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Final Action:

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

Notes:

Sponsors: Sara Eskrich, Marsha A. Rummel, David Ahrens, Larry Palm, Denise DeMarb, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Steve King, Matthew J. Phair, Amanda Hall and Mark Clear

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Attachments: 47707 v 1.pdf, 7/11/17 Eskrich Memo: Governance Task Force CCEC.pdf, 7/18/17 Email_C Landsness.pdf

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1	06/15/2017	Laura Larsen	Approve
2	06/20/2017	Laura Larsen	Approve

History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Council Office	06/14/2017	Referred for Introduction				
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Referred for Introduction					
	Notes:	Common Council Executive Committee					

2 COMMON COUNCIL 06/20/2017 Refer COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Pass

Action Text: A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Baldeh, to Refer to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2 COMMON COUNCIL 07/11/2017 Re-refer COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 07/18/2017 Pass

Action Text: A motion was made by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Ald. Matt Phair, to approve.

Registration: Carl Landsness registered to speak. Noted that communication was critical in the process and would like to see the legislative and executive branches working together on this initiative.

Ald. Sara Eskrich spoke to her resolution and highlighted points from her memo (attached to file):

1. Structure - smaller task force, practical and meaningful propose (avoid quorum issues and alders are already elected by residents)
2. Public Engagement Process - this task force charged with developing and implementing an engagement process (vs. relying solely on a committee as the engagement tool)

There was discussion on the differences between the Mayor's resolution and Ald. Eskrich's resolution. One of the main differences was the size of their committees. Ald. Eskrich's resolution: 7 members consisting of four alders, three citizens and the Mayor's resolution: 17 members consisting of two alders, 15 citizens.

Ald. Denise DeMarb noted any changes that would result from the review process would take effect after the 2020 census and would not immediately benefit the current Common Council.

A motion was made by Ald. Rebecca Kemble, seconded by Ald. Samba Baldeh, to re-refer to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and should be returned by 7/18/2017. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2 COMMON COUNCIL 07/18/2017 Re-refer COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 08/01/2017 Pass

Action Text: A motion was made by Ald. Rebecca Kemble, seconded by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, to Re-refer to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, due back on 8/1/2017. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 Samba Baldeh; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Rebecca Kemble; Matthew J. Phair; Sheri Carter and Marsha A. Rummel
Noes: 1 Denise DeMarb
Excused: 1 Michael E. Verveer

2 COMMON COUNCIL 08/01/2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Text of Legislative File 47707

Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

SUBSTITUTE - 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, **this review should include a workable and effective public input process** - ~~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 **President's** 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 with support from members of the What Works Cities "Effective Government staff team~~ **the Task Force will have access to the analysis and research conducted by the Effective Government Guidance Team; and**

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the President's Task Force will examine and report on the following questions and issues **and such relevant topics that become visible in the course of the review as they relate to our current form of governance and models for reform and the core values identified by the Strategic Summit and Goal Setting process:**

- ~~• Council structure including district v. at-large structures~~
- **Powers to appoint Council members and public members to city committees, commissions and boards**
- **Powers of Council members to chair meetings of the Common Council, Finance Committee and other committees, commissions and board**
- 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)
- **Number of Council members and its impact on effective representation, functionality of the body and city governmental services**
- **Remunerations of Council members including a process for change in pay**
- 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
- Committee systems, and the use of resident ~~and Council~~ members
- ~~Council staff reporting structure and size~~
- Council and Mayor's staff budgets
- ~~City staff reporting structure and general size~~
- **Potential for improvement of P**ublic input processes, ~~including any variation for in~~ budget, ordinance changes, routine business
- Frequency and time of day of Council and Committee meetings
- ~~State laws impacting operations of local government~~ **Statutory basis for municipal government including the function of the charter, ordinance and rules for**

program operations

- How equity and accountability factors into different governance models
- How do we ensure decision makers are representative of, connected to, and accountable to all members of the community?
- 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?
- 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~~ **the optimal** 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 residents 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.