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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room GR-22, City-County Building
MPD Community Room

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 -
Chris Schmidt; Sue Ellingson; Tim Bruer; Matthew J. Phair and Lauren Cnare
- Absent:** 1 -
Satya V. Rhodes-Conway
- Excused:** 2 -
Shiva Bidar-Sielaff and Paul E. Skidmore

Other in Attendance: Heather Allen (Legislative Analyst), City Attorney Michael May, Sally Miley (Mayor's Assistant), Anne Monks (Mayor's Assistant), Ald. Anita Weir and Ald. Mark Clear

Ald. Chris Schmidt, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Lauren Cnare, seconded by Ald. Tim Bruer, to approve the August 7, 2012 Common Council Organizational Committee meeting minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway arrived at 4:37 p.m.

- Present:** 6 -
Chris Schmidt; Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Sue Ellingson; Tim Bruer; Matthew J. Phair and Lauren Cnare
- Excused:** 2 -
Shiva Bidar-Sielaff and Paul E. Skidmore

STAFF INTRODUCTION

[27541](#) Introduction of Common Council Legislative Analyst: Heather Allen

Ald. Chris Schmidt introduced the new Common Council Legislative Analyst, Heather Allen. Ms. Allen indicated that she was reviewing agendas, minutes and the legislative agenda discussions. She was also in the process of contacting alders to schedule meetings.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

[27542](#) Final Report & Recommendations: President Work Group - Development of Alder Position Description/Role

Attachments: [August 2012 Final Report Presidents WG on Alder Position Description.pdf](#)

Ald. Lauren Cnare provided an overview of the final report.

Ald. Lauren Cnare moved, seconded by Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway to submit a by title only resolution at the 9/4/12 Council meeting for referral to the CCOC. The resolution will deal with implementation of the recommendations from the report.

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway stated that in addition to reviewing the recommendations, the work group focused on answering the question of what was an alder's role and establishing a best practices and training list.

Ald. Mark Clear asked if the work group had discussed capacity (e.g. full time alderperson vs. part time alderperson). Ald. Cnare and Ald. Rhodes-Conway stated that this was not discussed, although the survey touched on some of those issues. They briefly discussed issues of staff capacity but felt that was a future discussion.

Ald. Mark Clear and Ald. Anita Weir requested to be added as co-sponsors.

Motion was approved on voice vote/other.

[27543](#) Common Council Review of Committee Memberships

Attachments: [Committee Review Next Steps.pdf](#)
[List of Standing Committee \(9/28/12\).pdf](#)
[Standing Committee Positions.pdf](#)
[Ad Hoc & Subcommittee Positions.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Cnare, seconded by Bruer, to re-refer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE and should be returned by 10/2/2012. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

* Update from next Common Council Legislative Agenda Discussion scheduled for October 25, 2012 (November 2012 meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Ald. Tim Bruer, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.