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File Name: Recommendations for improvements to the budget process.

Final Action: 02/26/2008

Title: SUBSTITUTE - Requesting a report with recommendations from a Common Council President's Workgroup regarding improvements to the budget process.

Notes: Intro from the floor.

Sponsors: Brenda K. Konkel

Enactment Date: 02/29/2008

Attachments: 08238 substitute language (Ald. Konkel) ,08238 version 1

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Author: Ald. Brenda K. Konkel

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History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	COMMON COUNCIL	11/20/2007	Refer	COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONA L COMMITTEE		02/05/2008	Pass
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Refer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE					
	Notes:	Additional Referral(s): Board of Estimates					
1	COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE	11/20/2007	Refer	BOARD OF ESTIMATES		11/26/2007	
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Refer to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES					
	Notes:						
1	BOARD OF ESTIMATES	11/26/2007	Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s)	COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONA L COMMITTEE		02/05/2008	Pass
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Verveer, seconded by Brandon, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) -- Add "and Board of Estimates" wherever CCOC appears and delete the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause -- to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					
	Notes:	Add "and Board of Estimates" wherever CCOC appears and delete the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause.					

1 COMMON COUNCIL 12/04/2007 Rerefer COMMON 01/08/2008 02/05/2008 Pass
ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION
L COMMITTEE

Action Text: This resolution was rereferred to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE on 1/8/2008.

Notes:

1 COMMON COUNCIL 01/08/2008 Rerefer COMMON 02/05/2008 02/05/2008 Pass
ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION
L COMMITTEE

Action Text: Ald. Brenda Konkel stated that the wrong resolution was in the packet. Lisa Veldran noted that a substitute was mistakenly created and that the recommended changes from the Board of Estimates appear in the History of the Legislative File: Add, "and Board of Estimates" wherever CCOC appears and delete the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause.

Ald. Brenda Konkel will review the Board of Estimates amendment. She would like to add language to create a Council President work group to review the budget process and develop some recommendations.

A motion was made by Ald. Tim Bruer, seconded by Ald. Judy Compton, to rerefer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE, due back on February 5, 2008. The motion passed by voice vote.

Notes:

2 COMMON COUNCIL 02/05/2008 RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER Pass
ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER
COMMITTEE

Action Text: Ald. Brenda Konkel noted that the Board of Estimates substitute language added "and Board of Estimates" wherever CCOC appeared and deleted the entire "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" clause. Ald. Brenda Konkel presented substitute language for the resolution. She noted the following proposed changes to the resolution:
1. Creating a President's Work Group. She was not clear on what alders wanted to serve so created a group with a wider membership cross-section: 2 members of the CCOC, 2 members of the BOE, CC President (or designee) and 2 alternates.
2. Maintain the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED language.
3. Report due back date to May 15, 2008 (vs. March 1, 2008).

Ald. Brenda Konkel moved, seconded by Ald. Judy Compton, to adopt the substitute resolution. Motion was approved.

Notes:

2 COMMON COUNCIL 02/26/2008 Adopt With Editorial Correction Pass
COMMON COUNCIL Adopt With Editorial Correction

Action Text: A motion was made by Ald. Verveer, seconded by Ald. Bruer, to Adopt With Editorial Correction as follows: change report back date from 'March 15, 2008' to 'May 15, 2008.' The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Notes:

Text of Legislative File 08238

Title

SUBSTITUTE - Requesting a report with recommendations from a Common Council President's Workgroup regarding improvements to the budget process.

Fiscal Note

Adoption of this resolution will have no fiscal impact beyond the commitment of available staff resources to support preparation of the required report.

Body

WHEREAS, the annual budget process has changed significantly over the past few years, including taking three evenings to complete; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has taken a more active interest in the budget and has submitted more budget amendments than in past years; and

WHEREAS, the volume of amendments has caused meetings to run late into the night; and

WHEREAS, since the budget is one of the more important things that the Common Council does throughout the year, and decisions should not be made in the dark of night;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Common Council President's Workgroup, made up of 2 members of the Common Council Organizational Committee, 2 members of the Board of Estimates, the Common Council President or his appointee and up to two alternates should make recommendations to the Common Council on how to improve the budget process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recommendations to improve the process may include, but are not limited to, the following items:

- a) Holding the department briefings on the budget before the full Common Council instead of before the Board of Estimates.
- b) Holding the budget amendment process over a few weeks as opposed to a few days, possibly making amendments immediately after the night a department presents its portion of the budget.
- c) Moving the amendment deadline up so that the public and alders have more time to consider the amendments.
- d) Creating a process for amendments that are presented at the end of the budget process.
- e) Limiting budget meetings to no longer than eight hours at a time.
- f) Recommendations about the set-up of the room in which the budget meetings are held.
- g) Recommendations about rotating the order in which the departments present and then are considered.
- h) Recommendations about the public input process and a process for making amendments following the public input process.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this report is due back to the Common Council by May 15 ~~March 1~~, 2008.