



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
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Tuesday, January 2, 2007

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Austin W. King, Paul J. Van Rooy, Brenda K. Konkel, Lauren Cnare, Robbie Webber, Isadore Knox, Jr. and Tim Bruer

Absent: Michael E. Verveer

Others Present: Roger Allen (Assistant City Attorney), Janet Piraino (Mayor's Chief of Staff) and Ald. Zach Brandon

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Austin King at 4:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Common Council Organizational Committee minutes from December 5, 2006.

A motion was made by Bruer, seconded by Van Rooy, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by acclamation.

COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

05100

Creating Section 23.37 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit interfering with a mother breastfeeding and amending Section 1.08(3) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish the bail deposit amount for violation of this section.

Sponsors: Robbie Webber, Austin W. King, Michael E. Verveer, Paul J. Van Rooy, Paul E. Skidmore, Jed Sanborn, Santiago Rosas, Noel T. Radomski, Larry Palm, Judy K. Olson, Brenda K. Konkel, Tim Gruber, Judy Compton, Lauren Cnare, Zachariah Brandon and Brian Benford

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Van Rooy, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

Ald. Lauren Cnare questioned why the ordinance was referred to the Public Safety Review Board (PSRB). Ald. Austin King explained that it dealt with bail deposits and that is why it was referred to the PSRB. The motion passed by acclamation.

Ald. Mike Verveer arrived at 4:39 p.m.

Present: Austin W. King, Paul J. Van Rooy, Brenda K. Konkel, Lauren Cnare, Robbie Webber, Isadore Knox, Jr., Tim Bruer and Michael E. Verveer

05159

Requesting that the State of Wisconsin Divest from Sudan.

Sponsors: Austin W. King, Brian Benford, Brenda K. Konkel, Michael E. Verveer, Tim Gruber, Santiago Rosas, Robbie Webber and Judy K. Olson

Attachments: Sudan Handouts 1.2.07.pdf

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Konkel, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER for January 16, 2007

Ald. Austin King distributed a handout of material re: divestment from the Sudan (attached to this Legislative File). Ald. King noted that several states have divested or are in the process of divestment of funds from companies that directly or indirectly support genocide in Sudan. He noted that the UW Board of Regents voted to divest funds on August 18, 2006.

The motion passed by acclamation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

05290

Discussion Item - Committee of the Whole Rules for Planning & Development Reorganization Discussion.

Attachments: Excerpt from 8/20/02 CCOC Discussion on Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Bruer, seconded by Webber, to Approve for January 2, 2007

Ald. Austin King reviewed the excerpt provided by Lisa Veldran of the 8/20/02 CCOC minutes for the Common Council Committee of the Whole meeting held on 9/24/02 (Section 8). This excerpt was to provide a framework for the 1/31/07 Common Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Planning & Development reorganization ordinance will be before the Common Council on February 6, 2007. Ald. Austin King believed that meeting as a Committee of the Whole prior to the February meeting would give alders an opportunity to delve into the complex issues surrounding the reorganization in a less formal atmosphere.

Ald. Brenda Konkel questioned whether staff presentations were needed again at this meeting. CCOC members agreed that no formal staff presentations were needed at this meeting.

Ald. Austin King will solicit questions/issues from Common Council members before the January 31, 2007 meeting and forward those questions/issues onto staff to be answered at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The following rules were approved by the CCOC (based upon the 8/20/02 CCOC discussion):

- * The Chair manages the meeting (Common Council President or Pro Tem)
- * Alders can speak more than twice (a 5 minute time limit was proposed) on a proposal.
- * Dispense with speaking only to the motion.
- * Chair can speak from the chair and not have to step down.
- * Questions of, or comments to, alders do not need to go through the chair.
- * Straw polls could be conducted

Suggested agenda format:

1. The Common Council meeting comes to order.
2. Council votes to go into Committee of the Whole.
3. Discussion on Legislative File No. 04859 - Ordinance on reorganization of the Planning & Development Department as the Department of Economic and Community Development.
4. Council moves to adjourn as Committee of the Whole and the Common
5. Common Council meeting adjourns.

The motion passed by acclamation.

05039

Discussion Item - Identify and Discuss Budget Process Issues

Ald. Brenda Konkel noted that newly elected Common Council members need to be educated on the budget process. She thought that extra steps to educate new alders on the budget process should be taken given the anticipated large turnover on the Common Council.

Ald. Robbie Webber asked if there was a discussion held on the budget (not a Board of Estimates meeting). Lisa Veldran noted that Common Council Presidents have scheduled an annual discussion on the budget (usually held in October) that includes the Comptroller and the Mayor. Ald. Tim Bruer suggested that this discussion occur prior to the Board of Estimates budget deliberations. Lisa Veldran will check on the turnaround time between the introduction of the operating budget and the BOE deliberations.

Ald. Brenda Konkel thought that the department budget presentations should be given to the whole Council and not just at Board of Estimates meetings. The committee wanted it reiterated that Council members (particularly new alders) should be highly encouraged to attend the Board of Estimates budget deliberations. Ald. Austin King will discuss having departments present their budgets to the Council (vs. just at the Board of Estimates meetings) with the Mayor at an upcoming Leadership Meeting.

On the issue of committees, commissions and boards not meeting during the Board of Estimates deliberations, Lisa Veldran noted that last year staff were not alerted to the budget deliberation dates until mid-year (June/July) so it was difficult for them to reschedule. She will check to see if staff have been alerted this year not to schedule meetings during the budget deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bruer, seconded by Van Rooy, to Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.