



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Approved
COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
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Tuesday, November 6, 2007

4:30 PM

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

**You must register before your item is considered by CCOC.
Please hand your registration form to the presiding chair of the meeting.**

NOTE: QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING

Present: 6 - Bruer, Konkell, Rhodes Conway, Webber, Schumacher and Clausius

Excused: 2 - Verveer and Compton

Others Present: City Attorney Michael May, George Twigg (Mayoral Assistant) and Cheryl Elkington

Ald. Tim Bruer called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Common Council Organizational Committee minutes from October 2, 2007.

A motion was made by Ald. Webber, seconded by Ald. Konkell, to approve the minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

REFERRAL FROM COMMON COUNCIL

07630

SUBSTITUTE - Amending and repealing various sections of the Madison General Ordinances to correct inconsistencies and improper references in the Madison General Ordinances, constituting the 2007 City Attorney Reviser's Ordinance.

Sponsors: Common Council By Request

A motion was made by Ald. Konkol, seconded by Ald. Webber, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote.

City Attorney Michael May requested that the members of CCOC consider the substitute ordinance that was attached in the meeting packet.

City Attorney May noted that this is the annual City Attorney's Reviser's ordinance, correcting certain parts of the Madison General Ordinances (MGO), the City's code of ordinances. The proposed changes to be considered were:

1. Sec. 3.08, MGO, currently states that the City Engineer is a civil service position. This ordinance corrects this by reference to the portion of the ordinances that covers employment contracts for Comp Group 21 employees.
2. Sec. 8.24(1)(a), MGO, has an obscure and outdated reference to an exception to the alcohol beverage rules in Penn Park. It is eliminated in this ordinance.
3. Sec. 9.13(6)(a) references dates on which various resolutions were adopted, two of which are listed incorrectly. This ordinance corrects those typographical errors.
4. Secs. 12.39 and 12.40, MGO, govern right and left turn prohibitions in the City. These sections have not been kept up to date because they are governed by state law which states that it is illegal to make left or right turns wherever prohibited by traffic signs. The sections are being repealed in this ordinance.
5. Sec. 25.01(11), MGO, purports to ban the purchase and sale of handguns and handgun ammunition within the City. The City no longer has the authority to adopt such an ordinance, pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0409. The subsection is repealed by this ordinance.
6. Sec. 33.07(6)(b), MGO, has a sunset provision regarding City construction of Metro bus shelters. In fact, the City has continued to operate as if the ordinance is in effect. In order to conform to current practice, the sunset provision is repealed in this ordinance.

Excused: 2 - Verveer and Compton

DISCUSSION ITEMS

07483

Discussion Item - Clarifying and modifying Madison General Ordinances - Chapter 2 - "Standing Rules For the Government of the Common Council"

Attachments: [DRAFT Chapt 2 Changes with Drafters Analysis](#)
[Mayor's Memo on Chapter 2 Changes 9/18/07](#)
[M. May Memo 9/21/07 on Additional Chapter 2 Changes](#)
[2nd DRAFT of Chapter 2 Changes](#)
[3rd DRAFT of Chapter 2 Changes](#)

City Attorney Michael May noted that the changes to the third draft incorporated discussion points from the October 2, 2007 CCOC meeting.

City Attorney May also noted that the changes in the third draft relative to MGO 2.38(3) Common Council Confirmation Hearing, will need to reflect the changes in the ordinance that was before the Council that evening. The ordinance change would delete any reference to automatic confirmation of a department head if the Council does not act in a certain period of time.

A motion was made by Ald. Konkel, seconded by Ald. Rhodes-Conway, to request that the City Attorney introduce the ordinance changes at the November 20, 2007 Common Council meeting with referral to the December 4, 2007 Common Council meeting for adoption. The motion passed on a voice vote.

06417

Discussion Item: Tracking reports requested by the Common Council - Ald. Brenda Konkel

Maribeth Witzel-Behl was present to discuss tracking reports and ordinance sunset dates. Ms. Witzel-Behl noted that she and the City Attorney were working on a way to track these dates using MS Outlook.

Ald. Michael Schumacher noted that it would be hard for Council members or the public to access the information.

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway stated that she saw three issues emerging:

1. How would staff remember when a report is due to the Council?
2. How would a list be publicly available?
3. Was there a way for Legistar to track/remind staff when reports or sunset dates are due?

Maribeth Witzel-Behl will work with IT staff on developing a system that address the above questions for the December 4, 2007 CCOC meeting.

