



City of Madison

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Madison, WI 53703
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Agenda - Amended COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

4:30 PM

201 City-County Building
and via virtual meeting

Quorum of the Common Council may be present at this meeting

The City of Madison is holding the Common Council Executive Committee meeting in hybrid format.

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- Register to answer questions
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Call to Order/Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

2/10/26 Draft Minutes: <http://madison.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Public Comment

1. [92255](#) Public Comment (3/10/26)

Disclosures and Recusals

Members of the body should make any required disclosures or recusals under the City's Ethics Code.

Items for Consideration

2. [91848](#) SUBSTITUTE: Amending various sections of the Madison General Ordinances to correct inconsistencies and improper references in the Madison General Ordinances, constituting a 2025 City Attorney Revisor's Ordinance.
Attachments: [91848 Body Version 2.pdf](#)
[91848 Body Version 1.pdf](#)
[91848 Master Version 1.pdf](#)
3. [92032](#) Amending various subsections of Section 33.56 of the Madison General Ordinances related to Transportation Commission to update composition, duties and procedures.
Attachments: [TC ordinance 03-04-26.pdf](#)
4. [92185](#) Amending various Sections of the Madison General Ordinances related to Terms of Alders on Boards, Commissions and Committees.
5. [92256](#) Research on Changes to Structure of Council in Fast-Growing Communities
6. [92257](#) Debrief on 2025-2026 CCEC Initiatives
 - Monthly CCEC meetings
 - Common Council discussion/briefing format
 - State lobbying report-outs to CCEC
 - New alder mentor system
 - Any other reflections on the experience of being on CCEC or advice for new CCEC members
7. [88520](#) Council Office Updates (2025-2026)

Attachments: [CCEC Chief of Staff Update 6-3-25.pdf](#)
[CCEC Chief of Staff Update 7-1-25.pdf](#)
[CCEC Chief of Staff Update 080525.pdf](#)
[CCEC Chief of Staff Update 091625.pdf](#)
[CCEC Chief of Staff Update 102825.pdf](#)
[CCEC Chief of Staff Update 120925.pdf](#)
[CCEC Chief of Staff Update 021026.pdf](#)

8. [88519](#) Future Agenda Items (2025-2026)

Attachments: [Future Agenda Item Requests 2025-2026 updated 6-3-25.pdf](#)
[Future Agenda Item Requests \(updated 1-13-26\).pdf](#)

****Addendum****

9. [92211](#) Amending Section 33.27(3)(d) of the Madison General Ordinances related to the Deferred Compensation Committee.

Adjournment



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Version: 1

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Controlling Body: COMMON
COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

File Created Date : 03/04/2026

File Name: Public Comment (3/10/26)

Final Action:

Title: Public Comment (3/10/26)

Notes:

Sponsors:

Effective Date:

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Author:

Hearing Date:

Entered by: kkapusta-pofahl@cityofmadison.com

Published Date:

History of Legislative File

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Text of Legislative File 92255

Title

Public Comment (3/10/26)



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File Number: 91848

File ID: 91848

File Type: Ordinance

Status: Council New Business

Version: 2

Reference:

Controlling Body: COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

File Created Date : 02/03/2026

File Name: Revisor's Ordinance February 2026

Final Action:

Title: SUBSTITUTE: Amending various sections of the Madison General Ordinances to correct inconsistencies and improper references in the Madison General Ordinances, constituting a 2025 City Attorney Revisor's Ordinance.

Notes: 7028RevOrd2026-1

Sponsors: CITY ATTORNEY

Effective Date:

Attachments: 91848 Body Version 2.pdf, 91848 Body Version 1.pdf, 91848 Master Version 1.pdf

Enactment Number:

Author: Michael Haas

Hearing Date:

Entered by: mglaeser@cityofmadison.com

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History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Attorney's Office	02/03/2026	Referred for Introduction				
	Action Text:	This Ordinance was Referred for Introduction					
	Notes:	Common Council Executive Committee (3/10/26), Common Council (3/10/26)					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	02/10/2026	Refer	COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE			Pass
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Refer to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					

Text of Legislative File 91848

Fiscal Note

No City appropriation required.

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Superintendent of Parks or designee, and Park Rangers.	Section 7.32, Deposit of Rubbish and Refuse on Streets, Public Grounds, or in Lakes or in Any Manner to Create Any Stench or Nuisance; Section 7.321, Depositing Human Waste Products Regulated; Section 7.322, Animal Defecation on Public or Private Property Regulated; Section 8.11, Forest Hill Cemetery; Section 8.15, Regulation of Private Use of Greenways, Park Lands, and the Southwest Bike Path; Section 8.16, Unauthorized Vehicles on Public Lands; Section 8.17, Vending in Public Parks; Section 8.18, Parking Regulated in Certain Parks; Section 8.185, Watercraft and/or Other Boating Equipment Storage on City Property Regulated; Section 8.188, Anchoring and Mooring of Watercraft Regulated; Section 8.19, Animals Prohibited in Certain Areas; Section 8.21, Public Parks To Be Closed During Certain Hours; Section 8.215, Lake Access Permits; Section 8.22, Fishing in Certain Parks of Tenney Park Prohibited; Section 8.23, Use Of Public Golf Courses Restricted To Golfing Purposes; Section 8.24, Alcohol Beverage Control and Container Control on Certain Public

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<p>Inspection Division Director or their designee.</p>	<p>Section 9.21, Scrap and Recycling Dealers; Section 34.5608(5)(a) and (c)4.c., Fireworks Event Permit General Clean-Up Plan.”</p>

3. Subsection (11) entitled “Emerging Opportunities Program” of Section 3.12 entitled “Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(11) Emerging Opportunities Program. The Community Development Division (CDD), in concert with the Community Development Block Grant and Community Services Committees, ~~and with the final approval of the Community Development Division Conference Committee established in Sec. 33.18~~ will allocate City resources to a resident, groups of residents, and/or community organizations for projects and activities that serve prioritized issues or populations. Such allocations are generally made through structured and regularly scheduled funding processes. Emerging needs or unanticipated opportunities routinely occur throughout the calendar year that cannot be properly addressed by these funding processes. This program is created and maintained so that the City can respond to such developments in a more timely manner and seize these opportunities as they are presented and most viable. It is also intended to offer opportunities for new and nascent organizations to receive financial support provided

they can demonstrate broad engagement in the development of projects or activities they propose to undertake.”

4. Subsection (2) entitled “Residence: Boards, Commissions and Committees” of Section 3.30 entitled “Qualifications—City Officers, Members of Commissions, and Employees” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(2) Residence: Boards, Commissions and Committees. Each person who is or shall be eligible for appointment as a member of a City of Madison board, committee or commission shall be a resident of the City of Madison, provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to a member of or candidate for appointment to a City of Madison board, committee or commission where, in the judgment of the Mayor and two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Common Council, the best interests of the City will be served by the appointment of a non-resident member who is particularly well qualified by reasons of education, background, and experience with Madison business concerns or other Madison-based employers and the Mayor specifies fully to the Common Council the reasons why he or she is recommending such appointment. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to persons who are employed under a joint and cooperative arrangement with Dane County, ~~nor shall it apply to appointments to the Equal Opportunities Commission Employment Committee~~ if the appointee works for a business located in Madison. Wherever in these ordinances a reference is made to a resident member of a committee, the appointment is subject to this section.

In the event that any person required to reside in the City of Madison or ceases to reside in his or her respective jurisdiction, his or her position shall be deemed vacated. Such vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed by law or ordinance for the original appointment of that position.”

5. Subsection (2) of Section 5.04 entitled “Salaries” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(2) The salaries of members of the department shall be in lieu of all fees, percentages, and commissions; and all fees, percentages and commissions of every kind, ~~other than rewards offered for the apprehension of criminals which may be retained by the member receiving the same,~~ shall be paid into the City Treasury and applied by the Treasurer as provided in ~~Section 62.13 (9) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.~~”

6. Subsection (8) entitled “Review by University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus Area Committees Prior to Final Building Design Review” of Section 28.097 entitled “Campus-Institutional District” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(8) Review by University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus Area Committees Committee Prior to Final Building Design Review. Prior to presenting final building design to the architectural review committee under Sub. (7) above, the University of Wisconsin-Madison shall present the final building design plans to a meeting of the Joint ~~West and Joint Southeast area review committees~~ Campus Area Committee after giving notice of the joint meeting by first class mail to the owners of record, as listed in the office of the City assessor, and occupants of multi-tenant buildings, of property in whole or in part situated within two hundred (200) feet of the boundaries of the properties affected.”

