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MEMORANDUM

TO: CCEC

FROM: Michael P. May, City Attorney
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RE: Update on TFOGS

The Task Force on the Structure of City Government (TFOGS) is carrying out most of its work through subcommittees. TFOGS has a tentative schedule for 2019:

January 16 meeting: Updates from subcommittees.
February meeting: Updates from subcommittees.
March meetings (2): Begin to formulate recommendations.
April meetings (2): Public Engagement
May meetings (2): Public Engagement and approval of recommendations.
June meetings (2): Complete report.

The Subcommittee on Government Officials gathered input from current and past government officials and reported the information to the TFOGS. That subcommittee completed its work and disbanded.

The subcommittee on the Common Council has held one meeting and has three more scheduled before the end of the year. It is considering these issues:

TOPIC AREA 1

1. Full v. Part time alders or hybrid of full and part time.
2. Alder Terms (2 v 4 years).
3. Number of Alders/Districts.
4. Staggered Terms.

TOPIC AREA 2

5. At-large v. Geographic Districts or hybrid or numbered districts. Coterminous boundaries with County districts.
6. Term limits.
7. Redistricting considerations including diversity representation.

TOPIC AREA 3

8. Compensation levels.

9. Compensation and term of Council President and Vice President.
10. Support staffing levels and training for Council members.
11. Alders serving on BCCs.

TOPIC AREA 4

12. Appointment of Council members to BCCs.
13. Appointment of Residents to BCCs.
14. Council Members as Chairs of BCCs.
15. Structural and procedural issues relating to equity and meaningful engagement of residents in council decision-making. Subtopics to be discussed include, but are not limited to, are time, place and length of Council meetings, budget development, barriers to resident participation and accountability.

The subcommittee on Boards, Commissions and Committees is also meeting in December and January. It is taking up these topics:

1. Current Structure;
2. Strengths/Potential of Current Structure;
3. Challenges/Areas of Note of Current Structure; and
4. Appointment and service on BCCs.

The other two subcommittees are an Executive/Planning subcommittee, which helps work out schedules as needed, and the Communications subcommittee, which will likely do most of its work next year.

CC: All Alders
TFOGS Members
TFOGS Staff List