,587,168</b>	<b>\$238,121,335</b>	<b>-\$15,465,833</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>				
<b>C. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>								
<b>1. Budgets for Capital Improvements</b>								
Special Capital Proj. or Purposes	\$10,515,000	\$10,465,000	-\$50,000	-0.5%				
Administration, Dept. of	8,945,000	10,725,000	1,780,000	19.9%				
City Development, Dept. of	43,100,000	52,850,000	9,750,000	22.6%				
Common Council City Clerk	95,000	0	-95,000	-100.0%				
Election Commission	0	80,000	80,000	100.0%				
Emergency Communications, Dept. of	113,000	0	-113,000	-100.0%				
Fire Dept.	6,280,000	3,247,000	-3,033,000	-48.1%				
Health	0	300,000	300,000	100.0%				
Library	3,470,000	2,635,000	-835,000	-24.1%				
Municipal Court	760,000	100,000	-660,000	-86.8%				
Neighborhood Services	4,064,000	3,300,000	-764,000	-18.8%				
Police Dept.	20,835,000	8,300,000	-12,535,000	-60.2%				
Port Milwaukee	3,589,714	6,350,000	2,760,286	76.9%				
Public Works, Dept. of (Total)	(95,137,544)	(113,262,649)	(18,125,105)	19.1%				
Infrastructure Services Div.	81,866,370	91,625,000	9,758,630	12.2%				
Operations Div.	13,471,174	21,637,649	8,166,475	60.6%				
<b>Total Budgets for Capital Improvements (Other than Transportation, Water Works and Sewer Maint.)</b>	<b>\$196,884,258</b>	<b>\$211,614,649</b>	<b>\$14,730,391</b>	<b>7.5%</b>				
<b>2. Source of Funds for Capital Improvements</b>								
General Obligation Borrowings	\$95,999,084	\$115,950,826	\$19,951,742	20.8%				
Tax Incr. Distr. Public Impr.	25,000,000	25,000,000	0	0.0%				
Special Assessments	5,510,000	2,015,000	-3,495,000	-63.4%				
Cash Revenues	31,496,174	68,083,823	36,587,649	116.2%				
Property Tax Levy	38,879,000	565,000	-38,314,000	-98.5%				
<b>Total Financing for Capital Improvements (Other than Transportation, Water Works and Sewer Maint.)</b>	<b>\$196,884,258</b>	<b>\$211,614,649</b>	<b>\$14,730,391</b>	<b>7.5%</b>				
<b>D. CITY DEBT (INCLUDING SCHOOL PURPOSES)</b>								
<b>1. Budget for City Debt</b>								
Bonded Debt (Principal)	\$220,030,000	\$232,185,000	\$12,155,000	5.5%				
Bonded Debt (Interest)	47,697,513	48,708,247	1,010,734	2.1%				
Bonded Debt (Fees)	250,000	250,000	0	0.0%				
Bonded Debt (Issuance Expenses)	856,250	1,122,750	266,500	31.1%				
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$268,833,763</b>	<b>\$282,265,997</b>	<b>\$13,432,234</b>	<b>5.0%</b>				
<b>Less: Prepayment</b>								
Prepayment Deduction (PDAF)	\$0	\$-6,000,000	\$-6,000,000	100.0%				
Special Assessment	0	0	0	0.0%				
<b>Total Budget for City Debt</b>	<b>\$268,833,763</b>	<b>\$276,265,997</b>	<b>\$7,432,234</b>	<b>2.8%</b>				
<b>2. Source of Funds for City Debt</b>								
Revenues	\$162,155,944	\$172,381,292	\$10,225,348	6.3%				
Property Tax Levy	106,677,819	103,884,705	-2,793,114	-2.6%				
<b>Total Financing for City Debt</b>	<b>\$268,833,763</b>	<b>\$276,265,997</b>	<b>\$7,432,234</b>	<b>2.8%</b>				
<b>F. COMMON COUNCIL CONTINGENT FUND</b>								
<b>1. Budget for Common Council</b>								
Contingent Fund	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	0.0%				
<b>2. Source of Funds for Common Council Contingent Fund</b>								
Property Tax Levy	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	0.0%				
<b>Subtotal Budget Authorizations for Common Council Controlled Purposes (Except Water and Special Revenue Accounts)</b>								
	\$1,421,634,341	\$1,528,939,506	\$107,305,165	7.5%				
Non-Tax Levy	\$1,103,937,766	\$1,204,888,999	\$100,951,233	9.1%				
Tax Levy	\$317,696,575	\$324,050,507	\$6,353,932	2.0%				
<b>Subtotal Financing (Estimated Revenues) for Common Council Controlled Budgets (Except Water and Special Revenue Accounts)</b>								
	\$1,421,634,341	\$1,528,939,506	\$107,305,165	7.5%				
<b>G. TRANSPORTATION FUND</b>								
<b>1. Budget for Transportation</b>								
	\$39,271,784	\$44,677,956	\$5,406,172	13.8%				
<b>2. Source of Funds for Transportation</b>								
Parking Permits and Meters	\$10,067,000	\$10,304,580	\$237,580	2.4%				
Citation Revenue	15,000,000	17,000,000	2,000,000	13.3%				
Other Funding Sources	14,204,784	17,373,376	3,168,592	22.3%				
<b>Total Financing for Transp.</b>	<b>\$39,271,784</b>	<b>\$44,677,956</b>	<b>\$5,406,172</b>	<b>13.8%</b>				
<b>H. GRANT &amp; AID PROJECTS (EXCEPT CAPITAL)</b>								
<b>1. Budget for Grants &amp; Aids Proj.</b>								
	\$166,900,995	\$100,132,522	-\$66,768,473	-40.0%				
<b>2. Source of Funds for Grants and Aids Projects</b>								
Grantor Share (Non-City)	\$166,900,995	\$100,132,522	-\$66,768,473	-40.0%				
<b>I. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>								
<b>1. Budget for Economic Development Fund</b>								
	\$0	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	100.0%				
<b>2. Source of Funds for Economic Development Fund</b>								
BID Assess./Excess TID Revenue	\$0	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	100.0%				
<b>J. WATER WORKS</b>								
<b>1. Budget for Water Works</b>								
	\$174,598,341	\$196,037,219	\$21,438,878	12.3%				
<b>2. Source of Funds for Water Works</b>								
Operating Revenue	\$105,436,674	\$103,481,400	-\$1,955,274	-1.9%				
Non-Operating Revenue	7,167,000	7,167,000	0	0.0%				
Proceeds from Borrowing	50,485,000	50,300,000	-185,000	-0.4%				
Retained Earnings/Misc.	11,509,667	35,088,819	23,579,152	204.9%				
<b>Total Source of Funds for Water Works</b>	<b>\$174,598,341</b>	<b>\$196,037,219</b>	<b>\$21,438,878</b>	<b>12.3%</b>				
<b>K. SEWER MAINTENANCE</b>								
<b>1. Budget for Sewer Maint.</b>								
	\$107,904,057	\$113,145,501	\$5,241,444	4.9%				
<b>2. Source of Funds for Sewer Maintenance</b>								
Sewer User Fee	\$32,818,500	\$32,961,495	\$142,995	0.4%				
Storm Water Fee	40,934,150	43,020,987	2,086,837	5.1%				
Miscellaneous Revenue	11,451,407	13,963,019	2,511,612	21.9%				
Proceeds from Borrowing	22,700,000	23,200,000	500,000	2.2%				
<b>Total Source of Funds for</b>	<b>\$107,904,057</b>	<b>\$113,145,501</b>	<b>\$5,241,444</b>	<b>4.9%</b>				
<b>M. DELINQUENT COUNTY TAXES</b>								
<b>1. Budget for Del. County Taxes</b>								
	\$10,619,045	\$10,586,000	-\$33,045	-0.3%				
<b>2. Source of Funds for Del. Co. Taxes</b>								
Purchase of Milw. Co. Del. Taxes	\$10,61							