7. Subsection (2) of Section 33.15 entitled “Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

- “(2) (a) Membership. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Common Council. Members shall serve without compensation. Two (2) members shall be alderpersons. The other members shall be resident members, at least two of whom reside within a low- or moderate-income census tract as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the remaining residents shall be residents who through their expertise, lived experience or strong interest in the work of the Committee will represent a broad range of perspectives on issues before the Committee.
- (b) ~~Alternate Members.~~ ~~In addition to the nine (9) members, as provided in Subdivision (a) above, the Mayor shall appoint a first alternate and a second alternate member. Alternate members shall serve a term of one (1) year, and may be re-appointed. The first alternate shall act with full power when any other member of the Committee is absent or refuses to act because of a conflict of interest. The second alternate shall act only when the first alternate is absent or refuses to act, or when more than one (1) Committee member is absent or refuses to act because of a conflict of interest. Alternates may serve as the CDBG Committee representative on other City committees at any time.”~~

8. Subdivision (g) of Subsection (4) entitled “Powers and Duties” of Section 33.15 entitled “Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances is repealed.

9. Section 33.16 entitled “Community Services Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“33.16 COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOURCES COMMITTEE”

EDITOR’S NOTE:

Subdivision (g) of Subsection (4) entitled “Powers and Duties” of Section 33.15 entitled “Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances currently reads as follows:

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“(11) Emerging Opportunities Program. The Community Development Division (CDD), in concert with the Community Development Block Grant and Community Services Committees, ~~and with the final approval of the Community Development Division Conference Committee established in Sec. 33.18~~ will allocate City resources to a resident, groups of residents, and/or community organizations for projects and activities that serve prioritized issues or populations. Such allocations are generally made through structured and regularly scheduled funding processes. Emerging needs or unanticipated opportunities routinely occur throughout the calendar year that cannot be properly addressed by these funding processes. This program is created and maintained so that the City can respond to such developments in a more timely manner and seize these opportunities as they are presented and most viable. It is also intended to offer opportunities for new and nascent organizations to receive financial support provided

they can demonstrate broad engagement in the development of projects or activities they propose to undertake.”

4. Subsection (2) entitled “Residence: Boards, Commissions and Committees” of Section 3.30 entitled “Qualifications—City Officers, Members of Commissions, and Employees” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(2) Residence: Boards, Commissions and Committees. Each person who is or shall be eligible for appointment as a member of a City of Madison board, committee or commission shall be a resident of the City of Madison, provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to a member of or candidate for appointment to a City of Madison board, committee or commission where, in the judgment of the Mayor and two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Common Council, the best interests of the City will be served by the appointment of a non-resident member who is particularly well qualified by reasons of education, background, and experience with Madison business concerns or other Madison-based employers and the Mayor specifies fully to the Common Council the reasons why he or she is recommending such appointment. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to persons who are employed under a joint and cooperative arrangement with Dane County, ~~nor shall it apply to appointments to the Equal Opportunities Commission Employment Committee~~ if the appointee works for a business located in Madison. Wherever in these ordinances a reference is made to a resident member of a committee, the appointment is subject to this section.

In the event that any person required to reside in the City of Madison or ceases to reside in his or her respective jurisdiction, his or her position shall be deemed vacated. Such vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed by law or ordinance for the original appointment of that position.”

5. Subsection (2) of Section 5.04 entitled “Salaries” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(2) The salaries of members of the department shall be in lieu of all fees, percentages, and commissions; and all fees, percentages and commissions of every kind, ~~other than rewards offered for the apprehension of criminals which may be retained by the member receiving the same,~~ shall be paid into the City Treasury and applied by the Treasurer as provided in ~~Section 62.13 (9) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.~~”

6. Subsection (8) entitled “Review by University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus Area Committees Prior to Final Building Design Review” of Section 28.097 entitled “Campus-Institutional District” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(8) Review by University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus Area Committees Committee Prior to Final Building Design Review. Prior to presenting final building design to the architectural review committee under Sub. (7) above, the University of Wisconsin-Madison shall present the final building design plans to a meeting of the Joint ~~West and Joint Southeast area review committees~~ Campus Area Committee after giving notice of the joint meeting by first class mail to the owners of record, as listed in the office of the City assessor, and occupants of multi-tenant buildings, of property in whole or in part situated within two hundred (200) feet of the boundaries of the properties affected.”

7. Subsection (2) of Section 33.15 entitled "Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

- "(2) (a) Membership. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Common Council. Members shall serve without compensation. Two (2) members shall be alderpersons. The other members shall be resident members, at least two of whom reside within a low- or moderate-income census tract as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the remaining residents shall be residents who through their expertise, lived experience or strong interest in the work of the Committee will represent a broad range of perspectives on issues before the Committee.
- (b) ~~Alternate Members.~~ ~~In addition to the nine (9) members, as provided in Subdivision (a) above, the Mayor shall appoint a first alternate and a second alternate member. Alternate members shall serve a term of one (1) year, and may be re-appointed. The first alternate shall act with full power when any other member of the Committee is absent or refuses to act because of a conflict of interest. The second alternate shall act only when the first alternate is absent or refuses to act, or when more than one (1) Committee member is absent or refuses to act because of a conflict of interest. Alternates may serve as the CDBG Committee representative on other City committees at any time."~~

8. Subdivision (g) of Subsection (4) entitled "Powers and Duties" of Section 33.15 entitled "Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee" of the Madison General Ordinances is repealed.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Subdivision (g) of Subsection (4) entitled "Powers and Duties" of Section 33.15 entitled "Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee" of the Madison General Ordinances currently reads as follows:

- "(g) The Community Development Block Grant Committee (CDBG) shall recommend to the Mayor three (3) of its regular members (not alternate members), including one alderperson, to serve as members of the Community Development Division Conference Committee. The term of each appointment shall be one year."



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Sponsors: CITY ATTORNEY

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Title

Amending various sections of the Madison General Ordinances to correct inconsistencies and improper references in the Madison General Ordinances, constituting a 2025 City Attorney Revisor's Ordinance.

Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This City Attorney Revisor's Ordinance corrects certain parts of the Madison General Ordinances (MGO), the City's code of ordinances.

The proposed changes in this ordinance are as follows:

- Section 1.08(3) is amended to correct references to Sections of the Madison General Ordinances and perform table reformatting in particular areas.
- Section 1.08(4) is amended to correct references to Sections of the Madison General

- Ordinances and consolidate enforcement official authority listings.
- Section 3.12(11) is amended to remove a reference to the Community Development Division Conference Committee, repealed by ORD-25-00022.
 - Section 3.30(2) is amended to remove a reference to the Equal Opportunities Commission Employment Committee, repealed by ORD-17-00114.
 - Section 5.04(2) is amended following repeal of §62.13(9), Wis. Stats. in 1977.
 - Section 28.097(8) is amended following renaming of committee in 2018.
 - Section 33.15(2) is amended to remove references to alternate members following amendments to 33.15(2)(a) by ORD-25-00022.
 - Section 33.15(4)(g) is repealed, following the repeal of the Community Development Division Conference Committee by ORD-25-00022.

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File Name: Transportation Commission Composition, Duties,
Procedures

Final Action:

Title: Amending various subsections of Section 33.56 of the Madison General Ordinances related to Transportation Commission to update composition, duties and procedures.

Notes: 7031TransportCommUpdates

Introduced by title only on 2/24/2026

Sponsors: Regina M. Vidaver, Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford,
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	Notes: Transportation Commission (3/3/26), Common Council Executive Committee (3/10/26), Common Council (3/10/26)						
1	COMMON COUNCIL	02/24/2026	Refer	TRANSPORTATI ON COMMISSION		03/04/2026	Pass
	Action Text: A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Refer to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.						
	Notes: Additional referral to Common Council Executive Committee.						
1	TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	02/24/2026	Referred	COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE			
	Action Text: This Ordinance was Referred to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE						
1	TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	03/04/2026	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER				Pass

Action Text: McCahill moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Text of Legislative File 92032

Fiscal Note

No City appropriation required.

Title

Amending various subsections of Section 33.56 of the Madison General Ordinances related to Transportation Commission to update composition, duties and procedures.

Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance makes several changes to MGO 33.56 which governs the Transportation Commission. Most significantly, the ordinance clarifies certain steps and options for the Transportation Commission, Board of Public Works and Common Council in the process of approving geometric designs to be included in road construction projects. The ordinance also updates various provisions of MGO 33.56 related to the Commission's powers and duties and final decision making to make them consistent with current practices. It also updates the language related to terms of alders on the Transportation Commission to accommodate the staggered terms of alders and make it consistent with previous changes to MGO 33.01.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Subdivision (b) entitled "Appointment and Terms of Common Council Members" of Subsection (a) entitled "Members" of Subsection (3) entitled "Composition" of Section 33.56 entitled "Transportation Commission" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(b)Appointment and Terms of Common Council Members. Common Council members of the Transportation Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Terms for Common Council members shall ~~coincide with their terms on the Common Council~~ be pursuant to 33.01(6)(a). Appointments for such terms shall be made at the organizational meeting of the Common Council on the third Tuesday in April or as soon thereafter as the Mayor makes the appointment."

