



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON
AND DANE COUNTY

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Thursday, July 20, 2006

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility, 119 E. Olin Ave.
Conference Room A & B

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Ald. Judy K. Olson, County Supervisor Jeff Kostelic, Susan J. Zahner, Judith M. Wilcox, Linda D. Oakley, Mark Miller, Bill Sonzogni and Alan I. Schwartzstein

Others Present: Pat Carlson, Sue Jensen, Joanne Arndt, Richard Arndt, Tim Fruit, Patrick Comfort, Susan Wildrick, Chris Palmer, Claudia Haack, Page Heckel, Sean McBryde, Pat Horvath Burns, David Caes, Beth Kiehl, Patricia Frazak, Tommye Schneider, Leslie Hamilton, Janet Piraino, Pamela Abel, Travis Myren, Dick Grasmick, Marci Paulsen, Cheryl Robinson, Judy Howard, Sarah Brinkman, Jim Rogeberg

II. Public Comment - 5 minute limit per speaker

Six members of the public spoke on agenda item VIII A. Dangerous Animal Ordinance. Included was one representing the Dane County Humane Society, requesting changes to the proposed amendments; and the lead Animal Control Officer for the county. In addition, two individuals provided written testimony.

Without dissent, action on this item was moved up in the agenda to follow public comment.

New Business 03761 - Marci Paulsen, city attorney, and Tommye Schneider and Patrick Comfort provided background information for the Board. Paulsen summarized the proposed changes to the ordinance. This requires the animal to remain impounded until a determination. Currently the animal is returned immediately after declaring it dangerous. In the new version, all restrictions must be met before it is returned. The City is requiring owners to license dangerous dogs, provide proof of liability and the Humane Society must place a microchip in the animal.

The group deciding to declare an animal dangerous consists of the Lead Animal Control Officer, the Environmental Health Supervisor, a City Attorney representative and the Director of Environmental Health. Mr. Comfort does an investigation, which includes going door to door in the neighborhood, an animal assessment, writing reports, visiting the home, meeting with the owner. The first step is a warning letter to the owner. The process is usually initiated by one serious attack or multiple acts of aggression. Mr. Comfort read the four possible courses that can lead to an animal being declared dangerous.

Wilcox/Zahner moved to recommend approval of ordinance changes with amendment that the owner must provide proof of a microchip (remove requirement of Humane Society). Discussion included comfort of most members with the new requirements. Olson, as city Alder on the Board, expressed her concern that the issue has not had enough public discourse, and that some of the unanswered questions should be more adequately addressed by the Board prior to being sent on to the Common Council. Olson/Miller moved to table this item to the next Board meeting. AYES - Kostelic, Olson, Oakley, Miller and Sonzogni. NAYES - Wilcox, Zahner MOTION to table PASSED

The Board requested more information on the following:

- 1. Dane County Humane Society expressed concern about behavior problems that may develop if animal is confined for a long period of time. More details requested.*
 - 2. Clarify the nature of the arrangement that the County has with the Humane Society to impound animals*
 - 3. Who is responsible for the impoundment fee, and how is it collected.*
- This will be placed on the August 17 Board agenda.*

III. Approval of the Minutes - June 22, 2006

Minutes were approved

IV. Director Report - 10 minutes - Patricia Frazak - Report on activities since the last meeting. No action will be taken.

Patricia Frazak presented the Director's report, as Dr. Schlenker is out of town. On his behalf and her own, she commented on the great experience completing the infrastructure recommendation. Three budgets need to be completed this year, and will be presented to the Budget Committee and Board when ready. Earlier this week Dr. Schlenker participated in a press conference and lifted the drinking water advisory. Monitoring and testing will continue. Dr. Schlenker commented on the excellent work of lab staff. The County Executive and Mayor distributed a joint press release on the heat advisory and questions came up about beaches. One idea that will be implemented is to put both City and County beach information on both website. Frazak finished with an update on Family and Community Services division including an update on blending the WIC staff.

Miller reflected on the beach information being consolidated as one more piece of evidence of progress towards unification and improved public health service for our community.

V. Chair's Report - 5 minutes - Dr. Schwartzstein will report on activities since the last meeting. No action will be taken.

Schwartzstein met with Dr. Schlenker this week and discussed the infrastructure presentation and budget. He reviewed timelines for completing action on both prior to the end of August.

VI. Report of Standing and Special Committees - 20 minutes

Deferred due to time constraints to a future meeting

A. Executive - Schwartzstein

B. Budget - Kostelic

C. Bylaws - Miller

D. Personnel - Zahner

E. Administrative Hearing - Miller

VII. Unfinished Business - 60 minutes

A. Deliberation on Infrastructure Recommendations - MDCPH Proposal - Tommye Schneider - Possible ACTION Item

On behalf of the Director, Schneider provided a summary of the recommendations. Claudia Haack, who is providing consulting services on IT issues, spoke on the importance of making a decision soon due to the impact IT has on considerable operational issues. Dick Grasmick was present to answer questions. It is important that there be a component for sharing the funds for upgrades. Piraino, as Mayor's representative, expressed some concerns about the legal solution being housed in the county solely, and how legal services will be divided during the rest of the transition process. Myren, speaking as a county supervisor, expressed concern over how efficient the division of Human Resources and Payroll may be. Another concern is how costs will be manifested in budgets, for example, huge ticket items such as the VoiceOver IP phone system. Both Piraino and Myren commended staff on balancing the recommendations. Board and both representatives believed that the remaining items could be fleshed out using this recommendation as a framework.

Wilcox/Sonzogni moved to accept the infrastructure proposal as presented on 7-17-06 from Dr. Schlenker. Amended by Miller to resolve legal issues mentioned above, and by Schwartzstein to provide regular reports back to Board on progress. MOTION TO ACCEPT amended PROPOSAL PASSED unanimously.

B. Board Retreat - Update

Deferred for time constraints to another meeting

C. Alder/Supervisor Participation at Board Meetings - Possible ACTION Item

Schwartzstein presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee on participation of alders and supervisors in Board proceedings. Miller commented that according to ordinance, Mayor is a member of all boards so we should allow the County Executive to participate in the same manner as the Mayor. The Board would like to see this addressed the new the IGA. Wilcox/Miller moved to amend the Executive Committee recommendation to allow the County Executive to participate in the same manner as the Mayor. This issue will be addressed in a future IGA prior to full unification. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

VIII. New Business - 10 minutes

A. Ordinance Amendments Referred from CITY Council - ACTION Item

See agenda item II. - Public Comment for summary of discussion

Amending Sections 25.22(3)(a) and (b) of the Madison General Ordinances to require continued impoundment during the entire dangerous animal investigation and until compliance with subsection (7); amending Section 25.22(6)(b) of the Madison General Ordinances to clarify the disposition of a dangerous animal; creating Sections 25.22(7) and (8) of the Madison General Ordinances to require an owner of a dangerous animal to comply with outlined restrictions and to be licensed under 25.225; renumbering current Section 25.22(7) through (12) to Sections (9) through (14) of the Madison General Ordinances; creating Section 25.225 of the Madison General Ordinances, which requiring a dangerous animal license for animals declared dangerous; and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) to modify bail deposit amounts.

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B. Resolution Referred from CITY Council - ACTION Item

Authorizing the Madison Department of Public Health on behalf of Fit City Madison to accept a grant from the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center \$4,000 and amending the 2006 Public Health Operating Budget to allow for the receipt and expenditure of these grant funds.

A motion was made by Wilcox, seconded by Ald. Olson, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by acclamation.

IX. Adjournment

Wilcox/Zahner moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.