

Appendix D

Summary List of Final Task Force Recommendations

- Retain the mayor-council form of government.
- Do not pursue first-class city status.
- Review attractive characteristics of first-class city status and consider petitioning the legislature to apply those characteristics to second-class cities.
- Retain current form of mayoral veto power.
- Review the Mayor's administrative span of power and take steps to ensure that mayors can effectively supervise all direct reports.
- Transition to a full-time Common Council.
- Reduce the size of the Common Council from twenty (20) to ten (10) members.
- Increase Common Council member pay to 80% of the Area Median Income in Dane County for a single parent with two children.
- Maintain geographic aldermanic representation.
- Increase aldermanic terms to four (4) years and, at that time, increase Common Council leadership positions to two (2) years.
- Impose term limits on Common Council members of twelve (12) consecutive years.
- Create an organizational chart of all BCCs and organize BCCs around lead committees.
- Eliminate or combined BCCs that are redundant or no longer necessary.
- Take concrete steps to increase BCC accountability.
- Take steps to ensure that BCC enabling ordinances and resolutions clearly state BCC jurisdiction and purpose.
- Take steps to address discrepancy in BCC levels of authority, staffing, and resources.

- Train BCC members, chairs, and staff on BCC jurisdiction, purpose, and procedures.
- Create an Office of Resident Engagement and Neighborhood Support (“ORENS”) to support BCC system staffing, training, and resident engagement.
- Create an Administrative Services Team to help BCCs develop systems for engaging residents most impacted by city decision making and providing feedback to residents on decisions made.
- Retain Mayoral authority to appoint resident and alder members to BCCs, except that if the City transitions to a full-time Common Council, then the Common County Executive Committee should appoint alder members to BCCs.
- Create clear processes where mayoral nominations for BCC members are reviewed and commented on by the Common Council Executive Committee.
- Retain rule that Common Council members not serve as chairs of BCCs with resident members.
- Simplify city processes and procedures applicable to all BCCs, including time and location of meetings, rules of procedure, and methods for providing input.
- Implement a robust technology plan to improve representation and engagement on BCCs.
- Pursue concrete common sense initiatives to improve resident engagement and participation as detailed in Section F of the Final Report.