2. Subdivision (c) entitled "Appointment and Terms of Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members" of Subsection (a) entitled "Members" of Subsection (3) entitled "Composition" of Section 33.56 entitled "Transportation Commission" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(c)Appointment and Terms of Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members. Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Common Council, and shall have a term of three (3) years, except when the Commission members are initially appointed, Resident Members and Alternate Resident members shall have staggered terms, as provided in Subdivision (e). Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members of the Transportation Commission shall be residents of the City of Madison at the time of appointment and throughout the Member's term. Terms shall expire June 30th for Resident Members. ~~Terms of the four (4) Alder Members shall expire with the expiration of their terms as Alders.~~"

3. Subdivision (a) entitled "Transportation System Policies" of Subsection (6) entitled "Power and Duties" of Section 33.56 entitled "Transportation Commission" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(a) Transportation System Policies.

1. Work collaboratively with the Director of Planning, Community, and Economic Development to develop and recommend for adoption by the Common Council the transportation element of the City's comprehensive plan;
2. Consider, develop, and recommend for adoption by the Common Council transportation policies and plans for all elements of the City's transportation system;
3. Work to eliminate any racial, gender, income, and disability-related disparities ~~that people of color experience and people of low income experience~~ with respect to the City's transportation policies, programs, services and destinations;
4. Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding proposed ordinances related to all elements of the City's transportation system;
5. ~~Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding the proposed budgets of each division of the Department of Transportation;~~
6. ~~Provide annual reports to the Common Council listing any transportation policies or plans that have been adopted by the Commission in the previous year;~~
- 7.5. Recommend that the Common Council establish a Disabled Parking Council of at least seven (7) members, on an ad hoc basis, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 346.50(3m), if any proposed ordinance imposes a 3-hour or less limitation on parking of a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person."

4. Subdivision (b) entitled "Transportation System Oversight" of Subsection (6) entitled "Power and Duties" of Section 33.56 entitled "Transportation Commission" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(b) Transportation System Oversight.

1. Except as provided below, the Transportation Commission shall review and approve all major changes to the City's transportation system, including Transit, Pedestrian, Bicycle, Mobility Device, and Motor ~~Vehicles~~ Vehicle elements of the City's transportation system, or changes outside of adopted policies. In approving changes, the Transportation Commission shall ensure that its decisions are consistent with the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan and all transportation policies adopted by the Common Council.
 - i. It is authorized that the Director of Transportation or designee to make changes to the City's transportation system according to written policies adopted by the Transportation Commission establishing administrative authority, and that the Director or Designee follows the Commission's written policies when implementing such changes.
 - ii. This requirement shall not apply to changes that related to day-to-day operations or routine maintenance.
2. Additionally, the Director of Transportation or designee may make such changes to the transportation system they deem necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of users of the City's transportation system, provided that any such change is reviewed and approved by the Transportation Commission within forty-five (45) days of implementation if such a change is not already authorized by the written policies adopted by the Transportation Commission.

3. The Transportation Commission shall have the power to:
 - i. Modify the Complete Green Streets Guide.
 - ii. Approve updates to the Transit Priority Network.
 - iii. Approve updates to the All Ages and Abilities Bike Network.
 - iv. Approve any design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide.
 - v. Provide recommendation to the Plan Commission for needed variances associated with sub-area plans and plats that propose street facilities and right-of-way widths that vary from the Complete Green Streets Guide.
 - vi. Approval of amendments and modification to mitigation point values in the Transportation Demand Management Program administered by the Transportation Department, and any amendments thereto.
 - vii. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in a determination made by the Transportation Department or where additional relief in the form of mitigation points is required regarding a Transportation Demand Management Plan submitted under Sec. 16.03 MGO.
 - viii. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Transportation Department in the enforcement of Sec. 16.03 MGO.
 - ix. Review and approve requests made through the Safe Streets Madison program after considering all program priorities and evaluation criteria.
 - x. Approve any changes to the Safe Streets Madison program.
 - xi. Make final decisions as set forth in Sec. 33.56(7), MGO."

5. Subdivision (c) entitled "Road Construction Projects" of Subsection (6) entitled "Power and Duties" of Section 33.56 entitled "Transportation Commission" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(c) Road Construction Projects. Final authority for approving road construction projects lies with the Common Council, which takes action after receiving a recommendation from the Board of Public Works. The Transportation Commission shall determine the right-of-way use and geometric designs to be included in the final plans and specifications sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval, with Transportation Commission approval required for any geometric design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide. Alternatively, the Director of Transportation may forward the Transportation Commission's recommended road geometry to the Board of Public Works in advance of the preparation of final plans and specifications. In making a recommendation to the Common Council, the Board of Public Works may recommend approval of the road construction project, including the road geometry approved by the Transportation Commission, refer the road geometry decision back to the Transportation Commission for reconsideration with direction for changes, or recommend against approval of the road construction project on the basis that it does not agree with the Transportation Commission's decision regarding road geometry. The Common Council may approve the road construction project, refer the road geometry decision back to the Transportation Commission for reconsideration with direction for changes, or not approve the road construction project. If a project is referred back to the Transportation Commission, the Commission may determine a new roadway geometry that addresses the direction or delegate to the Director of Transportation or designee the authority to approve right-of-way use, geometric design, and geometric design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide to be sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval. Transportation Commission action is

required for any geometric design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide. For road construction projects identified as appropriate for administrative approval and in compliance with the Complete Green Streets Guide, ~~The~~ the Transportation Commission may authorize the Director of Transportation or designee to determine the right-of-way use and geometric designs to be included in the final plans and specifications sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval.”

6. Subdivision (d) entitled “Complete Green Streets” of Subsection (6) entitled “Power and Duties” of Section 33.56 entitled “Transportation Commission” of the Madison General Ordinances is repealed.

7. Subsection (7) entitled “Final Decisions” of Section 33.56 entitled “Transportation Commission” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(7)Final Decisions. Decisions made by the Transportation Commission under Section (6)(b) above related to any of the following items are final decisions appealable to the Common Council as provided in Section (8) below.

- (a) Transit service standards;
- (b) Transit fares;
- (c) Transit route additions, realignments, extensions or contractions;
- (d) ~~Transit~~ Significant changes in transit headways, and hours of service;
- (e) Rules necessary to ensure safety for bus passengers;
- (f) ~~Regional transit contracts (services and pass programs);~~
- (~~g~~ f) ~~Bus routes and stops~~ Significant changes in bus stop locations, removals of bus stops, or consolidation of bus stops;
- (~~h~~ g) Charter service, taxis, limousines, courtesy cars, hotel ~~busses~~ buses, jitney services, hire and drive services, ride-sharing, car-sharing, transportation network companies, subscription bus service, park and ride facilities, and any other issues pertaining to the operation of the City's transit and services;
- (~~i~~ h) ~~Transit for people with disabilities~~ Significant changes in complementary paratransit services;
- (j ~~i~~) Off-street parking rates;
- (~~k~~ j) Rules necessary to ensure safe and proper operation of parking facilities;
- (~~l~~ k) Parking revenue collection technology and systems including governance of Parking Meter Test Area Programs set forth in Sec. 12.143(1), MGO;
- (~~m~~ l) Pedestrian and bicycle safety, enforcement, and facility maintenance programs;
- (~~n~~ m) ~~School crossings~~ Approve updates to the School Crossing Guard policies and operations;
- (~~o~~ n) Safety Transportation-related safety programs and projects;
- (~~p~~ o) Traffic Addition or removal of traffic signals.”

8. Subsection (8) entitled “Appeal” of Section 33.56 entitled “Transportation Commission” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(8)Appeal. The Mayor, any alderperson, or any member of the Transportation Commission may appeal to the Common Council any final decision of the Transportation Commission. For any appeal, the appellant(s) shall file a petition of appeal with the City Clerk within twenty (20) days of the Transportation Commission's final decision. The petition shall state the decision being appealed, the reasons for appeal, and the relief

being requested. Once the petition is filed, the City Clerk shall set the appeal for a public hearing on ~~the next~~ a Council agenda that is at least seven (7) but no more than ninety (90) days after receipt of the appeal. After a public hearing, the Common Council may, by favorable two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of its members, reverse or modify the decision of the Transportation Commission with or without conditions, or refer the matter back to the Transportation Commission with or without instructions, if it finds that the decision is inconsistent with the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan, is inconsistent with any transportation policy or plan adopted by the Common Council, or is contrary to ~~the~~ public health, safety and/or welfare, is not in compliance with applicable state or federal law or regulation, or would put the City in breach of a prior contract or covenant that the Common Council does not wish to breach."

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Subdivision (d) entitled "Complete Green Streets" of Subsection (6) entitled "Power and Duties" of Section 33.56 entitled "Transportation Commission" of the Madison General Ordinances currently reads as follows:

"(d) Complete Green Streets.

1. Determine the right-of-way use and geometric designs to be included in the final plans and specifications sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval.
2. Modify Complete Green Streets Guide.
3. Approve updates to Transit Priority Network.
4. Approve updates to the All Ages and Abilities Bike Network.
5. Approve any design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide."



Transportation Commission Ordinance Revisions

Transportation Commission Meeting

March 4, 2026

Ordinance changes

- Refine street geometry process to eliminate potential for stalemate
- Clean up list of powers and approvals
- No significant changes to day-to-day function of Transportation Commission

Street geometry process

The process by current ordinance

33.56 6(a) Road Construction Projects.

