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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 -

Mark Clear; Bryon A. Eagon; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Marsha A. Rummel and Michael Schumacher

Excused: 3 -

Lauren Cnare; Ald. Chris Schmidt and Tim Bruer

Others Present: Janet Piraino (Mayor's Chief of Staff), Ray Harmon (Mayoral Assistant), Frank Alfano (Sister Cities), Kaleem Caire (ULGM), Laura DeRoche-Perez (ULGM), Brad Murphy (Planning Director) and Brenda Konkel

Ald. Mark Clear, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Ald. Marsha Rummel to approve the December 14, 2010 Common Council Organizational Committee minutes . The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Ald. Mark Clear indicated that the Urban League of Greater Madison was a client of his.

SISTER CITY EXPENDITURE REQUEST

21012

Sister City Expenditure Request: \$465 for registration fee for 30th Annual International Festival at the Overture Center on March 5, 2011.

Attachments: [1/18/11 Sister City Expenditure Request](#)

Registration: Frank Alfano, 4809 Eldorado, Madison, WI Support/Available to Answer Questions (*representing Madison-Mantova Sister City)

A motion was made by Ald. Michael Schumacher, seconded by Ald. Bidar-Sielaff to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ald. Chris Schmidt arrived at 4:39 p.m. Ald. Tim Bruer arrived at 4:41 p.m.

Present: 7 -

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

Excused: 1 -

Lauren Cnare

PRESENTATION

21019

Presentation: Proposed Charter School - Madison Preparatory Academy for Young Men - Kaleem Caire, Urban League of Greater Madison

Attachments: [ULGM Charter School Presentation](#)
[ULGM Follow Up to MMSD Board \(1/5/11\)](#)

Kaleem Caire, President of the Urban League of Greater Madison (ULGM) and Laura DeRoche-Perez, Charter School Development Consultant with ULGM were in attendance to present information on the proposed Madison Preparatory Academy for Young Men charter school. Mr. Caire shared Madison Prep's mission: "Madison Preparatory Academy for Young Men will provide a world class secondary education for young men that prepares them for leadership, service and success at a four-year college or university." He provided information on their student performance objectives, educational strategies, parent & community engagement strategies and operational strategies (see attachments to this legislative file: PowerPoint 1/18/11 & MMSD Follow-Up Q & A dated 1/5/11).

Mr. Caire noted that they would not be employing unionized teachers. He stated that they want to focus on educating the students and didn't want to be restricted by a union contract.

Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff asked how they would take into account socio-economic status. Ms. DeRoche-Perez noted that they cannot set a poverty threshold but can develop exceptions as it relates to gender, expelled students (certain category), sibling preferences and special education needs of students. She stated that they will be looking at setting a 50% free-low cost lunch criteria.

Ald. Marsha Rummel asked how many students they would accept. Mr. Caire stated that they would start with 90 students: 45 students in 6th grade and 45 students in 7th grade. They will eventually add more students with the goal of 335 students. They are also looking at starting a girls prep charter school in the future with a goal of an additional 335 students for a total of 700 students.

Ald. Marsha Rummel asked if the charter school would only focus on the brightest students. Ms. DeRoche-Perez stated that was a false assumption and that educational data noted that charter schools tend to get kids who are less prepared, less wealthy and come with higher needs than students in traditional schools. Ald. Rummel also asked what type of governance structure was in place and how would they be accountable to the parents/taxpayers. Ms. DeRoche-Perez stated that charter schools have more layers of oversight. Their school oversight would include the MMSD Board of Education, Madison Prep School board and a Madison Prep non-profit group. But ultimately they

were accountable to the MMSD Board. She also noted that if their charter school did not perform they would be shut down and you couldn't say that about public schools. She also responded to the question about taking money away from the school district and that charter schools do not take money away from the school district because they were educating the same students that the district would be educating.

Ald. Tim Bruer asked what they learned from Badger Rock Charter School and Wright Middle School experiences. Mr. Caire stated that they learned to get their information out early, focus on a community/neighborhood in need and how to navigate the politics.

Ald. Rummel questioned why ROTC was going to be involved. Mr. Caire stated that ROTC is consistent with the kind of values that they want to embody with the school - discipline, character development, etc.

Ald. Eagon asked what flexibility the charter school had over the public school system. Ms. DeRoche-Perez stated that the main differences were the gender differential (all male), the use of Harkness model of teaching, small classes and their curriculum would be different. She further stated that there were two types of charter schools in Wisconsin: 1. Instrumentality = e.g. Badger Rock - arm of the school district and uses unionized teachers and 2. Non-instrumentality = Madison Prep would employ its own teachers and staff and could modify contracts that best meet the needs of the kids.

Ald. Bidar-Sielaff asked where they would be located. Mr. Caire stated that they have not picked a site but want it to be centrally located (up to 3 acres).

Ald. Eagon asked about the timeline. Ms. Deroche-Perez explained their timeline:

Putting together a DPI grant application

Approval from the Board of Education

Need to hammer out details (mainly around budget, short term/long term facilities plan)

Final details sometime in August/September for charter to be signed between the Urban League and the School District

Recruitment of students

Tentatively opening in August 2012

Ald. Marsha Rummel left at 5:55 p.m.

Present: 6 -

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

Excused: 2 -

Lauren Cnare and Marsha A. Rummel

REFERRAL FROM COMMON COUNCIL

20272

To establish the Ad Hoc Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee to review and make a recommendation on the size of the Common Council and the City's Ward and Aldermanic District boundaries.

Sponsors: David J. Cieslewicz, Mark Clear and Lauren Cnare

Brad Murphy and Janet Piraino were present for the discussion. Mr. Murphy noted that they will receive the census numbers sometime in March. The Ad Hoc Reapportionment & Redistricting Committee could start meeting mid or end of February. Ms. Piraino noted that the following citizens were being appointed by the Mayor (subject to Council approval): Warren Onken, Mark Richardson and Salvador Carranza.

It was noted that the Council President needed to recommend four (4) alder appointments to the Mayor. Ald. Mark Clear stated there were 9 alders who were interested in serving on the ad hoc committee. He asked what other criteria besides gender should he considered. Committee members stated that geographic areas should be considered. Ald. Clear also noted that he was setting up a Council retreat/discussion about council size, council pay, etc. and that information would be forwarded to the ad hoc committee.

A motion was made by Ald. Tim Bruer, seconded by Ald. Michael Schumacher to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER . The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Tim Bruer, seconded by Ald. Chri Schmidt to adjourn . The motion passedby voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.