



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON
AND DANE COUNTY

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Thursday, February 15, 2007

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility, 119 E. Olin Ave.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Present: Judy K. Olson, Jeff Kostelic, Susan J. Zahner, Linda D. Oakley, Bill Sonzogni and Alan I. Schwartzstein

Excused: Judith M. Wilcox

Also Present: Thomas Schlenker, David Caes, Travis Myren, Topf Wells, Muriel Nagle, Jeff Golden, Lisa Juday, Patrick Comfort, Doug Voegeli, Tommye Schneider, Pamela Abel, Cheryl Levendoski, Patricia Frazak

The meeting was chaired by Schwartzstein through Item III, then by Susan Zahner at the request of Schwartzstein who had to leave the meeting.

II PRESENTATION ON FOOD SAFETY - Tommye Schneider

Tommye Schneider and Doug Voegeli distributed a handout of the power point they presented.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 18, 2007

Motion by Sonzogni/Oakley, passed

V. DIRECTOR REPORT

Schlenker will be leaving the meeting early to make a short presentation to the County Board of Supervisors on the IGA, which will be introduced at their meeting tonight. This will be introduced at the February 27 City Council meeting. It will be referred to their respective committees, including the Board of Health. It could be approved as early as April. Schlenker read the thank you letter to Mark Miller on behalf of the department. The consensus was to have the Chair write a letter to Miller, thanking him on behalf of the Board.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

None

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Executive - Schwartzstein

None

None

C. Bylaws - Miller

None

D. Personnel - Zahner

The next meeting will be held on March 1, which will go into closed session to review the performance evaluation of the director.

E. Administrative Hearing - Wilcox

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Madison General Ordinance Section 23.35- ID #05367 - City - ACTION Item

Schneider explained this is an administrative change to the ordinance to solidify cases when people are lawfully engaged in activity and a bite occurs.

Repealing and recreating Section 23.35 of the Madison General Ordinances to clarify that a violation occurs when an individual (not an animal) is engaged in a lawful activity.

Sponsors: Judy K. Olson

A motion was made by Sonzogni, seconded by Oakley, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation.

B. Amend Chapter 47 of Dane County Code of Ordinances - Animal Control - County - ACTION Item

Wells began by thanking Tommye Schneider and department staff for reaching a reasonable resolution to a difficult situation. This is a good example of how the merged entity is helping the city and county. A key event for the Humane Society was caring for a large number of pit bulls for so many months. The Humane Society decided to restructure their contract with Dane County so this could not occur again to include limiting the care and types of animal cared for. In December, the Humane Society decided they would no longer continue to employ Humane Officers. The best option for public health and safety seemed to be to merge the service with the City Animal Control team. Items b. and c. on the agenda both have the same intent to transfer this service to the City County Health Department as of March 1.

The recommended action is to hire the current, two full time staff working for the Humane Society as officers of the department to work with the existing Animal Control Officers. They would be hired without interviews, as permanent County employees, with a six-month probation period, above minimum starting pay, and would not receive seniority credit for time worked at the Humane Society. There is also Limited Term Employee hours available for additional help, which will be monitored closely this year to assess the need for an additional position next year.

The budget implications are high, costing the county \$200,000 over what was budgeted in 2007. Vans and equipment need to be purchased for staff, and there is an increase in the cost per day to house animals at the Humane Society. Over the next year, there will

be additional resolutions and/or ordinances coming to the Board for their action related to this issue.

ACTION - Sonzogni/Kostelic moved to recommend approval both items, the ordinance (amending Chapter 47 and Resolution 249), passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 249, 06-07 Transferring Humane Officer Responsibilities & Expenditures - County - ACTION Item

See action taken above in item b

D. Elect Second Vice Chair

ACTION - Postpone to the next meeting

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. IGA2 - Update

Schneider reports that the issue of the reserve fund is still being resolved. It has been sent to Corporation Counsel to check on the issue of authority. The Mayor and County Executive will then discuss it. On March 15, a brown bag is being scheduled for Alders and County Board Supervisors to discuss the IGA and ask questions.

B. Draft Retreat Report

None

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Olson/Sonzogni moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.