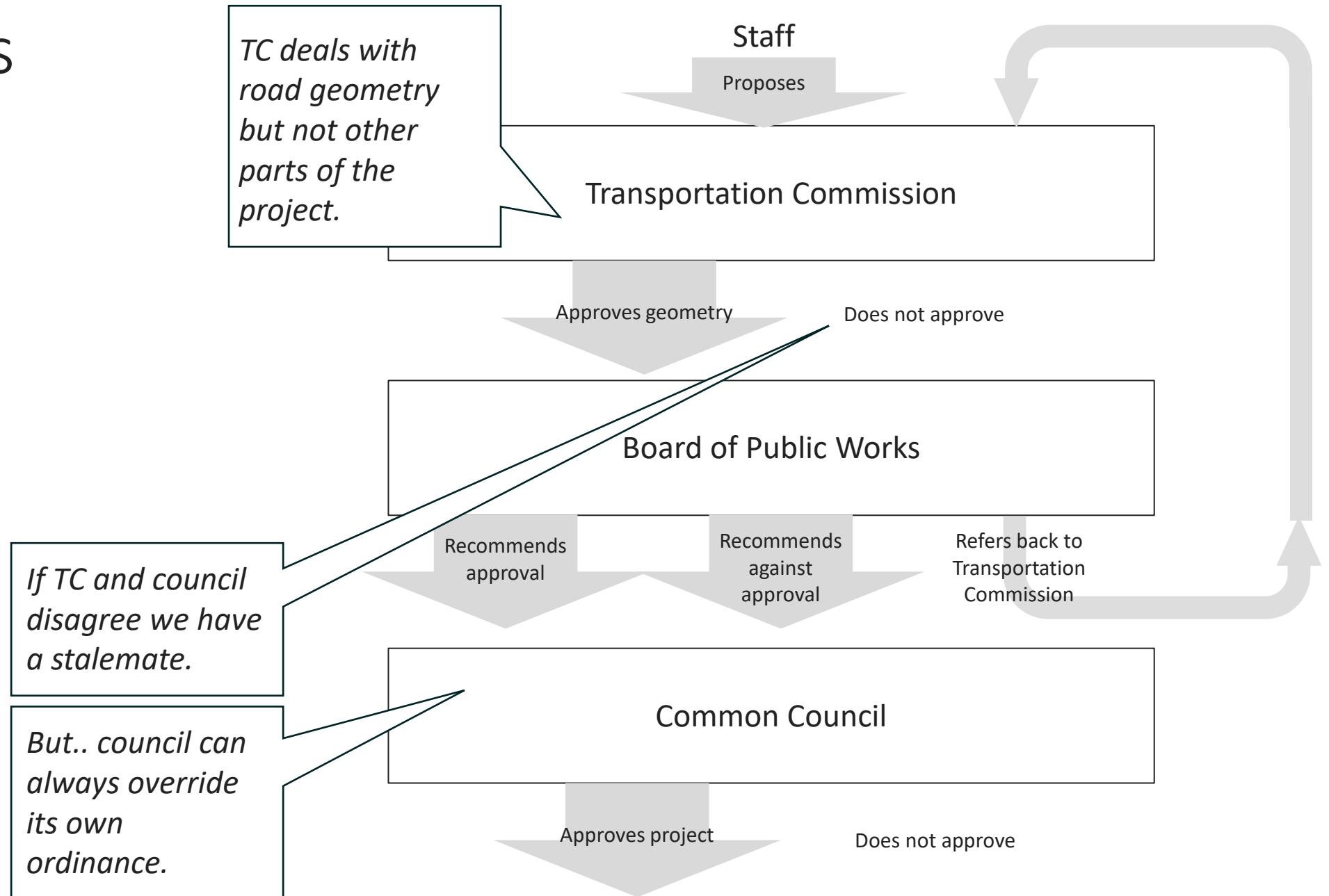
Final authority for approving road construction projects lies with the Common Council, which takes action after receiving a recommendation from the Board of Public Works. The Transportation Commission shall determine the right-of-way use and geometric designs to be included in the final plans and specifications sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval, with Transportation Commission approval required for any geometric design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide. In making a recommendation to the Common Council, the Board of Public Works may recommend approval of the road construction project, including the road geometry approved by the Transportation Commission, refer the road geometry decision back to the Transportation Commission for reconsideration, or recommend against approval of the road construction project on the basis that it does not agree with the Transportation Commission's decision regarding road geometry. For road construction projects identified as appropriate for administrative approval and in compliance with the Complete Green Streets Guide, The Transportation Commission may authorize the Director of Transportation or designee to determine the right-of-way use and geometric designs to be included in the final plans and specifications sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval.

Goal of the process

- “Transportation Commission Approval Required for any geometric design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide”
- “Final authority for approving road construction projects lies with the Common Council.”

The process per current ordinance

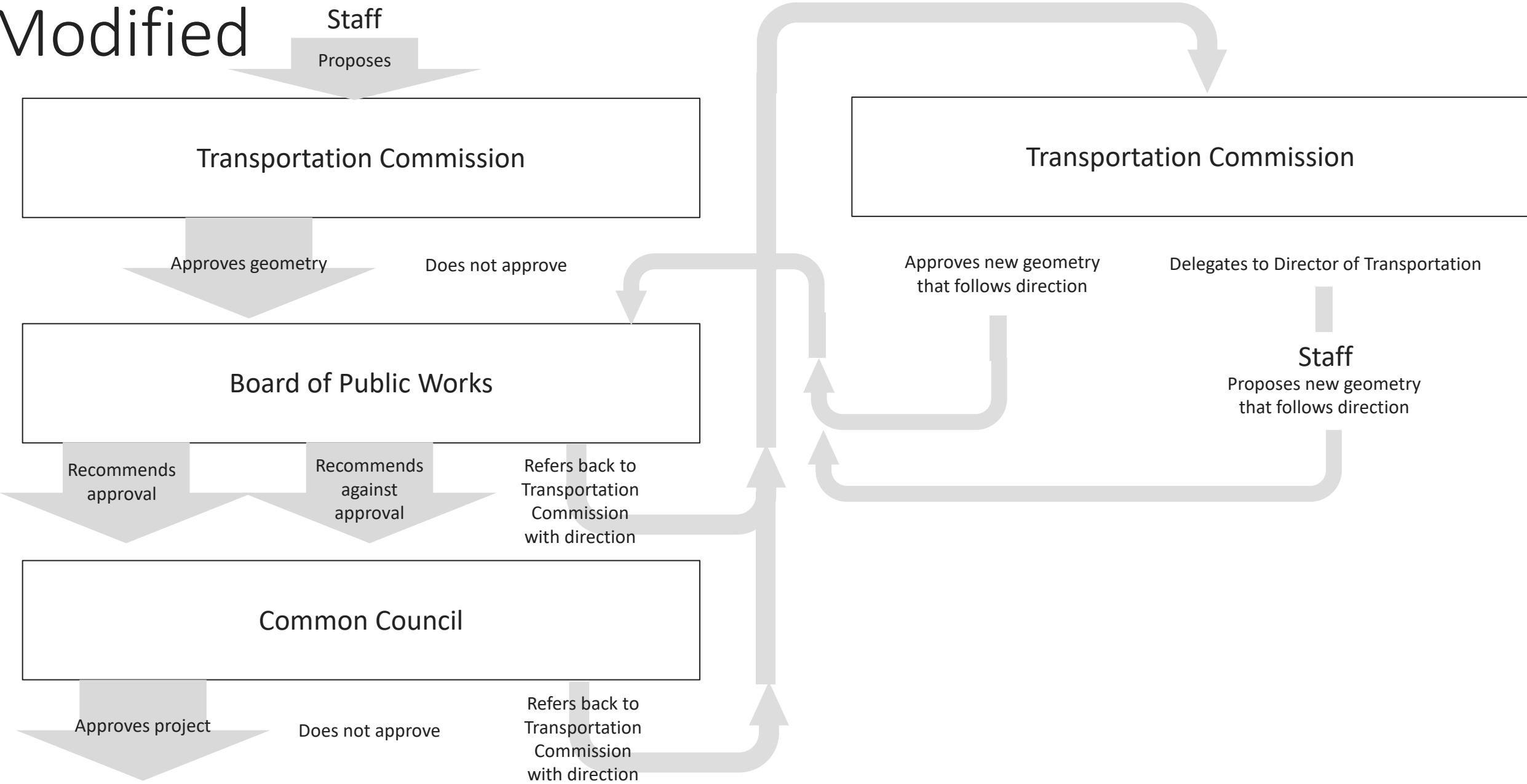
33.56 6(c)



Issues with the current process

- If BPW disagrees with TC , BPW can refer back to TC but there no mechanism for resolution. This sets up a potential endless loop.
- If Council disagrees with TC or BPW, Council can vote “no” but there is no mechanism for resolution. This encourages Council to go outside the process and pass a one-off resolution or ordinance dictating geometry
- Normalizing one-off geometry resolution or ordinances undercuts Complete Green Streets and adds to Council workload
- The current process seems to work well on nearly every project. The intent is not to change the process but to create a “safety valve.”

