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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Tim Bruer; Mark Clear; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Marsha A. Rummel; Bryon A. Eagon; Judy Compton; Michael Schumacher and Chris Schmidt

Others Present: Janet Piraino (Mayor's Chief of Staff), Joel Plant (Mayoral Aide), Michael May (City Attorney), Jennifer Zilavy (Assistant City Attorney), Maribeth Witzel-Behl (City Clerk), Al Schumacher (Streets Superintendent), Kristen Czubkowski (TCT), Dean Mosiman (WSJ), Brenda Konkel, Paul Malischke and Rosemary Lee.

Ald. Tim Bruer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ald. Michael Schumacher, seconded by Ald. Mark Clear, to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2009 CCOC meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEMS REFERRED BY COMMON COUNCIL

[15823](#)

SUBSTITUTE Creating Sec. 9.25 to require registration for all landlords who have a property that has been declared a Chronic Nuisance Premises, creating Sec. 25.09(3)(a)10. to require notification to landlords of the requirements of Sec. 9.25, amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) to establish a bond schedule for violations of Sec. 9.25, and amending Sec. 1.08(4) of the Madison General Ordinances to give the Director of Building Inspection the power to enforce Sec. 9.25 by citation.

Sponsors: Tim Bruer, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Marsha A. Rummel, Bryon A. Eagon, Chris Schmidt, Judy Compton, Michael Schumacher and Julia S. Kerr

Attachments: [Version 1](#)
[Body](#)

A motion was made by Ald. Bryon Eagon, seconded by Ald. Mark Clear, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.

Jennifer Zilavy, Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of the substitute ordinance. She noted the following changes to the original ordinance:

- 1. Changed language that referenced landlord "licensing" to landlord "registration".**
- 2. Added a couple of definitions: e.g. absentee landlord.**
- 3. Registration with clerk requires not only the owners information but also the registered agent (if one is employed by the owner).**
- 4. If property is owned by an absentee landlord, agent must attend landlord training.**
- 5. Posting requirement that the property has been declared a chronic nuisance and that they are working with the city.**

Ald. Mark Clear asked if these changes were discussed at a Housing Committee meeting. Ald. Clear was concerned with the negative impact on the tenant vs. landlords. Ald. Judy Compton noted that it had been discussed. She stated that people wanting to rent should be aware that property has violated the chronic nuisance ordinance and that it is important for tenants to have that information.

Ald. Marsha Rummel asked if committees had discussed the negative impact on the landlords. Ms. Zilavy and Ald. Bruer indicated that it had been but the benefit outweighed the risks of a negative impact.

The following alders indicated they would co-sponsor: Alds. Bidar-Sielaff, Rummel, Eagon, Schmidt, Compton and Schumacher.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

UPDATES/REPORTS

[16585](#)

Update on City Clerk's Office Changes - Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk

Attachments: [City Clerk Work Plan 2010](#)

Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk, was present for discussion on this item. Ms. Witzel-Behl distributed the City Clerk's Office Work Plan for 2010-2011 (attached to legislative file). There are two work teams: communications and "happiness at work" (reduce turnover/burnout).

She also noted that they have a customer satisfaction survey that has provided good comments and valuable information.

Ald. Tim Bruer requested that Ms. Witzel-Behl forward her work plan to Council members and solicit any opinions/input from alders. She will also provide a quarterly report to CCOC. Members thanked Ms. Witzel-Behl for providing such an informative work plan.

[16795](#)

Review of Madison Snow Policies Report - Janet Piraino, Mayor's Chief of Staff.

Attachments: [Review of Madison Snow Policies Dec. 2009 Report](#)

Janet Piraino, Mayor's Chief of Staff, and Al Schumacher, Streets Superintendent were present for discussion on this item. Ms. Piraino noted that the recommendations were in three categories (page 7 of the report):

- A. Changes to City's standard plowing operations
- B. Tools to fight major storms implemented under current authority (do differently)
- C. Tools to fight storms that need further study/authority (Council approval/funds)

Highlight of issues addressed in report:

Look into alternatives to salt such as beetle juice (Geomelt). This last storm Streets used (for the first time) 50/50 mix of sand and salt and look at forecasting pavement temperatures.

Look at using ELAM (the city's new asset management software).

Plowing of arterial and main streets.

Activating Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Provide the public and Council with an "after action report" after major storms.

Use of tire chains.

Further study of additional resources (i.e. equipment). Asked Bill Vandenbrook to review fleet.

Alder issues:

Windrows and elderly/handicapped residents not being able to shovel driveways. Create some type of registry. (Ald. Judy Compton)

Notification of plowing time estimates for working residents (Ald. Shiva)

Bidar-Sielaff)
Better use of media for public education and information during winter storms
(Ald. Tim Bruer)
Narrow street alert (Ald. Marsha Rummel)
Work with UW to disseminate information to students/look at Seattle for ideas
(Ald. Bryon Eagon)
Need to review City budget in terms of investment in equipment, staffing
levels.
More use of independent contractors to snowplow - possibly create a registry.
Bus stops need to be cleared - ADA issue (Ald. Chris Schmidt)
Look at alternatives to salt/sand (e.g. organic products like starch)
Look at sand/salting policy (Ald. Michael Schumacher)

Ald. Tim Bruer stated that he would be forming a work group of alders and
staff to review the report. He would like the work group to report back to
CCOC and the Council with any additional recommendations after a review of
the December 24, 2009 "Review of Madison Snow Policies" report.

[16784](#)

Report on Education/Monitoring Compliance Tool & Framework for Soliciting
Alder Input - Katherine Plominski, Alcohol Policy Coordinator

Attachments: [The State of City Alcohol Regulation](#)

A motion was made by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Ald. Bryon Eagon,
to refer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE, due back
on 1/19/2010. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[16785](#)

July - November 2009 Staff Report - Lisa Veldran, Common Council
Administrative Assistant

Attachments: [July-November 2009 Council Staff Report](#)

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to refer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE, due back
on 1/19/2010. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[16976](#)

Discussion Item: DRAFT Ordinance to require certain disclosures relating to
alcohol licensing.

Attachments: [DRAFT Alcohol Licensing Amendment Ordinance](#)

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to refer to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE, due back
on 1/19/2010. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[16977](#)

Discussion Item: DRAFT Ordinance to modify procedures and penalties with respect to statements of interest under the Ethics Code.

Attachments: [DRAFT Ethics Code Amendment Ordinance](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Mark Clear, seconded by Ald. Michael Schumacher, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.