



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

City of Madison
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Tuesday, September 4, 2007

4:30 PM

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

Present: Tim Bruer, Satya V. Rhodes Conway, Robbie Webber, Michael Schumacher and Joseph R. Clausius

Excused: Michael E. Verveer, Brenda K. Konkel and Judy Compton

Others Present: City Attorney Mike May, George Twigg (Mayoral Assistant), Larry Nelson (Interim Water Utility Manager), Joe Grand (Water Utility), Maribeth Witzel-Behl (City Clerk) and Ald. Eli Judge

Ald. Tim Bruer called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Ald. Brenda Konkel arrived at 4:35 p.m.

Present: Tim Bruer, Brenda K. Konkel, Satya V. Rhodes Conway, Robbie Webber, Michael Schumacher and Joseph R. Clausius

Excused: Michael E. Verveer and Judy Compton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Common Council Organizational Committee minutes from August 7, 2007.

A motion was made by Rhodes Conway, seconded by Schumacher, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

REFERRALS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

06008

Amending Section 3.03 and creating Section 3.015 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish term limits for the Mayor and Alderpersons.

Sponsors: Brian Benford

Attachments: termlimits12.pdf

A motion was made by Konkel, seconded by Rhodes Conway, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO REREFER - REPORT OF OFFICER** to the Attorney's Office George Twigg indicated that the Mayor's office believed that referring this item to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Clean Elections was outside the scope of the committee. Mr. Twigg indicated that committee was created to research public financing models and make a recommendation as to the feasibility of such a system in Madison. He requested that the CCOC not base their decision on this ordinance contingent upon this committee making a recommendation.

Ald. Michael Schumacher and Ald. Joe Clausius questioned whether Council members thought terms limits were an issue with the current Common Council.

Ald. Brenda Konkel and Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway indicated that they were being respectful of former Ald. Brian Benford's desire that there be a public hearing on the ordinance.

Ald. Tim Bruer noted that there was no sponsor of this ordinance.

Members agreed that the ordinance should be referred to the City Attorney so that another sponsor could be procured and if one is found, the ordinance could be re-referred back to the CCOC. The motion passed by acclamation.

Ald. Judy Compton arrived at 4:45 p.m.

Present: Tim Bruer, Brenda K. Konkel, Satya V. Rhodes Conway, Robbie Webber, Judy Compton, Michael Schumacher and Joseph R. Clausius

Excused: Michael E. Verveer

06832

SUBSTITUTE Creating new Section 2.04(4), renumbering current Sections 2.04(4) - (15) to 2.04(5) - (16), respectively, and amending Section 2.29 of the Madison General Ordinances to provide an Early Public Comment period at each Common Council meeting.

Sponsors: Brenda K. Konkel

Attachments: 06832Version1.pdf

A motion was made by Konkel, seconded by Rhodes Conway, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER

Ald. Tim Bruer made a friendly amendment to add a 1-year sunset date on the ordinance to evaluate its effectiveness. Alders also agreed that if the early public comment process caused significant problems/issues at the Council meeting that it should be reviewed earlier than the 1- year sunset date (example: 6 months).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: Verveer

Aye: Bruer, Konkel, Rhodes Conway, Webber and Clausius

Abstain: Compton and Schumacher

DISCUSSION ITEMS

06417

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

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Rhodes Conway, to Rerefer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE, due back on November 6, 2007

Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk was present for this discussion item. Ald. Brenda Konkel asked if there was a process to track reports due back to the Common Council that are requested by resolution.

Ms. Witzel-Behl indicated that she was investigating ways to search for those resolutions and their corresponding report due dates. Lisa Veldran indicated that there may be way to keep track in Legistar (possibly with the upgrade) and the Legistar Project Team could investigate.

Recommended Action: Re-refer this item to the November 6, 2007 CCOC meeting to allow the Legistar Project Team and the City Clerk to investigate a way to track these types of resolutions. The motion passed by acclamation.

06862

Discussion Item: Proposed 2008 Common Council Meeting Dates.

Attachments: 2008 Council Meeting Dates w/Election Dates, 2008 Council Meeting Dates w/o Election Dates, Ald. Konkel's 2008 Proposed Calendar, MEAC Memo to Mayor and Council President

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Clausius, to Accept
Lisa Veldran indicated that Room 201, City-County Building, was unavailable for Council meetings on January 22 and April 22, 2008.

Ald. Joe Clausius asked if Room 260, Madison Municipal Building was handicapped accessible. Ald. Robbie Webber indicated that the room was handicapped accessible.

Recommended Action: Adopt the 2008 meeting schedule with the changes requested at the August 7, 2007 CCOC:

- 1. Reschedule January 15 and April 15, 2008 meetings to January 22 and April 22, 2008**
- 2. Cancel October 21, 2008 meeting**
- 3. Reschedule those Council meeting dates in 2008 where elections are scheduled. The motion passed by acclamation.**

REFERRAL FROM COMMON COUNCIL

07349

Amending Section 2.01(1) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish Common Council meeting dates for 2008.

Sponsors: Brenda K. Konkel

Attachments: 2008CouncilMeetings.pdf, 07349Version1.pdf

The CCOC recommended that a substitute be drafted and appear on the September 18, 2007 CCOC agenda and a recommendation will be made from the floor.

DISCUSSION ITEM

[07445](#)

Discussion Item: Clarification on Water Utility Reports to Common Council - Requested by Larry Nelson, Interim Water Utility Manager

Attachments: Handout: Draft Water Utility Reports to Council

Accept Larry Nelson and Joe Grande were present for discussion on this item. Joe Grande noted that he reviewed the Building Inspection report made to alders and he created two types of reports (handout in attachments):

1. Calls Logged to the Water Quality Correspondence Database: included number of calls and what the calls pertained to; color, manganese, pressure, etc.
2. The actual calls were noted by address, aldermanic district, date, time, caller, what the call was about, staff contact and by what method contact was made.

Members approved of the concise nature of the reports and the information that they provided to the each alder.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Rhodes Conway, to Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.