



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
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Tuesday, October 11, 2005

4:30 PM

Room 103A, City-County Building

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Ald. Paul J. Van Rooy, Ald. Zachariah Brandon, Ald. Austin W. King, Ald. Isadore Knox, Jr. and Ald. Larry Palm

Absent: Ald. Santiago Rosas, Ald. Paul E. Skidmore and Ald. Brenda K. Konkel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve September 6, 2005 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ald. Brandon, seconded by Ald. King, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

02147

Memo dated 8/9/05 from City Attorney Michael May re: Review and Revision of Ordinances

Discuss

City Attorney Michael May reviewed the memo with members of the CCOC. The memo indicated that a procedure was instituted in the City Attorneys Office to log improper references, outdated language or mistakes in the ordinances. On an annual basis he will prepare a "cleanup" ordinance to submit to the Council. City Attorney May has also developed a work plan to review various parts of the ordinances. The office is starting examination and revision of Chapter 3.

Ald. Paul Skidmore arrived at 4:34 p.m.

Present: Ald. Paul J. Van Rooy, Ald. Zachariah Brandon, Ald. Austin W. King, Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Ald. Isadore Knox, Jr. and Ald. Larry Palm

Absent: Ald. Santiago Rosas and Ald. Brenda K. Konkel

[02150](#)

Memo dated 10/5/05 from Roger Allen, Assistant City Attorney, entitled "Executive Summary of Revised APM 3-5".

Discuss

City Attorney Michael May reviewed the language in APM-3 that dealt with complaints against elected officials. Under the existing APM there was no mention of complaints against elected officials. The revised APM-3 provides a process for complaints against elected officials.

If a complaint is made, the City Attorney, Human Resource Director and Affirmative Action Office will investigate and make a public report of their findings. There are no remedies for elected officials as there are for employees (e.g. suspension, termination, etc...) The only remedies when elected officials are involved is through the election process or censure by the Common Council.

If there is a violation and complaint based on the Ethics Code, complaints would continue to be filed and dealt with by the Ethics Board. If the complaint is a violation of State law it would be investigated and dealt with by the District Attorney's office.

Ald. Brenda Konkel arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Present: Ald. Paul J. Van Rooy, Ald. Zachariah Brandon, Ald. Austin W. King, Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Ald. Isadore Knox, Jr., Ald. Larry Palm and Ald. Brenda K. Konkel

Absent: Ald. Santiago Rosas

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

[01839](#)

Amending, creating and repealing various sections of the Madison General Ordinances to correct inconsistencies and improper references in the Madison General Ordinances, constituting the 2005 City Attorney Revisor's Ordinance.

A motion was made by Ald. Palm, seconded by Ald. Skidmore, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER for October 18, 2005

City Attorney May mentioned this in his previous memo that this procedure was of something he started when he came to work for the City. When attorneys are working on other ordinances and find that there is something outdated, mistake in reference etc...in the MGO's they note it. Attorney May will then pull up what is ever there and make corrections to the MGO's with one ordinance.

There was some concern about repealing the minimum wage law. City Attorney May indicated that it was his view that the State law invalidated the city's ordinance on minimum wage.

The motion passed by acclamation.

01855

SUBSTITUTE - Amending Section 3.62(2) and repealing Section 3.62(3)(b) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify the composition of the Commission on People with Disabilities.

A motion was made by Ald. Brandon, seconded by Ald. Knox, Jr., to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER for October 18, 2005

Ald. Brenda Konkel expressed concern about removing alternates and the possible problem of establishing quorums. The motion passed by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. King, seconded by Ald. Brandon, to Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.