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Meeting Minutes - Approved TASK FORCE ON STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

6:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Madison Municipal Building, Room 151

POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL EXISTS AT THIS MEETING

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Documents related to the Task Force on the Structure of City Government.

THE TASK FORCE MAY SUSPEND THE RULES TO STAND INFORMALLY AND ALLOW FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND ENGAGEMENT OF ANY AGENDA ITEM

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: 6 - Rebecca Kemble; Ronald M. Trachtenberg; John E. Rothschild; Justice M. Castañeda; Maggie Northrop and Eileen Harrington

Absent: 4 - Paul E. Skidmore; Sheri Carter; David Ahrens and Eric S. Upchurch

Sheri Carter arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Others Present: City Attorney Michael May, Assistant City Attorney John Strange, Brenda Konkel and Roger Goodwin

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rothschild, second by Kemble to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018. Approved on a unanimous vote.

Motion to suspend the rules to stand informally by Northrop, second by Rothschild Approved on a voice vote.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures.

5 PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMON COUNCIL

The subcommittee has scheduled future meeting dates of 1/18/19, 1/25/19, 2/1/19, 2/8/19, and 3/1, if needed.

The Subcommittee's written update was presented for discussion. The question of which subcommittee is to take up the issue of who makes appointments will be within the BCC subcommittee's role. The question of who will take up the Mayoral issues was deferred to agenda item 8.

**6 PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS
AND COMMITTEES**

The subcommittee has one more meeting scheduled on 1/17 (a later meeting on 1/29 was added). The written report was available for discussion. The alternatives of a series of mother and child committees and a required self-assessment were considered. Eileen Harrington noted the three usual methods of making changes to structure: From the top down, use of sunsets, and the proposed self-assessment with a required work plan. Roger Goodwin urged that the Task Force make very specific recommendations if they were to have a chance of being carried out. Rebecca Kemble said the TFOGS should look at the Oscar Mayer report that had a detailed matrix with issues and recommendations, and that estimated costs should be included.

7 FUTURE MEETINGS

The schedule was noted. Staff raised the question of meeting with CCEC, and the TFOGS asked staff to pursue with CCEC the need for and purposes of such a meeting.

**8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PROCESS FOR WRITING A REPORT AND
CONCLUDING THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE**

The issue of Mayor's office staffing should be put on the 2/6 agenda. Enis Ragland will be asked to make a presentation on structure, size and duties of staff, how that has changed over time, and the budget.

Creation of a subcommittee on the Mayoral staffing should also be on the 2/6 agenda.

The reports of the subcommittees to TFOGS should be on the 3/12 agenda.

The Communications subcommittee should plan to start work after the 2/6 meeting on community engagement processes.

Staff should inquire of a time for the Executive subcommittee to meet, by telephone if necessary.

9 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Kemble, second by Castañeda. Passed on voice vote.
Adjourned at 7:25