



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, September 6, 2016

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 108 (City-County Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Michael E. Verveer; Marsha A. Rummel; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Rebecca Kemble; Maurice S. Cheeks; Sheri Carter and Denise DeMarb

**Absent:** 1 - Ledell Zellers

**Others Attending:** Ald. Paul Skidmore, Heather Allen, Norm Davis, City Attorney Michael May, Gloria Reyes, Maribeth Witzel-Behl, Nick Zavos, Anne Monks, Ald. Mark Clear and David Faust

Ald. Mike Verveer, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Maurice Cheeks, seconded by Ald. Marsha Rummel, to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2016 Common Council Organizational Committee meeting. 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. Ledell Zellers arrived at 4:36 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Michael E. Verveer; Marsha A. Rummel; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Ledell Zellers; Rebecca Kemble; Maurice S. Cheeks; Sheri Carter and Denise DeMarb

### UPDATES / PRESENTATION

#### [41341](#)

City Clerk Update: Resolution 42550 - Declaring the City of Madison's ongoing commitment and increased efforts to make voter registration maximally accessible, convenient and modern - Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Resolution 42550.pdf](#)

Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk, was present for discussion on her efforts in increasing voter registration accessibility and convenience. She stated that training of city employees has been completed, binders have been distributed

to each department providing information on the process. City departments are assisting in providing voting information whenever possible (example: water wagon events).

[44292](#)

Update: CCOC Subcommittee on Police & Community Relations

First meeting has been scheduled for September 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm in Room 260 of the Madison Municipal Building. Agenda is being finalized and will include the development of an outreach plan. Process issues will be discussed at this first meeting.

**REFERRALS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL**

[34666](#)

SUBSTITUTE - Prohibiting the use of machine translation for official City of Madison communications, including the City website **and directing the Department of Civil Rights to develop a comprehensive language access plan to be submitted to the Common Council by June 2017.**

**Sponsors:** Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Sara Eskrich, Sheri Carter, Ledell Zellers, Denise DeMarb, Marsha A. Rummel and Maurice S. Cheeks

**Attachments:** [Emails Re 34666 Machine Translation Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Rummel, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[43620](#)

Amending Section 33.09(1) of the Madison General Ordinances clarify the nature of the City-County Liaison Committee.

**Sponsors:** Mark Clear, Samba Baldeh and Sheri Carter

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Rummel, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[43918](#)

SUBSTITUTE - Urging the state to adopt a sustainable transportation funding system.

**Sponsors:** Paul R. Soglin and Michael E. Verveer

**Attachments:** [43918 v1.pdf](#)

Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff moved, seconded by Ald. Sheri Carter to amend language in the resolution to read:

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists and other users of Wisconsin highways pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees [ADD: is combined]; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Madison urges the Governor and Legislature to #JustFixItWI and to agree upon a sustainable transportation

solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding, [ADD: and reliable state funding for local road improvements], [DELETE: addresses] [ADD: provides adequate] local transit funding options [ADD: including regional transit authorities, high-speed commuter rail and bus rapid transit,] and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's multi-modal transportation system. Furthermore, the City directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators, Governor Scott Walker and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

A motion was made by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Ald. Rebecca Kemble, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

## CONFERENCE REPORTS

### 44285

Conference Report: 2016 Wisconsin American Society of Landscape Architects | Form & Function | February 24-25, 2016 (Madison WI) - Ald. Paul Skidmore, District 9

**Attachments:** [WI ASLA 2016 Annual Spring Conference Brochure.pdf](#)

Ald. Paul Skidmore provided a synopsis of his attendance at the WI Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects Spring Conference. He was able to attend sessions on collaborative design success factors, overcoming common design challenges, Tenney Park shoreline and historic landscape restoration, floating islands, ecological art, habitat design for biodiversity, urban trees for stormwater management. He moderated a panel titled: "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design".

Ald. Maurice Cheeks asked about the rankings for Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Ald. Skidmore said he would look into finding that information.

Ald. Denise DeMarb left at 5:39 pm. Ald. Rebecca Kemble left at 5:40 pm.

**Present:** 6 - Michael E. Verveer; Marsha A. Rummel; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Ledell Zellers; Maurice S. Cheeks and Sheri Carter

**Excused:** 2 - Rebecca Kemble and Denise DeMarb

### 35738

Conference Report: Corporation for Supportive Housing Summit 2016 Conference | June 8-10, 2016 (Chicago IL) - Ald. Barbara H. McKinney, District 1

**This agenda item was re-referred to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE due back on 10/18/2016.**

### 44293

Conference Report: Design the Future of Wisconsin Cities, Villages, Towns & Counties | Local Government Institute of Wisconsin (Stevens Point WI) - June 28, 2016 - Ald. Barbara McKinney, District 1

**This agenda item was re-referred to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE due back on 10/18/2016.**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- \* Update: CCOC Subcommittee on Police & Community Relations
- \* Map of Assisted Housing in the City of Madison - Linette Rhodes, Community Development Division | October 18, 2016
- \* Review responsibilities of CCOC - Council President Pro Tem Marsha Rummel
- \* Future Organization of Common Council - Ald. Maurice Cheeks

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Ald. Maurice Cheeks, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

\*Note: CCOC originally scheduled for October 4, 2016 has been rescheduled to October 18, 2016 due to Rosh Hashanah on October 4.