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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 4 -
Tim Bruer; Brenda K. Konkel; Satya V. Rhodes Conway and Michael Schumacher

Excused: 4 -
Mark Clear; Robbie Webber; Judy Compton and Michael E. Verveer

Others Present: Michael May, City Attorney, Brad Wirtz, HR Director, Larry Studesville, Interim DCR Director, Janet Piraino, Mayor's Chief of Staff, and Janani Iyengar, Council Intern

Ald. Tim Bruer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Ald. Brenda Konkel, to approve the minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Ald. Robbie Webber arrived at 4:33 p.m. and Ald. Mark Clear arrived at 4:36 p.m.

Present: 6 -
Tim Bruer; Mark Clear; Brenda K. Konkel; Satya V. Rhodes Conway; Robbie Webber and Michael Schumacher

Excused: 2 -
Judy Compton and Michael E. Verveer

REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL

10057

Amending Section 3.50 of the Madison General Ordinances to allow elected officials to refuse, in whole or in part, the salary to which they otherwise are entitled and directing procedures to do so.

Sponsors: Thuy Pham-Remmele

City Attorney Michael May was present to discuss the ordinance. Recent changes to state legislation allows for refusal of salary. Alders can refuse, in whole or in part, the salary to which they are entitled. The ordinance details the procedures to decline an aldermanic salary.

CCOC members requested a memo from the City Attorney on the process if the ordinance is adopted.

A motion was made by Ald. Brenda Konkel, seconded by Ald. Mark Clear, to return to lead with the recommendation for approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10126

Creating Section 2.27 of the Madison General Ordinances to Establish Rules for Common Council Action on Reports.

Sponsors: Judy Compton

Attachments: [4356solitary.pdf](#)

City Attorney Michael May was present for the discussion on the ordinance. Ald. Judy Compton had requested the ordinance be drafted in response to the memo that he sent to the Council on accepting, adopting and receiving reports. Adoption would be defined as a higher level of approval by the Council and the report contains policy recommendations. Acceptance would simply constitute agreement with the report.

Ald. Brenda Konkel questioned if adopting a report would require a fiscal note. Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway asked if accepting the report would preclude adopting an accompanying resolution. City Attorney May indicated that by adopting the report it would become city policy. He also stated that if the Council adopts a report it would need a fiscal note and if they accept a report the Council is saying that the recommendations would move forward and then a resolution with a fiscal note would be needed if there were fiscal implications. Ald. Robbie Webber questioned on how you would develop a fiscal note on future fiscal implications of adopted policies (e.g. transportation improvement plans or neighborhood plans).

Ald. Brenda Konkel moved, seconded by Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway, to recommend to place on file.

Discussion continued on how to deal with fiscal notes and reports and how to

define when fiscal notes would be needed. Ald. Brenda Konkel believed there was a process in place but that most people do not know what it is. She supported codifying the process. Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway used the Platinum Bike Report as an example. There were many recommendations contained in the report, 80% of the recommendations she thought were good ideas, 15% she would want to proceed with and 5% she could not support implementation. Ald. Mark Clear thought that policy and fiscal intention is clear in a resolution (e.g. neighborhood plans).

CCOC members requested the City Attorney redraft the ordinance to address fiscal note/appropriation to carry out recommendations contained in a report.

Ald. Brenda Konkel withdrew her motion to place on file.

A substitute motion was made by Ald. Mark Clear, seconded by Ald. Michael Schumacher, to refer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE, due back on 6/3/2008. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

UPDATES

08325

Update: CCOC Subcommittee on Committee Creation and Committee Rules

Attachments: [December 6, 2007 minutes](#)
[December 19, 2007 minutes](#)
[January 17, 2008 minutes](#)
[January 31, 2008 minutes](#)
[February 28, 2008 minutes](#)
[March 13, 2008 minutes](#)
[March 27, 2008 minutes](#)
[April 3, 2008 minutes](#)

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway provided an update on the subcommittee's activities. She noted that their next meeting will address website/Legistar issues. She also noted that this subcommittee may be finished with their work in 2 or 3 more meetings.

09001

Update: CCOC Subcommittee to Review City Hiring Practices and Policies

Attachments: [January 29, 2008 minutes](#)
[February 28, 2008 minutes](#)
[March 12, 2008 minutes](#)
[March 27, 2008 minutes](#)

Ald. Michael Schumacher provided an update on the subcommittee's activities. He noted that the subcommittee should have recommendations back to CCOC after one more meeting.

[09374](#)

Update: AASPIRE Intern - Summer 2008

Attachments: [AASPIRE Intern Recruitment Answers](#)

Lisa Veldran introduced the Council's newly hired AASPIRE Intern, Janani Iyengar. Lisa Veldran noted that she sent an email that stated the research process:

1. Contact Lisa Veldran with request for research (by email, phone, in person, etc.)

Information needed at time of request:

- o Define the scope of research request - please be as specific as possible, including any suggested starting points, special areas of focus, etc.
- o Deadline for research request - supplying a deadline will assist in prioritizing requests
- o Summary format of research response – how do you want the information to be compiled? Example: a report, a matrix, spreadsheet.

2. Lisa Veldran meets with Janani Iyengar to review alder request.
3. Janani Iyengar contacts alder to review and clarify research request.
4. Research is processed and presented to alder for review. If further information is needed, the request will be communicated to Lisa Veldran to assist in reassessing/reprioritizing.

[10423](#)

Update: League of Wisconsin Municipalities - Ald. Michael Schumacher, District 18

Ald. Michael Schumacher provided a brief synopsis of his work with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities (LWM). He highly recommended alders visit the League's website for legislative information and issues that impact the City (e.g. LWM & Alliance of Cities merger, PEG money, RTA).

Ald. Tim Bruer asked Janet Piraino if Mario Mendoza could appear at the next CCOC meeting (June 3, 2008) to provide CCOC members with an update on the City's governmental affairs activity. He also requested Janet provide a list and assessment of the City's legislative memberships (e.g. Alliance of Cities).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Michael Schumacher, seconded by Ald. Mark Clear, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.