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Meeting Minutes - Approved AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT (TFOGS) FINAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Friday, July 10, 2020

3:15 PM

Via virtual meeting

Note: Quorum of the Common Council may be present at this meeting.

***You must register before your item is considered by the Work Group.**

Watch the recording of the 7/10/2020 meeting here:

<https://media.cityofmadison.com/Mediasite/Showcase/madison-city-channel/Presentation/50b378b4e840418c8df6e59e5e9ab2171d>

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Syed Abbas; Grant Foster; Michael J. Tierney; Rebecca Kemble and Keith Furman

Others present: Assistant City Attorney John Strange

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM

2. [61251](#) PUBLIC COMMENT FOR 7/10/2020 MEETING OF AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT (TFOGS) FINAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP

One (1) registrant available to answer questions on item 7.

3. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

4. Special rules or agenda language

Alder Kemble moved to suspend the rules to allow the following: 1) to allow the Chair to participate in discussion and vote, and 2) allow free-flowing conversation with audience members. Alder Furman seconded and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. [61248](#) Meeting schedule and frequency

The committee discussed possible meeting schedules and directed staff to send out a poll and establish a schedule. The committee directed staff to send out a list of future meeting dates and times to the original TFOGS committee members.

6. [61247](#) TFOGS recommendation spreadsheet

Staff presented the working version of the spreadsheet of TFOGS recommendations and engagement suggestions. The committee directed staff to fix the spreadsheet to better display in Legistar. Alder Furman offered to link spreadsheet items. Committee members are to send their additional column categories to staff before next meeting.

7. [61249](#) Discuss which of the TFOGS recommendations are the five (5) first-priority items and develop a multi-phase work plan

John Rothschild, original TFOGS member, participated in the discussion with the committee regarding how to prioritize TFOGS recommendations.

The committee discussed the question of which of the recommendations would be good to start with as top priority items. Adler Furman suggested the group start with the items that would need to go to referendum. Alder Foster suggested items with budget implications. Alder Kemble suggested that the group prioritize recommendation #15 immediately, and identify the items that need to go to referendum.

The committee discussed the issue of what would need to go to referendum, what the group might want to bring to referendum, the order in which related recommendations should be taken up, and at what point to bring a resolution to the Council regarding shifting to a full-time Council. Alder Foster suggested bringing the question of full-time Council to the current Common Council for debate before bringing anything to referendum. Alder Abbas asked ACA Strange to provide additional information on the referendum process and timeline.

ACA Strange informed the committee that the only change that needs to go to referendum is if the Council would like to change the size of the Council, or if the Council had decided to have more than one alder per district, or to change the terms of the Mayor.

The committee also discussed the topic of how much primacy the fiscal aspects of the recommendations should be given when prioritizing items.

Next steps include the following: 1) Draft a resolution regarding the Council going full-time, perhaps including the other related recommendations as well, 2) ACA Strange to prepare information on the referendum process and timelines, 3) provide feedback to staff on the columns in the spreadsheet in order to be able to create a workplan.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Continued discussion of the TFOGS recommendation spreadsheet and workplan
- Discussion of additional information on the referendum process
- Additional items to be determined

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Kemble, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 7/24/2020, 3:15-5PM via virtual meeting

[61246](#)

Documents related to the AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE
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