



Legislation Text

File #: 19803, **Version:** 2

Fiscal Note

No appropriation required. Staff support, as necessary, will be provided within existing resources.

Title

AMENDED - Creating the Sister City Ad Hoc Planning Committee to make recommendations on the charge, scope and purpose of the City of Madison Sister City Program.

Body

WHEREAS, the Sister City Collaboration Committee has been having a hard time reaching quorum and had to cancel three consecutive meetings this year; and,

WHEREAS, not being able to reach quorum has caused disruption and delay in the ongoing committee work; and,

WHEREAS, there is a core group of committee members that wish to move forward with committee work and wish to reduce the size of the committee from 17 to 11 to achieve quorum; and,

WHEREAS, the committee proposed Substitute Ordinance #18250 amending the composition of the committee from that created in the authorizing Resolution #12443. The substitute ordinance eliminated four of the Sister Cities from the Sister City Collaboration Committee due to poor attendance of those cities representatives and also because those cities are no longer Sister Cities in their own country; and,

WHEREAS, the substitute ordinance also removed representatives of the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce and the Madison Arts Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the substitute ordinance was referred to the Common Council Organizational Committee where questions were raised about the validity, purpose and charge of committee; and,

WHEREAS, a motion was made by Ald. Michael Schumacher to place the substitute on file and request that the City Attorney draft a resolution to create a Sister City Ad Hoc Committee that would develop a long term plan for the City of Madison Sister City Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council shall create the Sister City Ad Hoc Planning Committee to determine the charge, scope and purpose of the City of Madison Sister City Program and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee shall consist of the following 7 members appointed by the Mayor:

1. John Jacoby - Freiburg, Germany
2. Frank Alfano - Mantova, Italy
3. Daina Zemliauskas-Juozevicius- Vilnius, Lithuania
4. Jo Oyama-Miller - Obihiro, Japan
5. David Mollenhoff - Downtown Rotary
6. Ald. Bridget Maniaci - District 2
7. Ald. Tim Bruer - District 14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall issue a report on its considerations and recommendations by the November 9, 2010 Common Council meeting and the committee shall disband following acceptance of the report by the Common Council and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is repealing authorizing Resolution N0. 09-0046, File ID #12443 which created the Sister City Collaboration Committee and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution recommends placing on file without prejudice the proposed Substitute Ordinance #18250, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that until a further change is made in the Sister City Program, funding decisions for Sister Cities will be made upon recommendation of the Common Council Organizational Committee.

~~BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the committee shall be staffed by a Mayoral Designee, Office of Business Resources, Community Development Division Director Designee, Madison Arts Commission Administrator, Information Technology Designee and Office of Organizational Development and Training Designee.~~