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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 -

Tim Bruer; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Bryon A. Eagon; Michael Schumacher and Chris Schmidt

Excused: 3 -

Mark Clear; Marsha A. Rummel and Judy Compton

Others Present: Michael May (City Attorney), Joel Plant (Mayoral Assistant), Ald. Thuy Pham-Remmele, Rosemary Lee, Brenda Konkel, Debbie Fields and Kristin Czubkowski (TCT)

Ald. Tim Bruer, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Michael Schumacher, seconded by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, to approve the meeting minutes from May 19, 2009. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Ald. Marsha Rummel arrived at 4:38 p.m.

Present: 6 -

Tim Bruer; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Marsha A. Rummel; Bryon A. Eagon; Michael Schumacher and Chris Schmidt

Excused: 2 -

Mark Clear and Judy Compton

REFERRALS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

14940

SUBSTITUTE - Amending Section 33.02 of the Madison General Ordinances to modify the composition of the Alcohol License Review Committee.

Sponsors: Tim Bruer, Mark Clear and Judy Compton

Attachments: [Version 1](#)
[070709 CCOC R Lee Registration Statement](#)
[Registration Form.pdf](#)
[Version 2](#)
[Version 3](#)

Michael May, City Attorney, was present for the discussion on this item. The ordinance before the CCOC members replaces one of the adult citizen members of the ALRC with an alder (3 alders and 4 adult citizens for a total of 7 voting members). He noted that Ald. Tim Bruer requested a substitute be drafted with 4 alders and 4 adult citizens for a total of 8 voting members and that the chair only voted in case of a tie.

Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Ald. Bryon Eagon, Ald. Marsha Rummel and Ald. Chris Schmidt supported the substitute language increasing the alder representation. Joel Plant stated that the Mayor supported the substitute because it maintained the citizen memberships (both ALRC and PSRC). Ald. Michael Schumacher was OK with the substitute language but wanted the committee (not the Council) to decide if the chair votes or not in case of a tie. Ald. Tim Bruer stated that he did not see any problem with finding an additional alder to serve on the ALRC and did not have an issue with the chair voting or not voting in case of a tie.

Ald. Chris Schmidt asked what Roberts Rules of Order recommends in terms of a chair voting. City Attorney May noted that Roberts states that the chair only votes if it will change the result of the vote but the ordinances allow for committees to make their own rules on chairs voting. His advice, don't set up committees with an even number of members.

Registration:

Rosemary Lee, 111 W. Wilson Street: Opposed/Spoke
Opposes diluting citizen membership on the ALRC and PSRC. Citizens serving on committees is one way for residents to influence city policies and activities. Urged that the ordinances be placed on file.

Ald. Marsha Rummel asked Ms. Lee if she saw any value in adding another alder to the committees. She stated she did not because alders are too busy already. Ald. Thuy Pham-Remmele asked Ms. Lee how much time she spends as a citizen on committee work. She replied 25 to 35 hours a week on committee and citizen work for 6 1/2 years (since she has been retired from her full-time job).

Ald. Bidar-Sielaff thought that there are a lot of questions and discussion on issues that occurs on the Council floor that may be better served by adding alders onto these committees.

A motion to keep the current number of citizen members, add an additional alder and remove chair voting language was made by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Ald. Chris Schmidt, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT SUBSTITUTE - REPORT OF OFFICER.

Joel Plant stated that having an additional alder on the committees would create a more diverse perspective on policy issues.

Ald. Michael Schumacher was concerned with the size of the committee now. He foresaw difficulties with quorum, managing the agenda, etc.

Ald. Tim Bruer noted that alder concerns and interests precipitated the ordinance change in memberships on these committees. He also believed having that third alder provided a better balance in terms of perspective.

Ald. Marsha Rummel asked if there was a benefit to appointing an alder as a non-voting member. Ald. Michael Schumacher noted that alders can participate now as non-voting members and alders have input on licenses when they come before the Council now.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 2 -

Mark Clear and Judy Compton

Ayes: 5 -

Tim Bruer; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Marsha A. Rummel; Bryon A. Eagon and Chris Schmidt

Noes: 1 -

Michael Schumacher

14941

Amending Section 33.17 of the Madison General Ordinances to modify the composition of the Economic Development Committee.

Sponsors: Tim Bruer and Mark Clear

Ald. Bryon Eagon moved to adopt, seconded by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff.

Ald. Marsha Rummel thought that the Economic Development Commission may be too big with the suggested change. Ald. Bidar-Sielaff concurred with her observation.

Ald. Tim Bruer stated that this change was something that the committee itself supported.

