



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved TASK FORCE ON STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT

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Thursday, February 22, 2018

5:30 PM

Warner Park Recreation Center  
1625 Northport Drive

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Paul E. Skidmore; Sara Eskrich; Rebecca Kemble; Catherine T.S. Patton; John E. Rothschild; Justice M. Castaneda; Maggie Northrop and Eileen Harrington

**Absent:** 3 - Sheri Carter; Jerry B. Vang and Eric S. Upchurch

Eileen Harrington, Chair, participated via conference call for this meeting. The chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Staff Present:** Michael May, John Strange, Harper Donahue, Kwasi Obeng, Toriana Pettaway, Melissa Gombar, Enis Ragland  
**Alder Present:** Marsha Rummel

5:40 p.m. Jerry Vang arrives and 5:42 Eric Upchurch and Sheri Carter arrive.

By consent of the body, Alder Kemble was appointed Chair Pro Tem until such time as a Vice Chair was elected.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Registrations:**  
Susan Shepanek Did Not Speak  
Carl Landsness Spoke

### 3. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

### 4. INTRODUCTION OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS & STAFF

Task Force members and staff introduced themselves at this time.

### 5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR (Chair is Eileen Harrington)

Ald. Paul Skidmore nominated John Rothschild for vice-chair, seconded by Justice Castaneda. The nomination of Mr. Rothschild as vice-chair was confirmed unanimously.

6. [50646](#) COMMITTEE RULES

**Attachments:** [33.01 BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES PROCEDURES..pdf](#)

Committee rules were discussed. John Rothschild moved to allow the chair to vote and participate in discussions, seconded by Ald. Rebecca Kemble. The motion failed on a voice vote.

7. SCHEDULING TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS

There was discussion on scheduling upcoming meeting dates and locations. No action was taken.

8. [50647](#) CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

**Attachments:** [Draft Outline For Process Task Force City Government Structure 102617.pdf](#)

There was a motion by Eric Upchurch, seconded by Ald. Sara Eskrich, to set a meeting date for training on the structure of city government and a meeting date for learning about models of public/civic community engagement and then use that information to set a date for creating a work timeline.

Ald. Sara Eskrich moved to amend the original motion, seconded by Ald. Paul Skidmore, that rather than setting a date for these meetings, the Task Force would, at its next meeting, learn about the current structure of city government and at the subsequent meeting would learn about models of public/civic/community engagement. Amendment to the main motion passed unanimously.

On the amended motion that at the Task Force's next meeting members would learn about the current structure of city government and at their subsequent meeting would learn about models of public/civic/community engagement and set a timeline for work topics and future meeting dates. The amended motion passed unanimously.

9. [50598](#) Questions or Discussion on Resolution, Legislative File No. 47707.

**Attachments:** [Resolution Leg File No 47707.pdf](#)

There was discussion on Resolution, Legislative File No. 47707 (AMENDED 3rd SUBSTITUTE - Creating a special task force on city governance to examine the structure and powers of the Common Council and its committees and the structure and powers of the Mayor's office). No action was taken.

10. PUBLIC OUTREACH, COORDINATION WITH RESJI CORE TEAM

There was discussion on public outreach, coordination with the RESJI Core Team. No action was taken.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was discussion on future agenda items. Not action was taken. Staff was instructed to keep an item on each future agenda to report on the possibility of using the Task Force budget for child care and interpreter costs.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Eric Upchurch, seconded by Ald. Rebecca Kemble to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.