



City of Madison
Minutes – Approved
Task Force on Structure of City Government
Executive Subcommittee

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Monday, October 8, 2018

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

Meeting Called to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Harrington, Rothschild, Castañeda, Northrop

Absent: Upchurch (arrived at 2:08 p.m.)

Also Present: Alder Carter, City Attorney May, Council Chief of Staff Obeng, Assistant City Attorney Strange

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rothschild, second by Castañeda, to approve minutes of July 27, 2018 meeting.

Approved by 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.

5. TESTIMONY FROM FORMER MAYOR SUE BAUMAN

Former Mayor Sue Bauman provided comments to the Subcommittee. Among her topics were:

First, Mayor Bauman stated that she supported making the council smaller, but not making it a full-time professional council. She suggested that when the council was reduced from 22 to 20

members the idea was that several years later it would be reduced again to 16-18 members. She believes a 16-18 members, while still large, would be more manageable, and not keep Madison out of line compared with the Councils in other cities of comparable size. Mayor Bauman also voiced her support for reducing the overall number of Boards, Commissions, and Committees and creating a structure that consisted of aldermanic committees and citizen subcommittees that reported to the aldermanic committees. She emphasized the importance of making Board, Commission, and Committee service more accessible to the average resident, noting that it is a tremendous challenge for a single mother of three children to make the time necessary to serve within the current Board, Commission, Committee structure. As a result, she noted, public participation on Boards, Commissions, and Committees tends to come from individuals who have the time and resources to participate, and that this often means the same or similar voices are heard over and over again.

Finally, Mayor Bauman noted that the City has a tendency to plan too much and implement too little. She suggested that the City take a look at its planning process so that it is positioned to plan and implement those plans, rather than plan and let them then sit on the shelf.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE TASK FORCE

After her initial comments, Mayor Bauman answered numerous questions from the Task Force, including questions related to the challenges of school and city boundaries not being coterminous, historical housing segregation, the pros and cons of neighborhood vs. SAGE schools, and the challenge and opportunities associated with rethinking the way the City engages residents for purposes of public participation.

A recording of Mayor Bauman's comments and answers to Subcommittee questions will be available soon on the Task Force website:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/task-force-on-government-structure>

7. DISCUSSION OR ORGANIZATION AND PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE FULL TASK FORCE ON STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT AND ITS SUBCOMMITTEES

Chair Harrington noted that this item is on the agenda for the full Task Force meeting on October 12 and therefore the subcommittee did not discuss this item.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No Discussion.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Castañeda, second by Rothschild, to adjourn. Passed on voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.