



**City of Madison**  
**Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

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Wednesday, December 21, 2005

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. - Court Room 2E

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Call to Order

**Present:** Janet L. Piraino, Ald. Kenneth Golden, Ald. Jed Sanborn, Ald. Judy Compton, Kathleen Falk, Al Matano and David J. Ripp

**Absent:** Elizabeth J. Gross

*Others present: Topf Wells (for Kathleen Falk), Bonnie Hammersley, Travis Myren, Jim Hubing, Anthony Vorhies, Michael Graf, Bob Rahn and Tim Saterfield*

*Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.*

Public Comment

**No public comment.**

Approval of the Minutes of the December 12, 2005 meeting

**A motion was made by County Executive Falk, seconded by Ald. Sanborn, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.**

[02611](#)

Building Use Request - Request by Anthony Vorhies to use City-County Building for film production.

**A motion was made by County Executive Falk, seconded by Ald. Compton, to Grant Final Approval**

**Request from Anthony Vorhies and Michael Graf to use areas within the City County Building in late January 2006 for the shooting of a commercial film. Vorhies and Graf (a local film-maker) are making a movie about the Barbara Hoffman murder trial, a Dane County trial from the late 1970's that was conducted in the City County Building. They are interested in using the CCB for purposes of authenticity. Filming would begin in late January, and they would like to use Courtroom 2D and Room 226 on the second floor, as well as the City of Madison Police Department for the filming. They would need use of the building for approximately one week and can be flexible about the times they would need to conduct the filming. Hammersley indicated that because of the move to the new courthouse, second floor would be vacant at that time, but the plans to begin demolition on the second floor for construction of the new Juvenile Detention Facility were scheduled to begin that same week (January 30th). Wells asked Hammersley whether the timing would be a problem for the demolition and construction. Hammersley indicated that since the project is being phased, they could probably work around the filming for the relatively short period of time involved. Compton asked whether there would be a fee paid for use of the building, and whether appropriate insurance was in place. Vorhies said they were requesting free use of the building, and that the filmmakers have liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance. They would make appropriate arrangements with the city and county risk managers to develop any necessary release. In response to Wells' question, Vorhies said the film may have a PG-13 or R rating, but that there will be no explicit scenes. Motion by Wells/Compton that the committee approve the request, subject to any conditions set by the county Department of Administration and the city and county risk managers. Motion carried 6-0. The motion passed by acclamation.**

[02566](#)

Building Use Request - Approval of request by Town of Madison Police Department for use of the 4th and 5th Floors of the City-County Building for tactical training.

**Rerefer to the CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**Request by Town of Madison Police Department for use of 4th and 5th Floors of the City County Building for tactical training. The town indicated to staff prior to the meeting that they would come back with a more specific request after the first of the year, and asked that the request be postponed.**

01301

Expressing support of the commitment of \$500,000 in general obligation debt for the new polar bear exhibit and Children's Zoo at the Henry Vilas Zoo, pending final approval in the 2006 Capital Budget.

**A motion was made by Ald. Compton, seconded by County Executive Falk, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES**

Expressing support of the commitment of \$500,000 in general obligation debt for the new polar bear exhibit and Children's Zoo at the Henry Vilas Zoo, pending final approval in the 2006 Capital Budget (Mayor Cieslewicz and Isadore Knox, Jr.) - Golden asked for clarification of the share of capital projects typically borne by the City, which he said has traditionally been 80% county-20% city, and why the city was contributing what appears to be a greater percentage on this particular project. Wells said that the city-county agreement calls for an 80/20 split on operational expenses and that the capital projects are typically funded with a similar split; however, for capital projects the Zoological Society picks up 50% of the project costs and the county and city split the remain portion 80/20. With these two projects, there were more opportunities for private contributions for the children's zoo, and so the \$500,000 city share represents 20% of the public costs of both projects, even though the private contributions to the Children's Zoo portion is greater than 50% of the costs. Golden strongly supports the city keeping its commitment to the funding arrangement between the city and county concerning the zoo, and therefore supports this resolution. Piraino pointed out that the \$500,000 was included in the 2006 city capital budget, but the funding is not scheduled to be paid until 2007, and is contingent on passage of this resolution. The city's 2006 capital budget also contains language encouraging county participation in funding other regional projects, such as the Overture Center. Compton and Golden pointed out that there are many other communities whose residents most likely make up a substantial portion of zoo users, and that perhaps they should also be making a contribution. Motion carried 7-0 (Matano arrived during the discussion and prior to the vote). The motion passed by acclamation.

02576

Discussion of Role of City-County Liaison Committee.

The committee discussed the ongoing role of the City County Liaison committee, in light of the long period between meetings during most of 2005. Golden pointed out, over time, the different philosophies of county board chairs in the relative importance placed on the committee and the role expected of it. He suggested the committee continue to meet as needed on issues as they come up, particularly with regard to CCB operations. He suggested that it would be more productive for the substantive committees of the city and county to meet together and interact on the various policy issues rather than have the City County Liaison Committee try to get up to speed on the specific issues. There was general agreement to proceed along these lines.

The committee agreed to try to set a regular meeting time and asked staff to poll the committee again for possible days and times. The 4th Thursday of the month seemed to be a possibility.

Such other business allowed by law

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. on motion of Golden/Matano.