

A Simple List of Subjects for a Common Council Organizational & Strategic Planning Meeting

The following is a list of things people have mentioned in the last year or so, and ideas alders have shared with me over a lunch table. Please review them, and think about what you'd like to add, things you'd like to question or flesh out.

It's a generous list, and we may have to "plan to work on some of them" as opposed to working on them at the meeting. Feel free to suggest which you think might need a workgroup or other meeting; or suggest an approach.

These ideas are in no particular order and do not have their authors associated with them to increase your objectivity!

It might help to parse this list if we thought about what are things we could do better as individual alders and a body to better serve constituents?

Legislative agenda for 2012

Alder Committee appointments – who should make them, what would a process be?

Council Leadership terms – how long, and on what cycle? (At the beginning of terms or mid-way?)

Council Leadership position description or expectations, training

Former alder involvement – rules (if any) of testifying and committee participation.

Rules of conduct.

Chairing BOE and the Common Council meeting

Employing CCOC more effectively

Increasing the Internal Knowledge Base of Alders: Norms and Tools: (More, more frequent) Training on

- Roberts Rules

- Meeting preparation

- Council meeting participation

- Decorum

- Committee role

- Working with the Mayor's office and agency staff

Increasing the External Knowledge Base

- Organizing, promoting, running and facilitating public meetings

- Constituent service tips and tricks

- Conflict resolution

- Communication techniques

Collaboration without breaking any open meetings laws

- Projects, workgroups, legislation

Establish a learning-training calendar

Enlist each other, city staff and outside experts

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(Thanks, all, who have and will contribute!)