# How Milwaukee's giant anti-poverty agency unraveled: weak controls, little oversight

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organization.”

## Pandemic brings big contracts and big deficits

SDC faced a stress test in 2020 as time-limited federal pandemic dollars poured in, more than doubling its budget.

Its problems quickly snowballed. The organization's balance in 2022 decreased by more than \$600,000 — just under the combined worth of the 12 grants it was denied that year.

In 2023, SDC lost out on 16 grants worth \$16 million, board minutes show.

Attorney William Sulton, who voluntarily provides legal counsel to SDC, said the organization's former CEO George Hinton and former Director of Finance Patrick Kirslenohr failed to act.

They should have known about the financial problems but never acknowledged the full scope of the problems to the board, he said. Neither Hinton nor Kirslenohr responded to requests for comment.

Still, minutes from monthly board meetings in 2022 and 2023 show Kirslenohr told the board that SDC would need to slice its administrative budget in half in 2024, that a food service program was operating at a \$250,000 loss and that SDC sought a \$1.5 mil-

lion loan to help cover expenses. (The board did not approve the major loan application and lacked a procedure to do so, Sulton said.)

The board should have had better practices, Sulton said. But members likely lacked expertise to pick up on warning signs from SDC management, he added.

Around that time the board voted to eliminate its audit committee, typically a mechanism for members to learn about organizational finances and ask questions without management's influence.

The board dissolved the committee because it never met, board chair Barbara Toles said, noting it happened before she joined.

Sulton questions how helpful the committee could have been had it met. No one on SDC's all-volunteer board had accounting expertise, he said.

## Government grantors miss problems

Government grantors are required to monitor and report on their contracts. But they didn't catch SDC's fundamental vulnerabilities either until noticing SDC missed payments to some of its contractors.

As a recipient of more than \$750,000 in federal funding, SDC was required by the federal gov-

ernment to commission an annual external audit. CliftonLarsonAllen conducted the most recent audit, which examined 2022. SDC submitted it past a deadline. Auditors found no issues with SDC's controls or financial reporting.