Modified



Proposed process if Council disagrees with TC decisions

- Council can refer back to TC with direction
 - This means that Council can express its intent but does not need to figure out details
- TC can either approve a geometry that meets council direction or delegate to staff
 - This means TC is involved and can refine based on Council, but also is not forced to approve something it does not agree with
 - In delegating to staff, TC can put its objections and recommendations on the record
 - This avoids any standoff
 - Staff can assure that any selected design meets standards

Proposed process if BPW disagrees with TC decisions

- BPW can refer back to TC with direction
 - BPW can express its concerns (generally related to how geometry relates to non-transportation elements like drainage or trees) but does not need to specify a new design
 - Goes back to TC so TC can respond
- TC can either approve a geometry that meets BPW direction or delegate to staff
 - This means TC is involved and can refine based on BPW, but also is not forced to approve something it does not agree with
 - In delegating to staff, TC can put its objections and recommendations on the record
 - This avoids any standoff
- Council can override BPW decision with its own direction

Other changes

Alder terms

- 33.56(3)(b)and(c): With staggered Alder elections, Alder terms are set to 1 year

People with disabilities

- 33.56(6)(a)(3): add that TC works to eliminate disparities for people with disabilities (as well as people of color and people of low income)
- 33.56(6)(b)(1): add mobility devices as an element of the city's transportation system

Budgets and Reports

- 33.56(6)(a)(5): eliminate provision that TC makes recommendations on budgets to the Common Council
 - this matches actual practice
- 33.56(6)(a)(6): eliminate provision for annual report
 - this matches actual practice

Powers

- 33.56(6)(b)(3)(xi): add reference to make clear that all items in 33.56(7) are included in powers
- 33.56(6)(d): “Complete Green Streets” section is removed since it is covered or duplicated word for word in other sections

d) Complete Green Streets.

1. Determine the right-of-way use and geometric designs to be included in the final plans and specifications sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval. (In 33.56(6)(c))
2. Modify Complete Green Streets Guide. (In 33.56(6)(b)(3))
3. Approve updates to Transit Priority Network. (In 33.56(6)(b)(3))
4. Approve updates to the All Ages and Abilities Bike Network. (In 33.56(6)(b)(3))
5. Approve any design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide. (In 33.56(6)(b)(3))

Powers

- 33.56(7): clarify what TC has final decisions on:
 - Remove “Regional transit contracts (services and pass programs)”
 - this is a Council power

Powers

- 33.56(7): clarify what TC has final decisions on:
 - Route “realignments,” in addition to “additions, extensions, or contractions”
 - Realignment should also require approval
 - “Significant changes to headways and hours of service”
 - changes that are not significant do not need to go to TC (e.g. the last bus of the day is 5 minutes later)
 - definition of significance can be made in policy
 - “Significant changes in bus stop locations, removals of bus stops, or consolidation of bus stops,” not just vague “bus stops”
 - changes that are not significant do not need to go to TC (e.g. a stop is moved 10 feet)
 - definition of significance can be made in policy

Powers

- 33.56(7): clarify what TC has final decisions on:
 - “Significant changes in complementary paratransit services,” not just “Transit for people with disabilities”
 - Paratransit was not specifically called out
 - People with disabilities also use fixed route but that is covered with other items
 - Add “governance of Parking Meter Test Area Programs set forth in Sec. 12.143(1), MGO”
 - Harmonizes ordinances

Powers

- 33.56(7): clarify what TC has final decisions on:
 - “Approve updates to the School Crossing Guard policies and operations” instead of “school crossings”
 - Common Council authorized TC to make future updates to School Crossing Protection Criteria on 12/9/25
 - Add “Transportation-related” to “safety programs and projects”
 - Some kinds of safety programs are not related to transportation and would not go to TC
 - “Addition or removal of traffic signals” instead of “Traffic signals”
 - Routine changes to signals (timing, equipment) do not go to TC
 - Spell “buses” correctly

Appeal process for final decisions

- More flexibility on agenda timing: “a Council agenda that is at least seven (7) days but no more than ninety (90) days after receipt of the appeal” instead of “the next Council agenda that is at least seven (7) days after receipt of the appeal”
- Add grounds to reverse or modify decision based on being “not in compliance with applicable state or federal law or regulation; or would put the City in breach of a prior contract or covenant that the Common Council does not wish to breach.”

Questions?



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Text of Legislative File 92185

Fiscal Note

No City appropriation required.

Title

Amending various Sections of the Madison General Ordinances related to Terms of Alders on Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance establishes terms of alders on City Boards, Commissions and Committees as one year, expiring on the third Tuesday of the April following appointment. The ordinance makes such terms of alders consistent with MGO section 33.01(6) (a).

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Subdivision (c) of Subsection (10) entitled "Ethics Board" of Section 3.35 entitled "Code of Ethics" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(c) The members of the Ethics Board shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Common Council. The term of any aldermanic member appointed to the Board shall expire ~~with the expiration of her or his term as alderperson~~ on the third Tuesday of the following April pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a). Terms of office of other members of the Ethics Board shall be 3 years except that when the initial appointments are made, 2 of the members shall be appointed for 1 year, 2 others for 2 years, and the remaining 3 for 3 years.

The members of the Ethics Board as of the adoption of this ordinance are reappointed and reconfirmed to serve their terms or remaining parts of their terms for which each was most recently appointed."

2. Subsection (4) entitled "Selection of Alderpersons Members of Board" of Section 4.02 entitled "Budget System" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(4) Selection of Alderpersons Members of Board. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) Alders, five (5) of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Once confirmed these members shall hold office for a term of ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year or until their successors are confirmed. The sixth member shall be the Common Council President serving ex officio but with power to vote."

3. Subparagraph a. of Paragraph 3. of Subdivision () of Subsection (2) entitled "Composition, Terms" of Section 7.01 entitled "Board of Health for Madison and Dane County" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"a. The ~~alder and~~ supervisor terms shall be for two (2) years and alders shall be appointed to one-year terms pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a)."

4. Paragraph 4. of Subdivision (d) entitled "Board Appointments" of Subsection (1) entitled "Organization and Library Board" of Section 8.12 entitled "Madison Public Library" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"4. After the initial appointment, all members of the board shall hold office for a term of three years and three of said members shall be appointed each year, except for alders who shall be appointed to one-year terms pursuant to Sec. 33.01 (6)(a). The appointment shall be dated from the first day of July in the year in which such appointments are made."

5. Subsection (3) entitled "Terms" of Section 8.41 entitled "DCC Downtown Coordinating Committee" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(3) Terms. Alderperson members shall serve for terms of ~~two (2) years, expiring with the respective Alder term~~ one (1) year pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a). Resident members shall serve for three (3) years. Any vacancies shall be filled by the Mayor, subject to approval of the Common Council, for a term filling out the remainder of the vacated member's term."

6. Subdivision (f) entitled "Appointment Terms" of Subsection (2) entitled "Composition, Appointments and Terms" of Section 9.12 entitled "Vending Oversight Committee" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(f) Appointment Terms. The term for alderperson members shall be ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year, as set forth in Sec. 33.01(6)(a). The term for resident members and non-voting technical advisors shall be three (3) years, expiring on June 1 in the third year following appointment. All vacancies shall be filled by the Mayor, subject to approval of the Common Council, for a term filling out the remainder of the vacated member's term."

7. Subsection (2) entitled "Water Utility Board" of Section 13.01 entitled "Water Utility Board" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(2)Water Utility Board. There is hereby created a Water Utility Board of eight (8) members, whose duty shall be the management and operation of the Water Utility. There shall be seven (7) voting members and one (1) non-voting ex-officio member. At least one (1) and not more than two (2) of the voting members shall be members of the Common Council, who shall serve ~~during their two year terms~~ one-year terms pursuant to Sec. 33.01 (6)(a). The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council, and members who are not members of the Common Council shall serve staggered terms of five (5) years, respectively provided that the Mayor may appoint one of the members whose term ends in 2010 to a three (3) year term in order to achieve staggered terms. In case of vacancy, the Common Council may at any regular or special meeting confirm a member for the unexpired term. The Director of Public Health Madison and Dane County under Sec. 7.02, MGO, or their designee shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board in order to provide advice and information to the Board on health issues related to the Water Utility. The Director of Public Health Madison and Dane County shall not vote, may not make motions, and shall not be counted as a member in determining quorum or majorities. Upon passage of this ordinance, the existing commissioners of the Board of Water Commissioners shall immediately succeed to positions as members of the Water Utility Board and fill out their terms as if appointed to the remaining length of their terms."

8. Subsection (3) entitled "Appointment and Terms of Alderperson Members" of Section 16.01 entitled "City Plan Commission" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(3)Appointment and Terms of Alderperson Members. The Mayor shall appoint three (3) members of the Common Council to be members of such commission; and, at its annual meeting in April of each year the Common Council shall, by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of its members confirm any such mayoral appointments of three of its number as members of the City Plan Commission for terms ~~to coincide with their terms on the Common Council~~ for one-year terms pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a)."

