



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes
COMMON COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Common Council
Madison, WI 53703
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Members: Ald. Brenda Konkel (Chair), Ald. Paul Van Rooy (Vice-Chair), Ald. Robbie Webber, Ald. Paul Skidmore, Ald. Jean MacCubbin, Ald. Brian Benford, Ald. Judy Compton and Ald. Mike Verveer (alternate)

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

4:30 PM

Room 103A, City-County Building

Others present: Judy Davidoff, Paul Malishke, Michael May, Delora Newton, and George Twigg

CALL TO ORDER

Ald. Brenda Konkel called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

Present: Ald. Brenda K. Konkel, Ald. Paul J. Van Rooy, Ald. Robbie Webber, Ald. Jean M. MacCubbin, Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Ald. Brian Benford and Ald. Michael E. Verveer

Absent: Ald. Judy Compton

Excused: Ald. Michael E. Verveer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Common Council Organizational Committee minutes from December 14, 2004 meeting.

Attachments: CCOC Minutes 12/14/04

A motion was made by Ald. Van Rooy, seconded by Ald. Skidmore, that this matter be Adopted With Amendment(s). Ald. Jean MacCubbin requested a correction on page 7 under "Appointing Members to the CCOC Sister Cities Grant Review Subcommittee for 2005". It should read: "2. Make recommendations on a process for ORGANIZATIONS to apply as a sister city to Madison." The motion passed by acclamation.

Ald. Judy Compton arrived at 4:45 p.m.

Present: Ald. Brenda K. Konkel, Ald. Paul J. Van Rooy, Ald. Robbie Webber, Ald. Jean M. MacCubbin, Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Ald. Brian Benford and Ald. Judy Compton

Excused: Ald. Michael E. Verveer

ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

2. Substitute Ordinance, ID# 33659 - To adopt and confirm amendments to certain sections of the Madison General Ordinances as set forth in attached Exhibit R pursuant to Sec. 66.0103, Wis. Stats., regarding street use permits. - See substitute ordinance, draft 2nd substitute, Street Use Staff Team report.

Attachments: Substitute Ordinance, ID# 33659, Street Use Staff Team Report

A motion was made by Ald. Webber, seconded by Ald. Van Rooy, that this matter be rereferred to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE. This item was referred to a special CCOC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 103A, CCB. (Meeting was canceled by the Council President on 1/11/05) The motion passed by acclamation.

3. Ordinance - Creating new Section 2.04(2), renumbering current Sections 2.04(2) - (14) to 2.04(3) - (15), respectively, amending Sections 2.19, 2.30 and 3.27(4)(g) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify various rules of procedure for the Common Council and boards, committees, and commissions.

Sponsors: Brenda K. Konkell, Jean M. MacCubbin, Michael E. Verveer and Paul J. Van Rooy

Attachments: 3622ccrules.doc

A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Ald. Van Rooy, that this matter be recommended to Council to Adopt (Report of Officer). The motion passed by acclamation.

4. Ordinance - creating Section 3.46 entitled "Obsolete Committees and Commissions" of the Madison General Ordinances to establish that any committee that has not met in a calendar year would be automatically terminated by April 1 of the next year unless the Council acts before April 1 to keep the committee active or unless the committee is required by state statute or contract.

Sponsors: Mayor Cieslewicz, Zachariah Brandon, Gregory Markle, Brenda K. Konkell and Ronn Ferrell

Attachments: 3618obsolete.doc

A motion was made by Ald. Webber, seconded by Ald. Skidmore, that this matter be rereferred to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE, due back on February 1, 2005. It was noted that Ald. Zach Brandon had requested that this item be rereferred to the CCOC meeting of February 1, 2005. Ald. Jean MacCubbin had questions on the March 1 deadline and turnaround time for CCOC to act each year. The motion passed by acclamation.

5. Ordinance - Amending Sections 2.40(2)(e), (2)(g), (3)(e), (3)(h), (6)(a), (6)(c), (7), (8), (9), (10)(a), (11)(b), (11)(c), (11)(e), (11)(f), and (12), creating new Section 2.40(13), and renumbering current Sections 2.40(13) through (15) to Sections 2.40(14) through (16) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify portions of the lobbying ordinance.