Rerefer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE, due back on 12/4/2007

07822

Discussion Item: Appointments to the CCOC Sister City Grant Review Subcommittee.

The following CCOC members were appointed to the CCOC Sister City Grant Review Subcommittee for the 2008 grant cycle:

Ald. Tim Bruer, Council President Pro Tem

Ald. Robbie Webber, District 5

Ald. Michael Schumacher, District 18

07812

Discussion Item: Issue of late Common Council Meetings - Ald. Brenda Konkel

Ald. Brenda Konkel had requested this discussion item be placed on the agenda. George Twigg was present to discuss ways the Mayor may be able to facilitate earlier ending times for Common Council meetings. Mr. Twigg noted that there may be two areas the Mayor could work on being more proactive:

1. Limit alders speaking to 10 minutes
2. Enforce the number of times an alder can speak to a motion

Ald. Brenda Konkel thought another area would be agenda control. She wanted to know if the Council President could review items coming before the Council within 45 days and then manage the agenda using that information.

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway thought new alders could ask questions before the Council meeting occurs and not ask as many questions on the floor. Ald. Brenda Konkel noted that some department/division heads are not responsive to her. Mr. Twigg asked Ald. Konkel to let him know what department or division heads were not responding to her requests.

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway compiled a list of issues:

- a. Mayor needs to enforce rules
- b. President needs to control the agenda
- c. Alders should ask questions before the Council meeting
- d. Big issues agenda items should have a separate meeting

Rerefer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE due back on 12/4/07.

07814

Discussion Item: Establishing a CCOC subcommittee to review city committee, commission and board rules and how committees, commissions and boards are created.

A subcommittee of the CCOC was created to review city committee, commission and board rules and how committees, commissions and boards are created.

Members will include:

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway, Chair

Ald. Brenda Konkel, District 2

Ald. Joe Clausius, District 17

Ald. Michael Schumacher, District 18 (alternate)

Lisa Veldran volunteered Debbie Fields to staff the subcommittee. Tentative date to schedule a meeting would be the week of November 26, 2007. It was also suggested that City Attorney Michael May work with the subcommittee during their review process.

07842

Discussion Item - Report on League of Wisconsin Municipalities 109th Annual Conference (October 3 - 5, 2007) by Ald. Michael Schumacher, District 18

Attachments: [League of WI Municipalities -- Report from the 109th Annual Conference.mht](#)

Ald. Michael Schumacher provided a verbal report on his attendance at the 109th Annual League of Municipalities Conference held in Milwaukee October 3 - 5, 2007.

He reported that:

- 1. The Video Cable bill before the State Legislature was one of the main discussion topics during the conference.**
- 2. He was tapped to be part of the LWM Lobbying Corps and the Resolutions Committee:**

The League's Lobbying Corps assists the Board of Directors and membership in advancing the League's legislative program and opposing legislation harmful to municipalities. In addition to meetings in Madison, members are expected to communicate with their legislators in response to e-mailed action alerts from the League.

The Resolutions Committee is responsible for reviewing all proposed resolutions and deciding whether they may be submitted for conference action.

UPDATE ITEMS

[07817](#) Update: CCOC Subcommittee to Review Council Staff Position: Legislative Analyst

Attachments: [Minutes from 10/9/07 Meeting](#)
[Memo dated 10/17/07: Staff Support of Legislative Branch](#)

Ald. Michael Schumacher (chair) noted the members of the subcommittee were discussing the following issues:

1. What would the budget be for a new position?
2. How would the position maintain confidentiality?
3. Would this position be more administrative rather than legislative?
4. Who would the position be supervised by: the Council President, a Council personnel committee or individual alder?

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway made the following additional observations:

1. What would be the position description?
2. What is the use of the current staff in the Council office?
3. What are the needs of the Council?

A motion was made by Konkel, seconded by Schumacher to submit a 2008 budget amendment with the following criteria:

1. Add funding for an hourly position in the amount of \$16,000
2. Pilot a position starting on 4/1/08
3. Position will need final approval of the Common Council
4. Add the CCOC members in attendance as co-sponsors to the budget amendment

The motion to submit an amendment for the 2008 Budget passed by voice vote

[07820](#) Update: President's Work Group on Council Website Policies/Guidelines.

The Work Group did not make a report at this meeting. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Rerefer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE due back on 12/4/07.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Konkel, seconded by Ald. Schumacher, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.