But year-in-review audits can't stop financial missteps in real time.

And one report can't always catch every issue simmering at lower levels of an organization as large and complex as SDC, said Brian Mayhew, executive director of the Center for Financial Reporting and Control at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## Who should have monitored SDC?

No other organization like SDC exists in Wisconsin.

State, county and city officials established SDC as a public, anti-poverty commission for the state's largest county.

Later, SDC also gained the title of Community Action Agency and joined a nationwide network of social service organizations intended to fight President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty of the 1960s.

SDC's dual titles make it hard to determine who oversees it.

A 1996 audit lists the city and county of Milwaukee as two of SDC's founding entities. Meanwhile, state statutes give local governments authority to fund commissions like SDC.

Asked if the city of Milwaukee had monitoring authority over SDC, Jeff Fleming, a spokesperson for Mayor Cavalier Johnson, said no.

“SDC was intentionally structured so as not to be part of city, county or state government,” Fleming told Wisconsin Watch and WPR. “With that autonomy comes an independent obligation to manage funds and programs.”

The federal government designated an office to oversee community action agencies. But in 1981, President Ronald Reagan

eliminated that office and designated states to pass federal dollars to community action agencies like SDC.

The decentralization of social welfare programs makes it harder to track taxpayer dollars, said Ryan LaRochelle, a senior lecturer at the University of Maine's Institute for Leadership and Public Service.

“As you give more authority to the states, which are even sometimes less administratively capable than the federal government, it just gets really, really difficult.”

The inclusion of government officials on the SDC board offers some opportunities for scrutinizing the organization, but having so many other organizations appointing board members complicates accountability efforts.

Auditors in 1996 recommended that SDC trim some of the 11 appointing organizations and the eight elected board seats at the time.

“It has been suggested that with so many appointing entities, none can be responsible for the performance of the agency as a whole, and public accountability is undermined,” auditors wrote.

That audit prompted the agency to cut six board seats, but by 2022 the number of appointed members rose to 12. Today, five of those appointing agencies have not filled their seats on the board, leaving the agency with 10 members to repair SDC.

Representatives of each government typically focused mostly on SDC's contracts with their organization.

While the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families performed on-site reviews of SDC at least once every three years, other holistic reviews were less frequent. The Legislature and the county could have ordered comprehensive audits of SDC's operations, but neither has exercised that power in more than two decades.

State Rep. Robert Wittke, R-Racine and a co-chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, said the committee has not received requests to investigate SDC since its closure and has “been busy with a number of other things.”

His fellow co-chair, Sen. Eric Wimberger, R-Green Bay, wrote that accusations of fiscal mismanagement at SDC “raise major questions regarding this and similar quasi-governmental entities.”

Some SDC leaders seemed to view government oversight warily. The organization's 2019-2024 strategic plan lists government oversight as one of three threats facing the organization, alongside state politics and SDC's “sketchy brand.”

## What happened this time?

SDC's latest trouble came from trying to continue programs it couldn't afford after budget cuts, said Toles, the SDC board chair. Rather than scaling back operations, executive leadership tried to move funds around — using grant dollars for one program to cover costs for another following accounting errors.

“And that's a no-no,” Toles said. “Never do that.”

When that practice began is unclear, but by late 2023 the Wisconsin Department of Administration noticed SDC's weatherization contractors weren't getting paid on time. The agency terminated the weatherization contract in March and launched an audit into that SDC program.

“It really is an example of state administrators and the tools that state administrators use actually working as they're designed to work,” said Cheryl Williams, executive director for the National Association of State Community Services Programs.

The cancellation eliminated more than one-fifth of SDC's proposed 2024 budget and prompted layoffs of one-third of the agency's staff. The final blow came when Hinton, before he resigned as

CEO, told the SDC board that the agency couldn't make payroll.

SDC wasn't the first Wisconsin social service organization to lose a state weatherization contract due to mismanagement. Two others lost contracts in past years. SDC's weatherization program grew in 2005 after another Milwaukee-based organization lost its contract.

## What's next for SDC?

Hamelin, the child care director, learned about SDC's closing on the same day the organization's employees did.

Hamelin for three months struggled to afford the extra costs of buying three meals a day for Bright Rainbow Academy kids. She considered raising rates for parents, but another local organization stepped in to provide meals before that was necessary.

Bright Rainbow isn't the only organization to move on since SDC's closure.

Grantors at the state, county and city level told WPR and Wisconsin Watch they already reallocated funding previously pledged to SDC. At least three agencies plan to decide on next year's grant before the end of the year.

Reopening will only become harder the longer SDC's programs remain paused.

Back during the scandals of the 1990s, state auditors wrote that no one could anticipate the consequences of an SDC closure.

Winston, the former community development official, said Milwaukee residents still need the vital services SDC provided.

His recommendation: “Look at what occurred, fix it, make sure it gets reestablished and that there are protections to make sure this doesn't happen again.”

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