



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCE REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE

Monday, June 19, 2017

7:00 PM

Conference Room GR-27
City County Building
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Present: 5 - Denise DeMarb; Ledell Zellers; Steve King; Rebecca Kemble and Mark Clear

Absent: 1 - Paul E. Skidmore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Zellers, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. City of Madison Mayor, Paul Soglin, to speak on proposed ordinance changes

City of Madison Mayor, Paul Soglin, addressed the committee with his thoughts on ITEM 5.2. question (a) of the memo from the Assistant City Attorney, John Strange, regarding whether to recommend hiring a Director of Transportation at the outset, or to leave the ordinance as it is, with the structure of management being the Transit Manager, Traffic Engineering and Parking Manager and the Transportation Policy and Planning Manager, with the option that a Director of Transportation could be hired at some future point.

Soglin stated that the better organizational structure is to have a Department of Transportation. Soglin could see having a Department of Transportation Director, who would have three divisions reporting to them, those three being Traffic Engineering, Madison Metro and Parking Utility, or perhaps having the Parking Utility Manager reporting to the Traffic Engineer. Soglin stated he has not recommended this idea prior to because two directors have been hired, who report directly to the mayor, and their contracts renewed, so there was concern to create that department would be a break of faith under which the conditions they were hired.

Alder Clear requested clarification that what the Mayor was saying was that he did not recommend creating the role of a Transportation Policy and Planning Manager.

Soglin replied that he had no problem creating the Transportation Policy and Planning Manager position. But he did have problem with that position reporting directly to the Mayor, believing that a Transportation Policy and Planning Manager should be in the Traffic Engineering Department, and therefore report to the Traffic Engineering Department head.

Alder King mentioned that the current Metro Department and Traffic Engineering Department heads were hired as directors and compensated as such, and asked how the City could hire someone they would report to given that those two Department heads are at the highest pay range/level of the City of Madison's compensation structure.

Soglin said that should they decide to hire a Director of Transportation, he advised addressing Alder King's question by working on classifying the Director position, and preparing now for the time when the two incumbents in those respective positions of the Director of Traffic Engineering and Director of Madison Metro, vacate, and do the restructuring then. Soglin said if we hired a Director of Transportation now, and one of the two Department heads did not become the new Director of Transportation, then it would be possible that this new Director may be compensated less than their subordinates.

5.2. [47704](#) Review and Finalize Draft 2nd Substitute Ordinance

Assistant City Attorney, John Strange, briefly went over the five items the committee discussed to change at the last meeting.

The committee agreed that Strange accurately reflected their comments into the 2nd substitute ordinance, and moved onto the two remaining tasks on ITEM 5.2.:

- a) Whether to recommend hiring a Director of Transportation at the outset, or to leave the ordinance as it is, with the structure of management being the Transit Manager, Traffic Engineering and Parking Manager and the Transportation Policy and Planning Manager, with the option that a Director of Transportation could be hired at some future point.
- b) Whether the regional representative should sit on the TPPB or the TC.

Regarding a) Whether to recommend hiring a director of transportation: The committee discussed the various structural options on whether to leave the 2nd substitute draft ordinance as it was written, or to hire a director on the outset and take the transportation policy and planning manager out of the ordinance. After much discussion and debate by the members of the committee, DeMarb made a motion, for those in favor of recommending approval to hire a Director of Transportation, and not hiring a Transportation Policy and Planning Manager, to raise their hand for Aye. The motion passed by the following votes:

Absent: 1 - Paul E. Skidmore

Ayes: 3 - Denise DeMarb; Ledell Zellers and Rebecca Kemble

Noes: 2 - Steve King and Mark Clear

Zellers wanted the Common Council Executive Committee (CCEC) who would take up this ordinance item next, to know that this decision of recommendation was not an easy one, and that there were many pros and cons.

Strange said he would draft a 3rd substitute ordinance for the committee to approve at their next meeting. Kemble asked staff if that would be sufficient time to use the Racial Equity and Social Justice tool on the 3rd substitute draft. Staff replied they would make it a priority. Strange said he would get the 3rd substitute draft to staff as soon as possible.

The committee took up the last remaining task on ITEM 5.2.:

- b) Whether the regional representative should sit on the TPPB or the TC. Madison Metro General Manager, Chuck Kamp said that either option would be a dramatic improvement to what they currently have. However, he recommended it stay on the TPPB. The committee agreed and decided to leave that section of the ordinance as written.

The committee members discussed times/days for a following meeting, deciding Friday, July 14th from 4-6:00pm worked best with everyone's schedules - location TBD.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by King, seconded by Kemble to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

INFORMATIONAL ENCLOSURE

[46249](#)

SUBSTITUTE Recreating Section 3.14, creating Sections 33.55 and 33.56 of the Madison General Ordinances to update the Department of Transportation and create the Transportation Policy and Planning Board and the Transportation Commission.