



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved TASK FORCE ON STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:00 PM

City-County Bldg., Rm. 354 - 210 MLK, Jr. Blvd.

NOTE: POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL EXISTS AT THIS MEETING

CHAIR EILEEN HARRINGTON TO APPEAR BY TELECONFERENCE

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Eileen Harrington, Chair, participated via conference call for this meeting. The chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Staff present: Michael May, John Strange, Harper Donahue IV, Torianna Pettaway, Nicholas Zavos, Karl Van Lith

6:33 p.m. Eric Upchurch arrived

Present: 7 - Paul E. Skidmore; Sara Eskrich; Rebecca Kemble; John E. Rothschild; Jerry B. Vang; Maggie Northrop and Eileen Harrington

Absent: 4 - Sheri Carter; Catherine T.S. Patton; Justice M. Castaneda and Eric S. Upchurch

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes made by John Rothschild, seconded by Jerry Vang. Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

5 PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY ON CURRENT CITY OF MADISON STRUCTURE

A presentation was made by the City Attorney. No action taken.

6 DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS ON CURRENT STRUCTURE

No action taken. The Task Force instructed staff to provide further information regarding: (1) How other cities like Madison are responding to the challenge of dwindling local control; (2) Other forms of government allowed by state statute

(i.e., City-Manager and Commission forms of government); (3) The number of Madison Boards, Commissions, and Committees that have final authority versus the number of Boards, Commission and Committees that serve purely advisory roles; (4) The numbers of people voting in Madison by District; (5) Where residents who serve on the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees tend to live; and (6) A historic timeline of how and when the number of alderpersons on the council changed and how many residents lived in the city at that time.

7 ESTABLISH MEETING SCHEDULE; LIMIT ON CITY CHANNEL COVERAGE

Motion by Alder Kemble and seconded by Alder Eskrich to refer Item 7 to the next meeting of the Task Force on March 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Goodman Center, 149 Waubesa Street, Madison. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

8 USE OF FUNDS BUDGETED FOR TASK FORCE ON STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Discussion. Motion by Alder Eskrich, second by Eric Upchurch to refer Item 8 to the next meeting of the Task Force on March 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Goodman Center, 149 Waubesa Street. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

9 LANGUAGE TO PUT ON AGENDA FOR MORE OPEN DISCUSSION

Discussion. No action taken. The Task Force instructed staff to include the following notice on all future agenda items: **THE TASK FORCE INTENDS TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO STAND INFORMALLY AND ALLOW FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND ENGAGEMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS 5 AND 6, AND MAY SUSPEND THE RULES ON OTHER AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.**

10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion. No action taken. The Task Force instructed staff to amend the Agenda for the March 23, 2018 meeting of the Task Force to include an item that would allow members of the Task Force or the public to present and discuss additional participation models.

11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Eric Upchurch, second by Jerry Vang. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned by 8:17 p.m.

Documents related to the Task Force are attached to Legislative File I.D. No. 50732