Legislative Item Electronic Public Comment
8/13/20

Goals
1. **Make it easy for public to comment on any legislative item - special attention for people that have not been represented in the process historically**
2. Maintain/strengthen impact of large public input/voice
3. Allow public comment to travel with legislative items across BCCs/council
4. **Make sure those comments are easily viewed by BCC members**
5. Make it easy for BCC support & other city staff to support this process
6. Reduce negative impact of high volume email comments in alder inbox

Request

Priorities
- Members of the public should be able to send in comments on any legistar item easily. Potential channels of submission include:
  - Email
  - Online form
  - Telephone?
  - Text?
  - Polling?
  - Other?
- Comments should be organized and available online for review by BCC/Council members
  - Members of BCC have access to them and they are updated (semi) real time (up to meeting start time?)
- Possible info to collect
  - Name
  - Address
  - District/Alder
  - For/Against/Neither
  - Lobbyist?
  - Comment
  - Email or phone (for responses)
- Tabulate counts (for/against)
- If this were in place, could we get CC office admin support to triage all.alders messages from public?
- What level of active notification do we want? (notifications when individual comments received or batched for larger volume)
- Make sure to not lose the impact of receiving thousands of emails in a few days
- Allow alders to not miss other important emails
- Ensure alders know where the comments are coming from and give them easy opportunity to respond to their constituents

- Send a response to folks so they know their feedback was received
- Standardize how comments are attached in legistar (individual attachments vs. bulk)
- Issue of people wanting to comment on items that were on agenda for introduction (not allowed to register since there's no public comment on these items)

TFOGS Recommendations:

29	Allow public comments to be made and considered prior to a meeting, such as through a system that notifies residents of decisions to be made, asks for their input, and then relays that input to decisionmakers

32	Make written comments available to the public and Council members at the time of the meeting

36	Create a way for people to provide input in Legistar or some other appropriate platform

Alix Shabazz
5 hrs · 🌐

The revolution will not be televised or accurately documented in the capitalist news.

There was an extreme underestimation of the amount of people power displayed by those fighting for Human Rights for Black Madisonians.

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STATS FROM COMMON COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, June 16th 2020

Registrants for #33 - the 2nd alternate resolution #60764
781 registered in favor
9 registered against
Over 3000 of us wrote in favor of #33 the 2nd alternate resolution #60764!!
THANK YOU!!

I am a Vilas resident who would like to express my support and opposition on various items for today's common council meeting. However, I'm having trouble registering online so I am sending an email instead.

Notes from 8/13
- Options for sorting/managing email in Outlook? - Max
- Functionality in new legistar system? - Lisa
- Any way to flag form emails? - Donna
- Question of public records and making sure public knows if their contact info will be shared - Lisa