



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved TASK FORCE ON STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Friday, March 23, 2018

5:30 PM Goodman Comm. Ctr, Bolz Rm. A, 149 Waubesa St.

NOTE: POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL EXISTS AT THIS MEETING

THE TASK FORCE INTENDS TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO STAND INFORMALLY AND ALLOW FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND ENGAGEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS 5 AND 6, AND MAY SUSPEND THE RULES ON OTHER AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Staff Present: City Attorney Michael May, Assistant City Attorney John Strange, Karl van Lith, Jule Stroick, Tori Pettaway and Tariq Saqqaf

5:42 p.m. Alder Carter and Alder Skidmore arrived

5:51 p.m. Eric Upchurch arrived

Present: 6 - Sara Eskrich; Rebecca Kemble; John E. Rothschild; Justice M. Castaneda; Maggie Northrop and Eileen Harrington

Absent: 5 - Paul E. Skidmore; Sheri Carter; Catherine T.S. Patton; Jerry B. Vang and Eric S. Upchurch

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by John Rothschild, seconded by Justice Castañeda to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting. Passed on voice vote.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

5 PRESENTATION BY RESJI STAFF ON OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Motion by John Rothschild, seconded by Alder Eskrich to suspend the rules to stand informally on Items 5 and 6 of the Agenda. Passed on voice vote.

City staff presented different techniques that could be employed to get public input and participation. No action taken.

6 DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MODEL

The Task Force and City staff engaged in discussion and questions on public participation and Task Force member Eric Upchurch presented a technique of public participation with which he is familiar. Members of the public present joined in the discussion. After significant discussion, there was consensus on the Task Force that the next step should be to develop a plan to engage in surveys and questions of former and present Mayors, Alderpersons, and City staff.

7 FUTURE MEETINGS OF TASK FORCE/ESTABLISH FUTURE SCHEDULE AS REFERRED FROM MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2018

The Task Force approved the next two meetings as April 30 and May 14. City staff is to send out meeting invitations for those two meetings, and for a series of at least one meeting per month through November, 2018, based on the survey of available dates provided by staff.

8 SUBCOMMITTEES

After discussion, Justice Castañeda moved that the Task Force establish three (3) subcommittees: An Information from City Officials Subcommittee, to establish procedures for gathering information from present and former public officials (John Rothschild, Alder Eskrich and Eric Upchurch); an Executive or Planning Subcommittee, to work on the future topics for the Task Force (Eileen Harrington, John Rothschild, Justice Casteñada and Eric Upchurch); and a Communications Subcommittee, to work on informing the public about the work of the Task Force, to be made up of rotating members, the first members being Alder Carter, Alder Kemble and Maggie Northrop. Alder Carter seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

9 USE OF FUNDS BUDGETED FOR TASK FORCE

No discussion.

10 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Staff was asked to add an assessment/check-in/reports of subcommittees to future agendas.

11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Justice Casteñada, seconded by Alder Carter to adjourn. Passed on a voice vote. The meeting ended at 8:41 p.m.

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Documents related to the Task Force on the Structure of City Government.

Documents related to the Task Force are attached to Leg. File I. D. No. 50732.