9. Subsection (1) entitled "Membership" of Section 29.21 entitled "Board of Building Code, Fire Code, Conveyance Code and Licensing Appeals" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(1)Membership. The Board shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Each member shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years and shall serve until a successor is appointed and confirmed, except for alders who shall be appointed to one-year terms pursuant to Sec. 33.01 (6)(a).

Members shall, collectively, represent the following areas of expertise: (1) legal, (2) architectural, (3) structural or architectural engineering, (4) real estate, (5) building, and (6) fire prevention.

The Mayor shall strive to appoint members drawn from the following portions of the community: Neighborhood groups, sustainability activists, business people, educational institutions and the development community.”

10. Subsection (2) entitled “Appointment; Terms” of Section 33.05 entitled “Board of Park Commissioners” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(2)Appointment; Terms. Said Board shall consist of seven (7) members, two (2) alders and five (5) resident members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. The alderperson members shall be appointed in April for the term of ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year, beginning on the ~~first day of May~~ third Tuesday in April. The full term of each resident member shall be for five (5) years beginning on the first day of May next succeeding her/his appointment and until her/his successor is appointed and qualified; but when the Board is first constituted, the respective appointments shall be for terms of five (5), four (4), three (3), two (2), and one (1) years, respectively. At the organization meeting of the Common Council on the third Tuesday in April preceding the end of any of the resident members' terms, the Mayor shall appoint her/his successor for a full term and shall submit the appointment to the Common Council for confirmation.”

11. Subsection (2) entitled “Composition, Appointments and Terms” of Section 33.07 entitled “Board of Public Works” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(2)Composition, Appointments and Terms. The Board of Public Works shall consist of seven (7) voting members. The Mayor or her/his designee shall serve as a member of the Board, one (1) member shall be an adult City of Madison resident with an engineering background who shall serve for one (1) year, two (2) members shall be alderpersons, and three (3) members shall be residents. The Mayor shall also appoint two persons to serve as alternate members. The alternate member may act with full power and authority when any other member of the Board is absent. The alternate member may participate in Board discussion, may serve on subcommittees, and may be appointed to any committee which requires the participation of a member of the Board of Public Works.

All members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval of the Common Council. All members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, except for alders who shall be appointed to one-year terms pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a). The terms of aldermanic members shall expire with the expiration of their terms as members of the Common Council. The Mayor at the organizational meeting each year shall indicate to the Common Council whether s/he will serve on the Board or inform the Council of the name of her/his designee. The Board shall elect one (1) of its members to serve as chair and another of its members to serve as vice-chair. The Mayor may change her/his designee or elect to assume membership on the Board any time and

upon so assuming membership may elect to be chair of the Board. All appointments under this section shall be submitted by the Mayor to the Common Council for confirmation except that membership by the Mayor or selection of a designee shall be at the option of the Mayor. The Board shall adopt special rules for the conduct of public hearings before the Board. One (1) member of the Board of Public Works shall be a member of the Long-Range Transportation Committee.”

12. Subparagraph a. entitled “City Members” of Paragraph 1. of Subdivision (b) entitled “Membership; Terms” of Subsection (3) entitled “City-County Homeless Issues Committee” of Section 33.09 entitled “City-County Commissions and Committees” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“a. City Members. Two (2) members shall be City of Madison Alders, one (1) member shall be a Madison Police Department officer, one (1) member shall be a representative of a downtown business or community organization, one (1) member shall be a current or former homeless person who has used homeless services, and one (1) member shall be from the Homeless Services Consortium or other persons experienced in homeless services or advocacy. All City members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. Alders shall have a one-year term coextensive with their terms on the Common Council pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a). Other members shall serve staggered three-(3) year terms ending on June 30.”

13. Subdivision (a) of Subsection (2) entitled “Membership” of Section 33.10 entitled “Committee on Employee Relations” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(a)The Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members. Three (3) members shall be members holding management positions with the City of Madison. Three (3) members shall be resident members nominated by the employees. Two members (2) shall be alderpersons currently serving on the Finance Committee. One member (1) shall be the Human Resources Director who will only vote to break a tie vote among the other members. All members, with the exception of the Human Resources Director, shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the Common Council on the third Tuesday of April for a term commencing on that date. The terms of the alderpersons expire with the expiration of their term as an alderperson on the third Tuesday of the following April pursuant to Sec.33.01 (6)(a). The remaining six (6) members shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years, with the terms of two (2) members expiring annually.”

14. Subsection (3) entitled “Terms” of Section 33.15 entitled “Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(3)Terms. All members except alternate members shall be appointed for two (2) year terms. The terms of alderpersons shall expire with the expiration of their terms as alderpersons on the third Tuesday of the following April pursuant to Sec. 33.01 (6)(a).”

15. Subsection (2) entitled “Composition” of Section 33.17 entitled “Economic Development Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(2)Composition. The Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members: the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, three (3) Alderpersons, and seven (7) residents with a wide range of direct experience in business and/or knowledge related to job creation, real estate or workforce development. The Mayor shall appoint the members of the Committee subject to confirmation by the Common Council.

Terms of appointment of the resident members shall be staggered, for three (3) years, commencing May 1 and expiring April 30. The ~~Alderpersons~~ terms of alders shall ~~coincide with his or her term of office~~ expire on the third Tuesday of the following April pursuant to Sec. 33.01 (6)(a).

If the Mayor serves on the Committee, the Mayor shall act as chairperson. Otherwise, the chairperson will be elected by the Committee.”

16. Subsection (1) entitled “Composition and Terms” of Section 33.1 entitled “Landmarks Commission” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(1)Composition and Terms. A Landmarks Commission is hereby created, consisting of seven (7) members. One (1) shall be a historian; at least one (1) shall be a licensed architect, one (1) shall be a licensed real estate professional; one (1) shall be an Alder; and three (3) shall be resident members, at least one of whom has expertise in construction. Each member shall have, to the highest extent practicable, a known interest in historic preservation. Of the membership, at least two (2) shall meet the Professional Qualifications Standards established by the United States Secretary of the Interior for History, Archeology, Architectural History, Architecture, or Historic Architecture. The Mayor shall appoint the commissioners subject to confirmation by the Common Council. The term for each member shall be three (3) years, except that alders shall be appointed pursuant to one-year terms pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a). The terms shall be staggered.”

17. Subdivision (a) of Subsection (2) entitled “Initial Terms” of Section 33.20 entitled “Madison Cultural Arts District Board” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(a)Persons appointed by the Mayor shall serve staggered terms of four years expiring on July 1st, except that the terms of alders shall be for one (1) year pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a) and:

1. The initial term of two directors appointed by the Mayor shall expire on July 1st of the fourth year beginning after the year of creation of the District.
2. The initial term of two directors appointed by the Mayor shall expire on July 1st of the fifth year beginning after the year of creation of the District.
3. The initial term of two directors appointed by the Mayor shall expire on July 1st of the sixth year beginning after the year of creation of the District.”

18. Subsection (1) entitled “Monona Terrace Board; Composition, Terms” of Section 33.21 entitled “Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center Board” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(1)Monona Terrace Board; Composition, Terms. The Monona Terrace Board shall consist of twelve (12) members appointed to three-year staggered terms ending on May 1st. Six

appointments shall be made by the Mayor of the City of Madison, five by the Dane County Executive and one by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin. City and County appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the governing body of either City or County, as appropriate.”

19. Subsection (3) entitled “Terms” of Section 33.22 entitled “Public Safety Review Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(3)Terms. Common Council members shall be appointed for ~~two (2)~~ one (1) year terms ending on the third Tuesday in April. Resident members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms ending on April 30 of the third calendar year after their appointment and confirmation, except that, in April 1993, the Mayor shall designate the terms of resident members in order to achieve staggered terms. The Mayor shall designate two resident members for one-year terms, two for two-year terms, and two for three-year terms.”

20. Subsection (3) entitled “Terms” of Section 33.23 entitled “Housing Policy Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(3)Terms. All resident members shall be appointed for three-year terms, however, the initial terms of three (3) of the resident members shall expire on April, 30 2026. Initial terms of the remaining four (4) resident members shall expire on April 30, 2027. Thereafter, each resident member shall be appointed for a three-year term commencing on May 1st and expiring on April 30th. The terms of the alders shall expire ~~with the expiration of their terms in office~~ on the third Tuesday of the following April pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a).”

