



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, February 3, 2015

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 108 (City-County Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Denise DeMarb; Marsha A. Rummel; David Ahrens; Anita Weier and Maurice S. Cheeks

**Excused:** 3 - Chris Schmidt; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff and Mark Clear

**Others Present:** City Attorney Michael May, Heather Allen

Ald. Denise DeMarb, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. David Ahrens, seconded by Ald. Maurice Cheeks, to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2015 Common Council Organizational Committee meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals by members present.

### REPORTS/UPDATES

Ald. Mark Clear arrived at 4:35 pm, Ald. Chris Schmidt arrived at 4:45 pm and Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff arrived at 4:48 pm.

**Present:** 8 - Chris Schmidt; Denise DeMarb; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Marsha A. Rummel; David Ahrens; Anita Weier; Maurice S. Cheeks and Mark Clear

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Report: League of Wisconsin Municipalities 116th Annual Conference (October 15-17, Middleton WI) - Alds. Clausius, Weier, Clear

**Ald. Anita Weier and Ald. Mark Clear provided reports on their attendance at the annual League of Wisconsin Municipalities Conference in Middleton WI.**

**Ald. Weier:** Attended sessions on financial reporting and economic development, enjoyed the key note speaker, Peter Kageyama who spoke on the importance of community efforts in creating positive environments (<http://www.fortheloveofcities.com>) / **Ald. Clear:** Noted that the gubernatorial candidates attended, there was discussion on urban forestry.

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Report: NLC 2014 Annual Conference (Austin TX) - Ald. Matt Phair, District 20 & Ald. Larry Palm, District 12

**Ald. Matt Phair was unable to attend the meeting to discuss his trip to the NLC Annual Conference in Austin, Texas. A motion was made by Ald. Denise DeMarb, seconded by Ald. Anita Weier, to re-refer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE and should be returned by 3/3/2015. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Report: State Preemption of Local Authority Workshop (Austin TX) - Ald. Mark Clear, District 19

**Attachments:** [PREEMPTION RESEARCH SUMMARY 11.10.2014 for posting.pdf](#)  
[RFF PreemptionBrochure\\_FIN for posting.pdf](#)  
[Mayors Innovation Project Pre-Emption Resources Weblink](#)

**Ald. Mark Clear requested more time to prepare a report on his attendance at the State Pre-Emption Workshop in Austin, Texas. A motion was made by Ald. David Ahrens, seconded by Ald. Maurice Cheeks, to re-refer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE and should be returned by 3/3/2015. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

#### REFERRALS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

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Requesting city staff develops and enters into an agreement with Nextdoor.com to provide a public interface and presence on Nextdoor.com.

**Sponsors:** John Strasser and Scott J. Resnick

**Ald. Mark Clear indicated that he sat in on a conference call to Nextdoor.com representatives with Roger Allen, Sarah Edgerton, Dave Faust and Paul Kronberger. He found the conversation to be difficult and challenging and that his take-away was that there needed to be significant changes on Nextdoor.com's part before the city commits to pursuing a partnership with Nextdoor.com.**

**CCOC members agreed that it was not in the best interest of the city to continue discussions at this time. Members agreed to re-referral to the next CCOC meeting so that the sponsor, Ald. John Strasser, could be in attendance.**

**A motion was made by Weier, seconded by Cheeks, to re-refer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE, due back on 3/3/2015. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - Chris Schmidt; Denise DeMarb; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; David Ahrens; Anita Weier and Maurice S. Cheeks

**Noes:** 1 - Marsha A. Rummel

**Non Voting:** 1 - Mark Clear

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Creating Sections 2.01(2) and (8) of the Madison General Ordinances to define quorum for the Common Council and outline the procedure to cancel a Common Council meeting.

**Sponsors:** Chris Schmidt

A motion was made by Ald. Denise DeMarb, seconded by Ald. Maurice Cheeks, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ald. Rummel requested to meet with Council Leadership to discuss a response to issues raised in email relative to public safety.

Update: Planning Division Strategic Plan - Katherine Cornwell, Planning Division Director & Leadership Team - (tentatively June 2015 CCOC meeting)

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ald. Denise DeMarb, seconded by Ald. Anita Weier, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.