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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 4 -
Tim Bruer; Brenda K. Konkel; Robbie Webber and Michael Schumacher

Excused: 4 -
Mark Clear; Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Judy Compton and Michael E. Verveer

Others Present: Michael May (City Attorney), Brad Wirtz (HR Director) Ald. Thuy Pham-Remmele, Ellen Lindgren (Pres. Middleton-Cross Plains School District Board) and George Mavroulis (Asst. Superintendent, Middleton-Cross Plain School District)

Ald. Tim Bruer, Chair, called the meeting order at 4:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Michael Schumacher, seconded by Ald. Robbie Webber, to approve the minutes from February 24, 2009. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for public comment.

Ald. Mike Verveer arrived at 4:45 p.m., Ald. Mark Clear arrived at 4:50 p.m., Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway arrived at 4:52 p.m. and Ald. Judy Compton arrived at 4:55 p.m.

Present: 8 -
Tim Bruer; Mark Clear; Brenda K. Konkel; Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Robbie Webber; Judy Compton; Michael Schumacher and Michael E. Verveer

PRESENTATION

13835

Presentation by Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Representatives
- April 7, 2009 Referendum

Attachments: [3/3/09 Registration Statements: E. Lindgren and G Mavroulis](#)
[Middleton Cross Plain Referendum Fact Sheet](#)

Ellen Lindgren, President of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School Board and George Mavroulis, Middleton-Cross Plain Area School District Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services were present for discussion on this item. They noted that there is a portion of Madison residents who are in the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District and that part of Referendum Question 1 is asking voters to approve funding for a new K-5 elementary school on the Pope Farm site (will be annexed once city services are extended to the site).

Ald. Robbie Webber was concerned about road shoulders and bike lane access on that portion of Old Sauk Road and whether they would be added. Ms. Lindgren noted that the school district would like to plan for bike lanes due to safety concerns for children who would attend the new elementary school.

It was noted that the same referenda had failed in 2005 and that the difference now was the School Board was united and parents were galvanized in supporting the referenda. It was also noted that bond rates and construction costs were low right now which would help with the final cost of the proposed projects.

Ald. Robbie Webber stated that at this evening's Council meeting they would vote on adding a MMSD member to the Plan Commission as a non-voting member. Ald. Webber asked if Ms. Lindgren or Mr. Mavroulis had any thoughts on that issue. Ms. Lindgren stated that any time a municipality can work with a school district it demonstrates to parents that both entities value education and it is a benefit to the entire community as well.

CCOC members encouraged Ms. Lindgren and Mr. Mavroulis to keep the Council informed on the referenda.

REFERRALS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

[13707](#)

Amending Section 33.13(2) of the Madison General Ordinances to provide that the City's Human Resources Director shall advise and support the Common Council President in the management and direction of the Office of the Common Council.

Sponsors: Tim Bruer

A motion was made by Ald. Mark Clear, seconded by Ald. Michael Schumacher, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.

Mr. Wirtz stated that the ordinance amendment solidified the relationship that he currently had with the Council President in management of the staff and the office itself. Mr. Wirtz noted that this structure, at a minimum, provides him with an opportunity to sit down with every new Council President to review the existing work plan, staff rules, office procedures, the general management of the Council office and to discuss support issues for Common Council office staff. Ald. Tim Bruer noted that the ordinance amendment clarified the support structure he has developed with the Human Resources Director in terms of the management of the office and staff operations. It also clarifies for the staff the structure of the office and provides a support system for staff. Ald. Brenda Konkel commented that she was not opposed to the ordinance. She stated that she felt that the ordinance did not go far enough and that the President could ignore the Human Resource Director if they wished. Ald. Judy Compton believed that it codified what was common working knowledge among Council members and identified the relationship of the Council President with Common Council Office staff and the office.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEM

[13837](#)

Discussion Item: AASPIRE Intern - Summer 2009

Lisa Veldran stated that there is no funding from Department of Civil Rights to pay for a full-time AASPIRE Intern in the Common Council office in 2009 and that the Common Council had not budgeted for this position. She noted that the Council could share a 50% AASPIRE Internship (vs. a full-time intern) with the Mayor's office.

CCOC members made the following comments:

1. Not interested in sharing a position with the Mayor's office
2. Were not supportive of continuing in the program

No application will be made this year for an AASPIRE internship.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Mark Clear, seconded by Ald. Michael Schumacher, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.