Sponsors: Brenda K. Konkell, Michael E. Verveer and Paul E. Skidmore

Attachments: 3623lobby2.doc, lobbyingletter.pdf

A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Ald. MacCubbin, that this matter be recommended to Council to Adopt (Report of Officer)

Registered to Speak/Did not indicate if she supported or opposed:
Delora Newton, Representing Smart Growth Madison

Ms. Newton had concerns that the ordinance doesn't differentiate on types of contacts. Her concern was for the "little guy" being penalized. She noted as an example a liquor license renewal - they have contact with the city or alders and appear before the ALRC. She doesn't think that they will know that they need to comply with the lobbying ordinance. She thought the intention of the ordinance to get at those that influence policy decisions and feels that the ordinance will affect a broader population. She distributed a memo that highlighted Milwaukee's lobbying ordinance provisions and thought that these should be considered for Madison's lobbying ordinances. She also included her Smart Growth Madison's recommendation that "administrative action" and "legislative action" should be defined. (see attached memo).

Ald. Jean MacCubbin asked Ms. Newton if she had concerns about the lack of the posting/accessibility of the lobbying information. She would like to be able to file the form electronically on-line.

Ald. Paul Van Rooy asked City Attorney Michael May if the definition of "lobbying" could be more clearly defined. City Attorney May believed that the definition was clear on who was a lobbyist and that by deleting exemptions it further clarifies the definition.

Ald. Brian Benford asked what the downside was of the registration process. City Attorney May noted that the simple act of registering is not the issue with lobbyists but rather reporting the information. He indicated that if the person spent less than \$500 there was no reporting other than checking a box.

Ald. Paul Van Rooy asked if there was a distinction between someone who lobbying to change policy and someone who is lobbying on a project. City Attorney May indicated that there was no distinction - it is either an administrative action or a legislative action.

Ald. Brenda Konkel asked how the City Attorney's office would be checking on complaints. City Attorney May stated that they would be reviewing registration forms and be relying on the person to identify themselves as lobbyist or committee members to ask the person if they are representing someone or not.

Ald. Brian Benford asked what the downside was of the ordinance. City Attorney Michael May indicated that education and complaints about the paperwork have been the two frequent complaints. Both of those issues have been worked on and appear in the new ordinance language.

Ald. Paul Skidmore indicated that he didn't think that the ordinance was a bad idea and that he thought that the effort to provide more education to the public on the ordinance would be beneficial. He believed that the ordinance would need to be "tweaked" as time goes on but fully supported the ordinance changes.

Ald. Judy Compton thought that at times the paperwork had a chilling effect and would like to see the definition of "payment" defined more fully.

Ald. Robbie Webber stated that when someone appears before a committee at the grassroots level and is not being paid that it is very different from a person who is being paid to represent someone appearing before a committee. She thought that the registration form is very clear on that distinction.

Ald. Brenda Konkel disclosed that she works for an agency that employs a lobbyist.

Information Services staff were requested to be present at the February 1, 2005 CCOC meeting to discuss lobbyist information on the city's website. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Ald. Brenda K. Konkel, Ald. Paul J. Van Rooy, Ald. Robbie Webber, Ald. Jean M. MacCubbin, Ald. Paul E. Skidmore and Ald. Brian Benford

No: Ald. Judy Compton

6. Ordinance - Amending Section 2.05(1) of the Madison General Ordinances to require a two-thirds majority vote for items to be introduced to the Common Council by title only, and creating Section 2.41 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a Rules Committee to review obsolete ordinances.

Sponsors: Zachariah Brandon

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Creating a Madison Elections Advisory Commission.

Attachments: Email from Paul Malishke

A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Ald. Compton, that this matter be discussed. The members approved the creation of a subcommittee of CCOC to review the issue of creating a Madison Election Advisory Committee. Members to include Ald. Brenda Konkel, Ald. Jean MacCubbin and Ald. Paul Van Rooy. Sharon Christensen (Deputy City Clerk) and Paul Malischke will be invited to attend. Subcommittee will report back with recommendations to the CCOC at a future meeting. The motion passed by acclamation.

8. Legistar (legislative tracking) Update - Lisa Veldran

Lisa Veldran provided an update on the legislative tracking implementation. Ald. Jean MacCubbin thought that the Project Implementation Team should be formally thanked.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items - Ald. Brenda Konkel, Council President

The following items were noted as upcoming issues/items for CCOC discussion or action.

Resolution - Requesting a review by the Plan Commission, Urban Design Commission and the Common Council Organizational Committee of the Economic Development Commission's recommendations from their report entitled "Opportunities to Make Madison City Government More Friendly to Business" dated December 2004

Sponsors: Brenda K. Konkel

Discussion of evaluation process of Compensation Group 21 employees

Attachments: Agency Evaluation Feedback Form, Substitute Resolution, ID# 27009, Excerpt from MGO 3.38(6)(c)3

Discussion on the City's Planning Councils

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Van Rooy, seconded by Ald. Skidmore, to adjourn meeting. Adjourned at 5:43 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.