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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Denise DeMarb; Maurice S. Cheeks; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Ledell Zellers;
Matthew J. Phair and Chris Schmidt

Absent: 1 - Mark Clear

Excused: 1 - Rebecca Kemble

Others Present: Heather Allen, Ald. Barbara McKinney, Ald. Paul Skidmore,
Asst. CA John Strange, CA Mike May, Anne Monks, Nick Zavos, Ken Golden,
Ald. David Ahrens and Ald. Sara Eskrich

Ald. Denise DeMarb, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Maurice Cheeks, seconded by Ald. Ledell Zellers,
to approve the minutes from the December 1, 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 from members present.

UPDATE

Ald. Mark Clear arrived at 4:41 p.m.

Present: 7 - Denise DeMarb; Maurice S. Cheeks; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Ledell Zellers;
Matthew J. Phair; Mark Clear and Chris Schmidt

Excused: 1 - Rebecca Kemble

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Legislative Update (December 2015) - Nicholas Zavos, Mayor's Governmental Relations Officer

Nick Zavos, Governmental Relations Officer, provided an update to CCOC members on the following bills in the State Legislature:

1. AB 583, prohibiting a municipality from prohibiting or restricting persons from renting out their homes for 7 or more days.
2. SB 479, Allowing towns in Dane County to withdraw from County zoning.
3. SB 445, Prohibiting Municipalities from regulating landlords and implementing rental inspection programs; requiring owner consent for historic preservation designation.
4. AB 582, Property rights and how assessed when platting undeveloped lands
5. SB 314, prohibiting persons from acquiring land owned by state and local governments through adverse possession.

REPORTS

[41137](#)

Report on Equity Conference/Equity 15 (October 27-29, 2015 / Los Angeles CA) - Ald. Barbara H. McKinney, District 1

Attachments: [PolicyLink Mission Lifting Up What Works.pdf](#)
[Equity Summit 2015 Agenda Overview.pdf](#)
[PolicyLink Newsletter_Equity Summit 2015.pdf](#)
[8/7/15 PolicyLink Equity Blog.pdf](#)

Ald. Barbara McKinney provided a verbal report on her attendance at the Equity Conference in Los Angeles, CA in October (see attached handouts). Ald. McKinney stated that PolicyLink's challenge was to pivot from protests to governance and crossgenerational activism.

She noted that there were approximately 30 people from the Madison WI area that attended the conference. She is now part of a group that meets to discuss equity issues in their organizations and in Madison (e.g. YWCA, Forward Community Investments).

[41166](#)

Report on American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting (November 6-9, 2015 / Chicago IL) - Ald. Paul Skidmore, District 9

Ald. Paul Skidmore provided a verbal report on his attendance at the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) annual meeting in Chicago IL in November. He noted that there were over 130 informational workshops. He attended sessions on compacted urban soils, complete streets program and designing with the homeless population. In particular the Bud Clark Commons, Portland, Oregon: <http://youtu.be/nuUCOXy8yN0>

Ald. Skidmore hopes to provide other staff and committees with information that he gathered from the conference. He plans on attending (and presenting) at the State ASLA conference in February 2016.

COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

[38469](#)

SUBSTITUTE Amending Sections 3.14(4)(a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Madison General Ordinances to add an elected official from a Regional Transit Partner to the Transit and Parking Commission

Sponsors: Paul R. Soglin and Chris Schmidt

Attachments: [Version 1](#)
[DRAFT Substitute with markings](#)
[DRAFT Substitute w/o markings](#)

Recommendation included creation of a comprehensive committee to review and recommend changes to MGO 3.14.

Registration:

Ken Golden, 2904 Gregory Street (Madison) / Spoke / Support

Ken Golden spoke in favor of the ordinance amendment and provided background information on the genesis of the amendment request. The amendment was intended to provide a voice for outside communities who utilize Metro (staff appointment).

A motion was made by Ald. Maurice Cheeks, seconded by Ald. Matt Phair to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT SUBSTITUTE.

After discussion CCOC members decided that the entire transportation ordinance should be reviewed by a work group (MGO 3.14).

A substitute motion was made by Ald. Mark Clear, seconded by Ald. Chris Schmidt, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE WITHOUT PREJUDICE - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[40947](#)

Creating Section 4.29 of the Madison General Ordinances relating to affiliated organizations for the City of Madison.

Sponsors: Michael E. Verveer

A motion was made by Cheeks, seconded by Bidar-Sielaff, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEM

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Role of Council Leadership and Messaging (to Council, Mayor, Media) - Ald. Denise DeMarb, Council President

Ald. Denise DeMarb expressed her interest in pursuing the creation of a communication specialist or public information officer position for the Common Council. The position could formulate Council Leadership or Common Council statements and responses on topical issues, to mayoral statements, etc.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Reminder: Common Council Training on communicating about race and use of the city's equity tool on February 6, 2016 @ 12 noon at Goodman Center (Waubesa Street).

* Presentation by the Public Health Department - Department Overview

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Chris Schmidt, seconded by Ald. Matt Phair, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.