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Title: Requesting a report with recommendations from the Common Council Organizational Committee regarding improvements to the budget process.

Notes: Intro from the floor.

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COMMITTEE
Action Text: This Resolution was Refer to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES
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Text of Legislative File 08238

Fiscal Note

Adoption of this resolution will have no fiscal impact beyond the commitment of available staff resources to support preparation of the required CCOC report.

Title

Requesting a report with recommendations from the Common Council Organizational Committee regarding improvements to the budget process.

Body

WHEREAS, the annual budget process has changed significantly over the past few years, including taking three evenings to complete; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has taken a more active interest in the budget and has submitted more budget amendments than in past years; and

WHEREAS, the volume of amendments has caused meetings to run late into the night; and

WHEREAS, since the budget is one of the more important things that the Common Council does throughout the year, and decisions should not be made in the dark of night;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council Organizational Committee should make recommendations to the Common Council on how to improve the budget process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recommendations to improve the process may include, but are not limited to, the following items:

- a) Holding the department briefings on the budget before the full Common Council instead of before the Board of Estimates.
- b) Holding the budget amendment process over a few weeks as opposed to a few days, possibly making amendments immediately after the night a department presents its portion of the budget.
- c) Moving the amendment deadline up so that the public and alders have more time to consider the amendments.
- d) Creating a process for amendments that are presented at the end of the budget process.
- e) Limiting budget meetings to no longer than eight hours at a time.
- f) Recommendations about the set-up of the room in which the budget meetings are held.
- g) Recommendations about rotating the order in which the departments present and then are considered.
- h) Recommendations about the public input process and a process for making amendments following the public input process.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this report is due back to the Common Council by March 1, 2008.