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Task Force on Structure of City Government Common Council Subcommittee

Friday, November 2, 2018

2:00 p.m.

City-County Building, Room GR-27
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting Called to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Rothschild, Ahrens, Trachtenberg

Absent: Castañeda; Upchurch (arrived at 2:05 p.m.)

Also Present: Alder Keith Furman; Alder Samba Baldeh; Lisa Veldran; and ACA John Strange

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The Subcommittee elected Ron Trachtenberg as Vice Chair via a unanimous voice vote.

6. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBTOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION RELATIVE TO THE CURRENT STRUCTURE OF FUNCTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

The Subcommittee discussed topics for consideration and developed a work plan for discussing those topics. The work plan would be to discuss the following topic areas in separate meetings and then to follow up with additional meetings to compile a report regarding the positive and negative considerations to making changes to the Common Council that would impact these topic areas.

TOPIC AREA 1

1. Full v. Part time alders or hybrid of full and part time.
2. Alder Terms (2 v 4 years).
3. Number of Alders/Districts.
4. Staggered Terms.

TOPIC AREA 2

5. At-large v. Geographic Districts or hybrid or numbered districts. Coterminous boundaries with County districts.
6. Term limits.
7. Redistricting considerations including diversity representation.

TOPIC AREA 3

8. Compensation levels.
9. Compensation and term of Council President and Vice President.
10. Support staffing levels and training for Council members.
11. Alders serving on BCCs.

TOPIC AREA 4

12. Appointment of Council members to BCCs.
13. Appointment of Residents to BCCs.
14. Council Members as Chairs of BCCs.
15. Structural and procedural issues relating to equity and meaningful engagement of residents in council decision-making. Subtopics to be discussed include, but are not limited to, are time, place and length of Council meetings, budget development, barriers to resident participation and accountability.

Prior to each meeting, members of the committee will research and be prepared to present and discuss at the meeting the positive and negative factors of each element of the subtopics. Following completion of the discussion of the topics, the subcommittee will compile a report indicating, in its view, the positive and negative considerations affecting the options available to change the structure of the Common Council.

7. DISCUSSION AND CREATION OF WORK PLAN TO FORMULATE A RANGE OF POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FULL TASK FORCE ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE CITY'S COMMON COUNCIL

See above item 6.

8. SELECT DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Subcommittee selected November 16, November 30, December 7, and December 14 to discuss the four groupings of topics above. The subcommittee will schedule additional meetings after the holiday season.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

See above item 6.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ahrens, seconded by Trachtenberg to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.