



City of Madison
Minutes - Approved
Task Force on Structure of City Government
Common Council Subcommittee

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Friday, January 11, 2019

2:00 p.m.

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Call to Order at 2:05 p.m.

Members Present: David Ahrens, Maggie Northrop, John Rothschild, Eric Upchurch (by phone).

Members Absent: Justice Castañeda (arrives at 2:07), Ron Trachtenberg (arrives at 2:08)

Others Present: Rebecca Kemble, Roger Goodwin, Keith Furman, Samba Baldeh, Grant Foster, Brenda Konkell, City Attorney Michael May, Assistant City Attorney John Strange

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ahrens, second by Northrop to approve the December 14, 2018 Minutes. Approved on voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

Motion to suspend Robert's Rules to stand informally made by Northrop, second by Ahrens, approved on voice vote.

5. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF STRUCTURAL AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES RELATING TO EQUITY AND MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT OF RESIDENTS IN COUNCIL DECISION-MAKING

Comments made included:

- We are seeking ways to get input from those who want to be involved, not to seek out those who do not.
- Legistar needs improvement in terms of navigation, ability to find agenda, being interactive, and allowing comment.
- Legistar can accommodate a comment method.
- City's 311 effort and new Legistar are going out for RFPs.
- Legistar should include a subscription service, ability to download calendars, messages to all members of a committee, and ticket tracking for information and inquiries.
- City needs to add the ability for residents to watch and speak remotely.
- Problem of transit reiterated; hours to get downtown for a 3 minute talk.
- Maybe do standard non-business items at 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m., so at 6:30 p.m. the real meeting starts.

6. DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER A TRAINING PROGRAM SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS.

- Yes, more.
- Have on demand pre-recorded training. Have on line training open to the public. Include relationship training.
- Early training for alders on Legistar, the actual agenda, the consent agenda and demonstrate live how these work. Have a mock Council meeting.

7. DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE TO THE FULL TASK FORCE ON GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE ON JANUARY 16, 2019

Add in items from today (JS has them) including Office of Community Relations, shorter meetings, forced adjournment, more council meetings around the city, issue of geographic v. at large.

8. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Future meetings of Common Council Subcommittee: 1/18/19, 1/25/19, 2/1/19, 2/8/19 and 3/1/19 all at 2-4 p.m. Add issue of Mayor's office and deputies and appointments to TFOGS agenda. Beyond any subcommittee.

9. DISCUSS PLANS FOR CONCLUDING THE WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ISSUING A FORMAL REPORT TO THE FULL TALK FORCE ON GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Educations for possible candidates.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ahrens, second by Castañeda to adjourn. Passed on voice vote. Adjourn at 3:53 p.m.