



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

City of Madison
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Tuesday, July 5, 2005

4:30 PM

Room 103A, City-County Building

You must register before your item is considered by the CCOC.
Please hand your registration form to the presiding chair of the meeting.

Others Present: Michael May (City Attorney), Rich Beadles (IS Staff) and George Twigg (Mayoral Assistant)

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Ald. Paul J. Van Rooy, Ald. Santiago Rosas, Ald. Austin W. King and Ald. Larry Palm

Absent: Ald. Zachariah Brandon, Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Ald. Isadore Knox, Jr. and Ald. Brenda K. Konkel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from CCOC Meeting of June 7, 2005.

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

Ald. Paul Skidmore arrived at 4:42 p.m., Ald. Brenda Konkel arrived at 4:43 p.m., Ald. Zach Brandon arrived at 4:44 p.m. and Ald. Isadore Knox arrived at 4:44 p.m.

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

ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

01465

SUBSTITUTE - Amending Section 3.27(4)(f) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify the committee, board or commission member holdover provision.

Sponsors: Mayor Cieslewicz, Zachariah Brandon and Paul J. Van Rooy

A motion was made by Ald. King, seconded by Ald. Palm, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER

Ald. Larry Palm moved the following amendment, seconded by Ald. Austin King:

2. Notwithstanding any fixed term of office, the terms of board, commission and committee members shall run until their successors are appointed and confirmed, or for a period of 90 days after the end of the fixed term, whichever period is less. This ordinance shall apply to every person holding such office on January 1, 2003 and thereafter.

Ald. Santiago Rosas asked the members to consider the following amendment friendly. He had concerns that appointments are not being geographically or racially balanced and thought that amending the ordinance to require the Mayor to balance his appointments would be a way to address this issue.

Ald. Austin King didn't think that the Council could dictate by ordinance that the Mayor balance his appointments geographically or racially. Ald. King indicated that the Council does confirm the appointments and if there are concerns with balance, they can be dealt with prior to confirmation or require that specific geographic/racial appointments be considered when creating a committee.

Michael May stated that the Council could issue an advisory to the Mayor that he seek greater geographical and racial diversity.

Amendment moved by Ald. Palm/Ald. King was approved.

On the main motion to adopt the ordinance, as amended, motion was approved. The motion passed by acclamation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

01380

Request by Ald. Brenda Konkel and Ald. Zach Brandon to discuss allowing alders to purchase wireless internet access versus cable internet access.

A motion was made by Ald. Palm, seconded by Ald. Skidmore, to Accept With Recommendation(s)

Ald. Zach Brandon stated that alders need whatever internet access that would make them more efficient. Charter at home does not make him more efficient as an alder. Wireless access would allow him to work wherever he is at the time.

Ald. Brenda Konkel indicated that she wanted to apply the \$50 allocated for Charter service to a service that she wants to use (wireless access). She also indicated that she wanted the Charter service being paid currently by the City to cease and billing reinstated to her partner.

Rich Beadles indicated that the Council initially requested to have access to the City's email system - GroupWise. City staff recommended that the Council be equipped with a high speed internet service provider to access GroupWise. It was evident that the dial-up service the Council members had been utilizing(GlobalDialog) was too slow. A CCOC subcommittee reviewed the options of DSL vs. cable and it was decided that cable was the better choice. Wireless access at that time did not meet the City's standards. Mr. Beadles indicated that there may be another choice in the near future where the City may consider wireless access with another vendor (not Verizon). He also noted that wireless access also is more expensive (\$80 vs. \$50) and that extra cost is not budgeted for in 2005.

Mr. Beadles also indicated that this becomes a staffing issues for Information Services. IS Staff support alder laptop issues currently and cannot support alders and their laptop issues if they were to go with 20 different internet service providers.

Ald. Larry Palm moved to request Information Services to investigate wireless access as a possible option for alders in the future, seconded by Ald. Paul Skidmore. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Van Rooy, Brandon, King, Skidmore and Palm

No: Rosas and Knox, Jr.

Non Voting: Konkel

00105

Discussion of evaluation process of Compensation Group 21 employees

A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Ald. Rosas, to Accept

Lisa Veldran stated that an ordinance related to this discussion item was being introduced at the 7/5/05 Common Council meeting with referral to the CCOC. The ordinance will appear on the 8/2/05 CCOC meeting agenda. The motion passed by acclamation.

00106

Discussion on the City's Planning Councils.

A motion was made by Ald. King, seconded by Ald. Skidmore, to Accept With Recommendation(s)

Ald. Zach Brandon stated that he would like to see a real discussion about what the purpose of Planning Councils is, require them to show their outcomes and whether the City should be dedicating them geographically or creating them based upon the City's priorities or needs. He also thought that Planning Councils themselves were being used more as a lobbying tool for neighborhoods. He cited the swimming pool issue and how certain Planning Councils were actively advocating to have the pool located in their neighborhood against other neighborhoods. He thought that this was fundamentally wrong since they receive City funds.

Ald. Austin King agreed that there is a haphazard process for creating Planning Councils.

Ald. Larry Palm believed that the geographical designation of Planning Council worked well in the city.

Ald. Paul Van Rooy provided historical background on Planning Councils. The concept of Planning Councils started during Mayor Paul Soglin's tenure. Planning Councils are neighborhood created and driven and not driven by the Mayor or the Common Council.

Ald. Santiago Rosas believed that the mission of Planning Councils should be reviewed but is still very supportive of the Northside Planning Council and East Isthmus Planning Council.

Ald. Larry Palm thought that the City should look at how money is allocated.

Ald. Zach Brandon thought that the money should be allocated by the neighborhood issues not by established Planning Councils.

Ald. Isadore Knox was concerned that Planning Councils were now being driven by professionals working for the Planning Councils and not by the residents.

Ald. Austin King moved that a recommendation be made to the Planning & Development staff to consider developing language to be integrated into the City of Madison's Comprehensive Plan on how Planning Councils are to be created and established, seconded by Ald. Paul Skidmore. The motion passed by acclamation.

01232

Discussion of creation of an Ordinance Revision Committee

A motion was made by Ald. Rosas, seconded by Ald. Skidmore, to Accept With Recommendation(s)

Ald. Zach Brandon stated that the creation of an Ordinance Revision Committee would regularly review the Madison General Ordinances to update them, was originally an Economic Development Commission report recommendation.

Michael May, City Attorney, proposed an alternative: 1. Do not create another city committee; 2. Ordinances already require that the City Attorney review and update ordinances.

He requested that his office be able to come back to CCOC with an action plan that would include meeting regularly to update the ordinances. The motion passed by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Rosas, seconded by Ald. Skidmore, to Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.