21. Subsection (3) entitled “Commission Composition And Terms” of Section 33.24 entitled “Urban Design Commission” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(3)Commission Composition And Terms. An Urban Design Commission, advisory to the City Plan Commission, and vested with final decision-making authority as described elsewhere in this ordinance, in Chapter 31 (Sign Control Ordinance) and elsewhere in these ordinances, is hereby created, consisting of nine (9) voting members. Of the initial voting members appointed, three shall serve terms of two years each; three shall serve terms of one year each; and three shall serve terms of three years each; provided, however, that notwithstanding the provision of subdivision (j) below, the aldermanic member shall serve a two-year term and such term shall be concurrent with his/her term as a member of the Council. Thereafter, the term for each voting member shall be three years, except the term of the alder which shall be for one year pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a). The voting members shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council as follows:”

22. Section 33.31 entitled “Sustainable Madison Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“The Sustainable Madison Committee takes a leadership role in the promotion of sustainability and environmental protection for the City of Madison, the Madison community, and the region. The committee consists of eleven (11) members plus two alternates: at least one (1) Common Council member, one (1) Board of Public Works member (who may also be a Council

member), and nine (9) community representatives with an interest in sustainability (no more than two (2) of whom may also be Council members). Members shall be resident members that bring, collectively, a variety of different perspectives and experiences related to: (1) Air, (2) water, (3) energy, (4) transportation and land use, (5) food, (6) the built environment, (7) finance, economics and workforce, (8) culture (health, education, arts), (9) environmental justice, (10) climate, and (11) youth perspectives (ages 14-24). The Mayor shall strive to appoint members drawn from the following portions of the community: Neighborhood groups, sustainability activists, youth (ages 14-24), business people, educational institutions and the development community. Members and alternates are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council. Members and alternates shall be appointed for a term of two years, with terms expiring June 30 with the exception of aldermanic members and the Board of Public Works member. The term of aldermanic members shall expire ~~with the expiration of their terms as alders~~ on the third Tuesday of the following April and the term of the Board of Public Works member shall expire with their term on Board of Public Works.”

23. Subsection (3) entitled “Membership” of Section 33.33 entitled “Sister City Collaboration Committee” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(3)Membership. The Madison Sister City Collaboration Committee shall consist of one member from each approved Sister Committee partnership who will be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. These members shall represent the Sister Cities of Madison. In addition, there shall be two (2) other members, one (1) member shall be an alderperson, and one (1) member shall be an adult resident of Madison. Because resident participation of the Sister City Collaboration Committee goes beyond the boundaries of the City, up to twenty-five percent (25%) of appointees to the committee may be non-residents of Madison without the need for a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Council for confirmation. Any non-resident appointee whose confirmation would exceed the twenty-five percent (25%) limit will require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote. Members shall have three-year terms, to be staggered upon initial appointment, except the alder who shall serve a one-year term pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a). Quorum for the Committee will be calculated by the number of members appointed and serving at any given time.”

24. Subdivision (b) entitled “Terms” of Subsection (4) of Section 33.35 entitled “Madison Arts Commission” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(b)Terms. The terms of all commission members shall be for three (3) years or until their successors are qualified. However, the term of the ~~aldermanic alder~~ member shall ~~expire with the expiration of her/his term as alderperson~~ be for one year pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a), and the members appointed to the first term following the effective date of this ordinance shall be appointed to staggered terms. Three (3) members shall serve an initial term of one (1) year, three (3) shall serve an initial term of two (2) years, and four (4) shall serve an initial term of the full three (3) years. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms. However, the six (6) members appointed to the first term after the effective date of this ordinance who serve an initial term of less than three (3) years, and any member appointed to fill the unexpired term of a former member, shall be eligible to serve two (2) full consecutive three-year terms thereafter. Other than the term of the alderperson, all terms shall expire on April 30th and begin on May 1st.”

25. Paragraph 1. of Subdivision (a) of Subsection (2) entitled "Membership; Terms" of Section 33.52 entitled "Food Policy Council" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"1. Two (2) of the members shall be Common Council members who shall serve one-year terms pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a),"

26. Subsection (2) entitled "Composition" of Section 33.54 entitled "Small Business Enterprises Appeals Committee" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(2)Composition. The Affirmative Action Commission and the Board of Public Works shall each elect two of their members to serve on the Committee. They may also elect alternates to serve in the event the regular member is unable to serve. The fifth member shall be appointed by the Mayor. The members of the Committee shall not be subject to confirmation by the Council. Each member's term shall be two (2) years, except that any alder member shall serve a term that expires on the following third Tuesday in April pursuant to 33.01 (6)(a)."

27. Subdivision (b) entitled "Appointment and Terms of Common Council Members" of Subsection (3) entitled "Composition" of Section 33.56 entitled "Transportation Commission" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(b)Appointment and Terms of Common Council Members. Common Council members of the Transportation Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Terms for Common Council members shall ~~coincide with their terms on the Common Council~~ be for one year pursuant to 33.01 (6)(a). Appointments for such terms shall be made at the organizational meeting of the Common Council on the third Tuesday in April or as soon thereafter as the Mayor makes the appointment."

28. Subsection (10) entitled "Equal Opportunities Commission and Equal Opportunities Division" of Section 39.03 entitled "Equal Opportunities Ordinance" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

"(10) Equal Opportunities Commission and Equal Opportunities Division. The Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Common Council, shall appoint an Equal Opportunities Commission, consisting of thirteen (13) members, one of whom shall be designated President by the members of the Commission. At least one, and no more than two, such members shall be an Alder, who shall be a member ~~only as long as they shall continue to hold office as Alder~~ for one year pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a). Members shall be appointed from among the residents of the entire City, shall be representative of the rich diversity of our community and include as many protected class memberships as is possible and shall be persons committed to the principle of equal opportunities. They shall receive no compensation for their services. There shall also be an Equal Opportunities Division established within the Department of Civil Rights, headed by an Equal Opportunities Division Manager as that position is established and set forth in Sec. 39.01(2), MGO."

29. Subdivision (a) entitled "Terms" of Subsection (3) of Section 39.04 entitled "Disability

Rights Commission” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(3) Terms. All members shall serve terms of three (3) years, commencing May 1, and expiring April 30, except that the term of the Alder member of the Commission shall expire ~~with the expiration of their term as Alder~~ after one year pursuant to Sec. 33.01(6)(a). At the first regular Common Council meeting in April of each year, the Mayor shall appoint persons to fill terms which expire the following May 1. The Common Council shall either reject or confirm the appointments. Should the Council reject any appointment, the Mayor shall submit an alternative appointment as soon as possible. All members shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner prescribed for original appointments but the vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only.”



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Council Office Updates (2025-2026)

Council Chief of Staff Update

6/3/25

Upcoming Staff Out-of-Office

6/3-6/4: Lorissa out

6/6: Debbie out

6/13: Liz out

6/16 (afternoon): Liz out

6/18 (afternoon): Liz out

6/20: Isaac out; Liz out

6/25-6/26: Isaac out

Reminders & Tips

June 19: City Offices Closed

Project Updates

All-Alder Retreat: Close to confirming the final date. Doodle poll with the finalists is in your inbox.

BCC Staff Training Updates: Along with Organizational Development and the Attorney's Office, we are working on reviewing and updating BCC staff training materials as part of an ongoing effort to bolster BCC support.

RESJI Training: I will be coordinating with the City Equity and Social Justice Manager (kristy kumar) to provide a training for alders on the RESJ (Racial Equity and Social Justice) Initiative and the equity analysis process this fall.

Council Chief of Staff Update

7/1/25

Upcoming Staff Out-of-Office

7/2-7/3: Isaac out

7/3-7/8: Debbie out

7/30: Karen out

8/6-8/8: Karen out

Reminders & Tips

July 4: City Offices Closed

City Website Accessibility-How Alders Can Help

We are legally required to make City public facing web content accessible. This is due to a [federal ruling](#). At this time, alders can assist by avoiding ALL CAPS when writing their blog posts. We know that content coming from agencies may contain all caps, so this ask is focused on the content you write yourself, or draft content that you are given and can easily modify before posting. If you'd like to learn more about best practices to keep in mind while blogging, there are [several resources and articles](#) available on EmployeeNet (access with your City login). Here are some examples of all caps in some recent blogs that caught the attention of the software (Siteimprove) that the City is using to help staff identify issues (highlighted in red below).

[Press Release: Avoid Flash Flooded Areas](#) *posted June 24, 2025*

PRESS RELEASE COPY

:Heavy Rain Continues, Urban Flash Flooding Expected, Avoid Flash Flooded Areas“The next few days are expected to have multiple, brief but heavy storm events which may result in urban flash flooding of roadways. If you...

[4506 and 4514 Verona Road-Plan Commission Public Hearing](#) *posted June 20, 2025*

Monday, June 23, 2025 @5:30pmLocationThis meeting is being held virtually.Watch Online

Category: [Notices](#)

[STOP THE VIOLENCE SAVE THE CHILDREN-Meadowood](#) *posted June 18, 2025*

SIXTH ANNUAL STOP THE VIOLENCE SAVE THE CHILDREN COMMUNITY

SUPPERThe event will be held inside Good Shepherd Church tonight

Project Updates

AASPIRE Intern

Our AASPIRE intern, Ella, is hard at work assisting with policy research and community engagement. She will be in the chambers tonight between 6 and 6:30 with the Clerk's

Council Chief of Staff Update

7/1/25

Office interns collecting videos for the Pass the Phone Challenge. She is in the CCB on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so please stop by to meet her.

Council Office Budget Request

Please refer to the [7/1/25 CCEC agenda](#) for [links to the proposed budget request](#). If you aren't able to attend CCEC today, please watch the recording or contact me to find out more about our agency operating budget request.

