

City of Milwaukee Common Council: City officers to provide key updates on moves to foster business growth

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City departments will provide status updates on the implementation of measures meant to help grow local business in the city during the meeting of the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee tomorrow (**Wednesday, September 13**) at **1:30 p.m. in room 301-B at City Hall**, 200 E. Wells St.

The measures were triggered in the legislation approved in 2014 by the Council when it adopted the **Local Business Action Team (LBAT)** initiative, championed by **Alderman Terry L. Witkowski** to help reduce regulatory red tape and obstacles for businesses in the city.

"City officers will be sharing important status reports on how the City of Milwaukee is nurturing local businesses by making it easier to do business in the city," Alderman Witkowski said. The committee has been receiving regular status/progress reports from departments since 2015.

The LBAT tasked a group of city officials and local business leaders (Alderman Witkowski was the lead sponsor and served as co-chair of the group) with streamlining the city's permitting, licensing and inspection process to make it more user-friendly for small and locally-owned businesses. The LBAT engaged local business leaders and gathered input in order to draft a series of recommended reforms for Common Council consideration. **Alderman Jim Bohl** and **Alderman**

José G. Pérez also served on the work group.

Wednesday's Community and Economic Development Committee meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Spectrum cable and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee. It can also be viewed via streaming video on the city website at www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

For more information and updates visit **Milwaukee.gov/LBAT**.