Ald. Thuy Pham-Remmele requested an explanation of how alders and citizens are assigned and appointed to committees. Joel Plant provided an overview of the process. Ald. Tim Bruer stated that the Mayor's office tries to balance appointments and that the Common Council confirms those appointments.

Ald. Michael Schumacher made a substitute motion that the Mayor appoint the citizen appointment and that the Council appoint the alder appointment. He noted that other municipalities have this framework for appointments. He

thought that this deserved a bigger debate by the Council and withdrew his motion. Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff was intrigued and thought that it deserved a discussion at a future CCOC meeting. Ald. Marsha Rummel requested that he bring his research on the subject and the options that he has discovered. Ald. Tim Bruer also thought this should be on a future CCOC agenda.

This Ordinance was **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**. The main motion passed by voice vote/other.

[14942](#)

SUBSTITUTE - Amending Section 33.22 of the Madison General Ordinances to modify the composition of the Public Safety Review Committee.

Sponsors: Tim Bruer, Mark Clear and Judy Compton

Attachments: [Version 1
Registration Form.pdf](#)
[Version 2](#)
[Version 3](#)

Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff moved approval of three alders and four citizens to the PSCRC, seconded by Ald. Bryon Eagon.

Ald. Marsha Rummel made a substitute motion to make the alternate member a full citizen member. Ald. Bryon Eagon stated that the benefit of having an alternate is that they can step in and participate when needed. Ald. Bidar-Sielaff stated that having an alternate on the Public Health Board is also benefit. Ald. Marsha Rummel withdrew her motion.

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT SUBSTITUTE- REPORT OF OFFICER. The main motion passed by voice vote/other.

[15056](#)

Amending Section 2.205 of the Madison General Ordinances to allow the President of the Common Council to appoint subcommittees to address issues of a temporary nature.

Sponsors: Tim Bruer

Ald. Tim Bruer noted that this would allow the Council President to create special committees of the CCOC (and approved by the CCOC) which would then have a broader composition of alders and not just be comprised of CCOC members.

A motion was made by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Eagon, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**.

Ald. Michael Schumacher was supportive of this ordinance. Ald. Bidar-Sielaff also supported the ordinance but cautioned that this should not be a way to sidestep our citizen committees. Ald. Bruer noted this was not the intent of the ordinance changes.

Ald. Chris Schmidt questioned whether these were temporary committees or temporary issues. Ald. Bruer noted that they could be both.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEM/UPDATE

15177

Discussion Item: Memo from City Attorney Mike May regarding Ethics and ALRC Amendments dated 6/11/09.

Attachments: [M. May Memo dated 6/11/09 re: Ethics & ALRC Amendments](#)

City Attorney Michael May was present for the discussion. He noted that at the last CCOC meeting he was asked to draft amendments to Ethics Code ordinance and the ordinance dealing with ALRC license applicants.

1. The onus was on the staff to the committee to get members to fill out Statement of Interest forms and that members would not be immediately kicked off a committee.
2. Elected officials from other governmental bodies do not need to file a City Statement of Interest form as long as they file with their respective body.
3. Removed language withholding wages of employees who fail to file a Statement of Interest. The City Attorney would pursue non-compliance in municipal court.
4. New reporting requirements dealing with applicant/licensee contacts with ALRC members.

Ald. Bryon Eagon questioned whether this precluded the ALRC member from chatting with an owner. Attorney May noted that only if it is related to a license application.

Ald. Bidar-Sielaff thought the member could state at the committee meeting the number of contacts they had since the last meeting. Ald. Michael Schumacher thought they did not necessarily need a specific date but members should provide documents and correspondence (share information like they do at the Plan Commission meeting).

Ald. Marsha Rummel questioned how the city was going to enforce the filing of reports. City Attorney May noted that this was always an issue. Ald. Schumacher stated that it is the responsibility of the applicant to file the report especially if a committee member notes it at a meeting.

Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff requested that the language dealing with date of contact reference be removed in 38.13 (1).

Ald. Michael Schumacher thought that until there is a structure in place to track reports 38.13(2) should be removed. City Attorney May stated that without Section (2) there is not need for Section (1) (no written record). CCOC members agreed to keep the section in but requested language on who manages the tracking be formalized.

[15284](#)

April, May & June 2009 Staff Report - Lisa Veldran, Common Council Administrative Assistant

Attachments: [Apr May June 09 Staff Report](#)

Lisa Veldran provided a staff report to CCOC members.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

* Discussion on appointing authority of Mayor & Council.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Ald. Marsha Rummel, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.