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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, February 5, 2013

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 108 (City-County Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 -

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Chris Schmidt; Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Sue Ellingson; Tim Bruer and Matthew J. Phair

**Excused:** 2 -

Paul E. Skidmore and Lauren Cnare

**Others Present:** Ald. Anita Weier, Ald. Mark Clear, Heather Allen, City Attorney Mike May and Anne Monks

Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Tim Bruer, seconded by Ald. Chris Schmidt, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 Common Council Organizational Committee meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ald. Lauren Cnare arrived at 4:36 p.m.

**Present:** 7 -

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Chris Schmidt; Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Sue Ellingson; Tim Bruer; Matthew J. Phair and Lauren Cnare

**Excused:** 1 -

Paul E. Skidmore

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the CCOC members present at the meeting.

## REFERRAL FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL

[28702](#)

Dissolving the Ad Hoc Housing Merger Planning Committee.

**Sponsors:** Paul R. Soglin

A motion was made by Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Ald. Tim Bruer, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

[28971](#)

Recommendation on Council Process to Address Legislative Agenda Topics: Alternative Revenue Sources & Shifting Demographics - Heather Allen, Council Legislative Analyst

**Attachments:** [Proposed Plan to Advance CC Legislative Agendal.pdf](#)  
[1/3/13 Allen Memo 2013-14 Legislative Agenda.pdf](#)

Heather Allen was present for the discussion on this item. Ms. Allen reviewed the suggested process she provided in a memo to the members and the updated memo on the two areas to be addressed by the legislative agenda.

### Suggested Process:

- The Common Council Legislative Analyst will prepare updated memos on both alternative sources of revenue and demographics based in feedback received from the 1/8/2013 Common Council Organizational Committee.
- The memos will be shared with the President's Work Groups in advance of the first meetings. Feedback will be obtained from the Work Group in meetings.
- The Common Council Legislative Analyst will regularly provide materials to the Work Groups to help inform the discussion. In addition, the Work Groups will invite experts to share information at Work Group meetings.
- The Work Group members will provide feedback to the analyst during monthly public meetings.
- Feedback between meetings from Work Group members to the analyst will be provided directly to the analyst without engaging other work group members, so as to further the project while observing Open Meetings requirements. Feedback may be provided to the Analyst through direct email, telephone, or in person. The analyst will take care to avoid violations of the Open Meetings Law between Work Group members.
- Status reports on both legislative priorities will be provided at Common Council Organizational Committee meetings.

Ms. Allen asked CCOC to clarify when the work groups should start (before or after the election).

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway stated that it was a good process outline. She had a question on who would staff the work groups. She also suggested that there needed to be a plan developed on how to get input from other segments of the city; relevant committees, department heads, Mayor's office, in addition to the outside experts.

Ald. Lauren Cnare asked how alders would be assigned to the work groups. Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff stated that she would be appointing alders to the work group but asked for feedback on how many alders should be on each work group (her preference was 5 alders) and then she would query alders to find out who wanted to be on the work groups. She would then bring the appointments to the next CCOC meeting.

There was discussion on when to start the work groups. Ald. Cnare and Ald. Rhodes-Conway expressed wanting to start the work groups now versus waiting until after the election in April. Rationale: if an alder who is not on the Council in April is on a work group, then the new president would appoint alders to any vacancies.

A motion was made by Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Ald. Matt Phair, to approve the following:

1. Establish the work groups in March 2013. The Council President will solicit alder interest and appoint 3-5 members to each work group.
2. Work groups will ensure that they are set up a way to gather input from relevant committees, department heads, the Mayor's office and bring in outside expertise as necessary.
3. Heather Allen will staff the work groups and Lisa Veldran will post agendas/minutes.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ms. Allen highlighted the new updates to her memo, page 8, related to demographics: "Areas of Inquiry": Connecting Youth (Especially Youth of Color) to Educational & Economic Opportunities and Improving Access: Building Pathways to Equality & Success.

[28972](#)

Process for the Common Council's 2014 Budget Discussions & Deliberations - Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Common Council President

Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff related a meeting proposal that she and Ald. Schmidt developed.

Two dates for Committee of the Whole were suggested:  
Tuesday, June 18, 2013 - Update from Finance Director, what departments are thinking about submitting to the Mayor for his Executive Budget  
Tuesday, October 15, 2013 - Amendment discussion/developing amendment priorities.

A motion was made by Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Ald. Chris Schmidt, to approve the proposed committee of the whole meeting dates. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

## REPORT

### [28973](#)

October - December 2012 Alder Account Summary: Aldermanic Expense Account, Bulk Mail Account, Travel/Conference Account (informational only)

**Attachments:** [2012 Expense Account Summaries.pdf](#)

Lisa Veldran presented an informational report to CCOC members.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items submitted by CCOC members.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Chris Schmidt, seconded by Ald. Sue Ellingson, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.