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Government Structure Task Force Timeline (Res. 47707)

Month (anticipated # meetings)	Topic	Description	Specific considerations
January 2018 (1)	Current Government Structure	General overview of the current structure of Madison's government and state statutory requirements for municipalities.	Describe efforts made to date to the current government structure to improve racial equity and social justice, ensure effective representation, and provide avenues for diverse and effective participation in government.
February 2018 (1-2)	Alternative Government Structures	General overview of alternative governance models and practices of similar cities ranging in population from 250,000-500,000 from states with similar statutory requirements as Wisconsin.	<p>Provide overview noting trends and strategies employed by other governments to improve racial equity and social justice, ensure effective representation, and provide avenues for diverse and effective participation in government.</p> <p>Includes listening session to learn about the opinions of residents, former mayors, former alders, and former</p>

			<p>board/commission/committee members and members of the Effective Government Team. Includes RESJI analysis as conducted by the RESJI team and in conjunction with outreach related to the listening session.</p> <p>Concludes by detailing upcoming process discussing Common Council, Mayor, and Boards/Commission/Committee structure and invitation to attend and provide input.</p>
<p>March 2018 (4-5)</p> <p>April 2018</p> <p>May 2018</p>	Common Council	<p>Consider the following issues within the context of current vs. best/alternative practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. powers and duties of CC, including the powers and duties of individual members to chair council and committee meetings. 2. status of CC members: full-time vs. part-time. Paid vs. unpaid. If paid, how, and how much. 3. size of CC and sizes impact on representation, government 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. best practices for increasing racial equity and social justice. 2. best practices for ensuring municipal decision makers are representative of, connected to and accountable to all members of the community. 3. best practices for creating multiple avenues for resident participation so that decisions are not unduly influenced by time wealthy individuals who are able to attend the most meetings.

		<p>function, and government services.</p> <p>4. distribution of CC members: district vs. at large.</p> <p>5. size and cost of Council staff.</p>	4. Produce draft report for “Common Council”.
<p>June 2018 (3-4)</p> <p>July 2018</p> <p>August 2018</p>	Mayor	<p>Consider the following issues within the context of current vs. best/alternative practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. powers and duties of the mayor, including power to hire and fire dept. heads, veto, line item veto, and emergency powers. 2. powers and duties of mayor to chair council and committee meetings. 3. powers and duties of mayor to appoint CC members to council committees. 4. powers and duties of mayor to appoint members to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. best practices for increasing racial equity and social justice. 2. best practices for ensuring municipal decision makers are representative of, connected to and accountable to all members of the community. 3. best practices for creating multiple avenues for resident participation so that decisions are not unduly influenced by time wealthy individuals who are able to attend the most meetings. 4. Produce draft report for “Mayor”.
September 2018 (3-4)	Boards, Commissions, and		

October 2018 November 2018	Committees	<p>Consider the following issues within the context of current vs. best/alternative practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee system, including use of resident, CC and staff members. 2. Powers of Boards, Commissions, and Committees and the nature of their interaction with the CC. 3. Frequency, timing, and location of Council and Committee meetings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. best practices for increasing racial equity and social justice. 2. best practices for ensuring municipal decision makers are representative of, connected to and accountable to all members of the community. 3. best practices for creating multiple avenues for resident participation so that decisions are not unduly influenced by time wealthy individuals who are able to attend the most meetings. 4. Produce draft report for “Boards, Commissions, and Committees”.
December 2018 (2)	<p>Review Draft Report</p> <p>Finalize and Submit Report by Dec. 31. 2018</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESJI Core Team Input 2. Listening session to learn residents’ opinions regarding results of draft/final report.