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No appropriation required.

Title

Creating a President's Task Force to Review Local Governance Models and make recommendations to the Council and Mayor.

Body

WHEREAS, increases in the size and diversity of Madison's population have brought new challenges and opportunities for the City; and,

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of local governance models is needed to define options for the city of Madison; and,

WHEREAS, there is also a need to formulate and execute a public input process during this comprehensive review,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council President creates a Task Force to Review Local Governance Models with total of seven (7) members made up of four (4) alders and three (3) public members who have expertise in governance and/or community engagement, to be appointed by the Council President,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force will be staffed by the Common Council Legislative Analyst and support from members of the What Works Cities "Effective Government" city staff team,

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President's Task Force will examine and report back on the following questions and issues:

- Governance models of similar cities (population range of 250,000-500,000 from states with similar statutory municipal requirements as Wisconsin and whether the city is growing or declining in population), regarding:
 - o Council structure - including district v. at-large structures
 - o Mayor/City Administrator - including powers and duties of the mayor including the hiring and firing of department and division heads, any extraordinary powers of the mayor including veto, line item veto and emergency management
 - o Committee systems, and the use of resident members
 - o Council staff reporting structure and size
 - o Council and Mayor's staff budgets
 - o City staff reporting structure and general size
 - o Public input processes, including any variation for budget, ordinance changes, routine business
 - o Frequency and time of day of Council and Committee meetings
 - o State laws impacting operations of local government
- How equity and accountability factors into different governance models
 - o How do we ensure decision makers are representative of, connected to, and accountable to all members of the community?
 - o How do we create multiple methods of participation in government, without privileging decision making based on those with time and ability to "show-up" for meetings?
 - o The impact on people of color and those living with lower incomes, including

benefits, burdens, and unintended consequences of any potential changes

- What are our time-specific opportunities for governance change? (i.e., census and redistricting timelines)

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President's Task Force will design and implement an innovative public input process to learn about resident's perception of governance in Madison, and how they feel about different structural options, including results in the final report; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Task Force will dissolve upon the issuance of its report to the Common Council no later than December 31, 2018.