



City of Madison
Minutes – Approved
Task Force on Structure of City Government
Boards, Commissions and Committees
Subcommittee

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Tuesday, February 5, 2019

12:00 p.m.

City-County Building, Room GR-27
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting Called to Order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: John Rothschild, Justice Castañeda, Rebecca Kemble (left at 1:27), Maggie Northrop (left at 1:07)

Absent: Eric Upchurch

Also Present: Grant Foster, Brenda Konkell, City Attorney Michael May and Assistant City Attorney John Strange

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kemble, second by Rothschild to approve minutes from the January 29, 2019 meeting. Motion approved on a voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments. Motion by Northrop, seconded by Kemble to suspend Robert's Rules to stand informally to allow participation by members of the public. Motion approved on a voice vote.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

5. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSAL FOR OFFICE OF RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT

Alder Kemble updated the group on discussions with some staff members on the proposal, which was generally received positively. The Director of the Department of Planning, Community and Economic Development said she thought it would be a good idea, and it impacts some employees in that Department.

Castañeda discussed some concerns of city staff brought to his attention that would not be addressed by ORECO. The subcommittee discussed whether it would be a good idea to ask for input from staff to committees, with some concern that staff might be reluctant to testify in public. After discussion, the subcommittee decided to bring up the issue of staff input at the full TFOGS meeting on Feb. 6.

The subcommittee agreed to make several changes to the latest ORECO draft:

1. An additional function would be language access.
2. Language access will be added to the functions of the Office.
3. Language will be added to indicate this is an independent office with a single person as head of the Office, to be a CG-21 employee.
4. The draft name should be changed to Office of Resident Engagement and Neighborhood Support.

Staff will make those changes and circulate a revised draft.

6-Options for Appointment

A. Elements of Current Process for Resident Appointment

1. Made by the Mayor, except for CCEC.
2. Approval by the Council.
3. Approved on Consent Agenda most times.
4. 12 year term limits.
5. Most terms are three years, some are two years.
6. Appointees are removed by Council.
7. Attendance requirement with pressure by Mayor to attend or resign.
8. Applications go to Mayor's office.

B. Pros of current system

1. Mayor represents entire city.
2. Council has some veto.
3. Continuity.
4. Resident initiative.
5. Community expertise.

C. Cons of current system

1. No Council appointment of residents.
2. No joint appointments.
3. Council veto is awkward.
4. Unwritten Rules of appointment.
5. Many vacancies.

Note a separate issue of Council does not appoint its own members to committees.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The subcommittee adjourned at 1:27 p.m. due to a loss of quorum.