Annual Workplan

Now that staggered terms are in effect and there will be alder elections every year, the Council Office has an opportunity to create an annual workplan that maps out the large projects that occur throughout the year. For a sneak peak, come to the Council Office conference room to review the notes on the whiteboard.

All-Alder Retreat: Being Public: Navigating the Spectrum of Disagreement and Conflict as Elected Officials Facilitated by Abha Thakkar, Mosaic LLC. Saturday, September 13, from 9-2 at the Parks Office. Lunch from Melly Mel's (including vegetarian and vegan options).

City Training Opportunities

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Conflict Management

Description: Increase your self-awareness regarding our common styles to approaching and navigating conflict. July 9, 10:00 – 11:30 am, Virtual

Sparking Growth

Description: Sparking Growth is a training focused on exploring topics like grief, the window of tolerance, and strategies to foster balance and mental health. Join us for this interactive session where we will explore components of mental health and will practice skills to assist with emotional regulation and balance. Leave the space with practical tools and knowledge to foster your wellbeing at home and workplace. August 12, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Virtual

Council Chief of Staff Update

8/5/25

Upcoming Staff Out-of-Office

8/6-8/8: Karen out

8/22: Isaac out

8/25: Liz out

8/28: Liz out

August TBD Debbie out

Sept 1: City Offices Closed

Reminders & Tips

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Common Council Discussion on Tuesday, September 30. Topic: Purpose-Built Men's Shelter. 6:00 p.m. CCB 201.

Register for the [YWCA Racial Justice Summit](#). Deadline is 8/29/25.

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Council Chief of Staff Update

8/5/25

Plain Language and Effective Communication

Description: How you communicate and the language you use can serve to build positive and lasting relationships, help people understand your message, and help people make informed decisions. In this session, you will learn tools to increase understanding and engagement as well as to disrupt power dynamics in language. Learn how language can foster inclusion and how to navigate communication challenges. We will also review the ADA's effective communication requirements for public entities. August 19, 10-11:30 a.m., virtual.

Council Chief of Staff Update

9/16/25

Upcoming Staff Out-of-Office

9/19-9/29: Debbie out

9/29-10/7: Lorissa out

10/1-10/3: Isaac out at Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) Conference

Reminders & Tips

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Equity and Social Justice Division Training

Equity and Social Justice Division staff have requested an opportunity to provide the alders with an interactive training with the team's guiding principles and experiential-based learning for equity work at the City. I'll be sending out a poll soon to identify dates in November and December.

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More information will be coming as we are updated.

Council Chief of Staff Update 10/28/25

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10/30-31: Debbie out
11/26: Karen, Liz & Lorissa out
12/1-3: Lorissa out
12/18-22: Isaac out
12/22-26: Liz out
12/22-29: Lorissa out
City Offices Closed: 11/27, 11/28, 12/24, 12/25, 12/31

Reminders & Tips

- **CRASE Training:** October 30
- **Equity and Social Justice Division Training:** November 4
- **Reminder:** November 11 budget session starts at **5:30 p.m.**

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CCB Basement Parking

There are three dedicated spots for Common Council members and staff in the basement of CCB. As some of you know, we have had challenges keeping unauthorized users out of those spots. The County has installed more visible signage and we have created yellow cards to place on your dashboard when parking there. Thank you very much to those of you who are using your yellow card when using a Council space! Contact me if you would like a yellow card for your vehicle.



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Council Chief of Staff Update 12/9/25

Upcoming Staff Out-of-Office

12/12: Karen out, Debbie out
12/15: Lorissa out
12/19: Debbie out
12/23: Karen out
12/18-22: Isaac out
12/22-26: Liz out
12/22-29: Lorissa out
1/2/26: Liz out

City Offices Closed: 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, 1/1

FYI: Karen has jury duty the week of December 15, so her schedule will be subject to change. Karen also plans to be on vacation from May 20-31, 2026.

Reminders & Tips

No-Meeting Holidays & Election Dates

In the coming days, you will notice a number of notifications appearing on your Outlook calendars. These are the days in 2026 that are designated by ordinance as prohibited meeting dates for City committees. It is strongly recommended to avoid these dates when scheduling neighborhood meetings. There are also some [additional holidays](#) that are not prohibited by ordinance, but are strongly recommended to avoid.

Alder Expense Claims Due December 10

Please check your inboxes for a message from Liz on how to submit any remaining 2025 claims for reimbursement.

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Project Updates

Council Staff Work Planning & Annual Employee Check Ins

Council Office staff are in the process of creating individual work plans for 2026. Additionally, with the new cadence of annual elections, the Council Office is finalizing its agency work plan. The Chief of Staff carried out HR's upgraded [annual employee check-ins](#) with all Council Office staff this month.

Council Chief of Staff Update

12/9/25

Legistar Resources & Training

Liz has [brought online a repository](#) of Legistar tips and resources to assist staff as they work with the system.

BCC Staff Training and Resources

With Karen and Attorney Haas as executive sponsors, Performance Excellence Specialist Kara Kratowicz and Isaac led a discovery process that resulted in 19 BCCs sharing the onboarding materials they use when welcoming new members to their BCC. A comprehensive list of resources was created, then presented to a multi-agency focus group of BCC staff for feedback. The final list of items was prioritized, then priority items were divided out amongst a working group of volunteers BCC staff contacts. Together we are working toward a toolkit for BCC staff onboarding. Learning & Development Specialist Andie Hopkins is working with the Attorney's Office as a Learning Partner to record several videos in support of the toolkit.

Emergency Preparedness

Karen attended a multi-agency Emergency Management crisis tabletop exercise this month. This event was a half-day scenario-based workshop designed to further the City's emergency and crisis readiness organization-wide.

Retreat Report

The 2025 alder retreat report-out is attached to this update. There will be a presentation on this material at the January 13, 2026, CCEC meeting. If you have ideas for elements you would like to have me incorporate into the 2026 retreat, please reach out to Karen as she will be beginning 2026 planning in the next few weeks.

Council Chief of Staff Update

2/10/26

Reminders & Updates

CCB Garage Parking

There have been some changes related to parking in the CCB garage.

- Per the County, park in City spots only, even in the evenings. If you park in a County spot, I can't promise you won't get a call telling you to move.
- The County has turned the Council spot nearest the door into a staging area and provided us with a spot across from the other Council spots. There is a hanging sign to indicate that this is a Council spot.
- When you park in a Council spot down there, please remember to place your yellow card on the dash so I know it is you. If you don't have a yellow card, please let Debbie know.
- If you notice a car without a yellow card on its dash parked in a Council spot, please take a picture of the license plate and send to my work cell. I am working with the County on addressing this issue.

If at all possible, I strongly encourage that you park in the Wilson St. lot. If you do not have an access pass to Wilson, please reach out to Liz.

Project Updates

Alder Expense Account Policy

I am reviewing, updating, and expanding the Alder Expense Account usage policy in accordance with ordinance and state statute. I expect to have it finalized by the start of the new term in April.

Alder Offboarding/Onboarding

Preparation for alder offboarding and onboarding for the even district alders has begun in earnest. Please mark your calendars for April 21 for a number of activities for outgoing, new, and returning alders. Because we are anticipating a very small number of new alders this year, I will be creating a modified onboarding program to take this into account. I will update you as I finalize things.

Reminders for outgoing alders:

- Please be prepared to return your City laptops, badges, bus passes, and access cards by April 21.
- Debbie will be reaching out to you about your outgoing honoring resolutions. Please abide by the instructions and deadlines she provides.
- Liz will be sending an offboarding survey to you.



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Fiscal Note

No City appropriation required.

Title

Amending Section 33.27(3)(d) of the Madison General Ordinances related to the Deferred Compensation Committee.

Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance revision reflects the title change from Treasurer to Finance Director, increases the employees chosen by the HR Director from three to four and allows the Finance Director to nominate one of the four additional members.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Subdivision (d) entitled "Deferred Compensation Committee" of Subsection (3) entitled "Quasi-Committees" of Section 33.27 entitled "Staff Committees" of the Madison General

Ordinances is amended as follows:

“(d)Deferred Compensation Committee. There is hereby established the Deferred Compensation Committee (DCC) composed of seven (7) employees of the City of Madison to include the following employees or designees: Human Resources Director; ~~Treasurer~~; Finance Director; City Attorney and ~~three (3)~~ four (4) additional employees chosen by the Human Resources Director with one of the four additional members being nominated by the Finance Director. The DCC is charged with the duty to make and implement on behalf of the City all necessary decisions relating to the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for the benefit of Plan participants in compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations, including preparing, maintaining and updating the Investment Policy Statement. In furtherance of its responsibilities, the DCC is authorized to effect amendments to the Plan to comply with amendments to Federal and State laws as may from time to time occur without further action by the Common Council. In addition, the Human Resources Director is authorized, on behalf of the City, to execute all Joinder or Participation Agreements with eligible employees which are necessary for employees' participation in the Plan. Members of the DCC shall be appointed by the Mayor upon recommendation of the Director of the Department of Human Resources and are not subject to Common Council approval. The DCC may adopt such other rules or bylaws to govern its operation not inconsistent with these ordinances.”