

MINUTES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE  
Monday, June 20, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center  
Council Chambers

Present: Ald. Peter Braithwaite, Ald. Judy Fiske, Ald. Delores Holmes, Ald. Ann Rainey, Ald. Eleanor Revelle, Ald. Mark Tendam, Ald. Donald Wilson, Ald. Melissa Wynne and Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl

Absent: Ald. Brian Miller

Presiding: Ald. Melissa Wynne

Staff Present: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager, Michelle Masoncup, Deputy City Attorney, and Kimberly Richardson, Assistant to the City Manager

**CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Ald. Wynne declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Suzanne Calder, former co-chair of the Mayor's Task Force of Homelessness urged the committee to retain and change the name of the proposed combined Housing & Human Relations Commission to the Housing, Homelessness and Human Relations Commission.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF MARCH 21, 2016 AND APRIL 11, 2016:**

Ald. Braithwaite moved approval. Ald. Tendam seconded. Minutes approved.

**UPDATE ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS CONSOLIDATION PROCESS:**

Kimberly Richardson stated that currently there are 45 boards and committees. After the consolidation is approved there will be 35. The following were approved by motion at the last meeting. The Environment Board and Ladd Arboretum Committee were combined. The Parks & Recreation Board and Committee On Public Place Names were combined and named Parks, Recreation & Community Service Board. The Economic Development Committee, Taxicab Advisory and Transportation and Parking Committee (parking only) were combined under the Economic Development Committee. Not approved for consolidation, and reflects in the memo as being approved, which is incorrect is the Equity and Empowerment Committee. It was only asked that more information for framework be provided and was renamed Housing and Human Relations Commission. There was no name at the time of the last meeting that was affirmed to. Then there was the combination of the Housing & Community Development Act Committee and Mental Health Board. What was not discussed and accidentally left off was the consolidation of the Design & Project Review Committee and Sign Review and Appeals Board. Once staff began looking at the committees and trying to interweave all the responsibilities into them. Staff noticed initially that they had the transportation aspect of Transportation and Parking Committee under the Environment Board. As you look long-term that really should be a mobility committee. Staff had several discussions and felt what was much needed would be the Mobility Technical Advisory Committee and would include Taxicab Advisory Committee.

As stated previously staff is looking at renaming the Equity and Empowerment Committee to the Housing and Human Relations Commission. They looked at all of the commission purposes, including ADA and intertwined those into the current new purposes. The one thing they tried to understand was making sure they tried to reflect the Housing issue, the homelessness issue as well as accessibility and making sure they were fostering good relations in the community regardless of race, creed, religion and so forth. So that is what is reflected in the purpose of the committees and the responsibilities really were what's currently in the ordinances just consolidated under one committee. Included in the packet tonight are the ordinances that were created so if this moves forward it will be able to go to the Council for introduction.

Ms. Richardson added that she wanted to make it very clear, as directed to her by Mayor Tisdahl, that no one would be fired on any of these committees that will be consolidated. Staff looked at the list, looked at the vacancies currently on these boards and committees and looked at terms to make sure that the numbers that reflect the membership reflect bringing all the groups together under the new boards and committees. As you will see the numbers will fluctuate but that is due to the number of vacancies as well as those who will end their term when the effective date of this goes forward on January 1, 2017. One amendment not reflected in the PowerPoint and will be added into the ordinance is that fundraising be included as a function for the Environment Board. Mayor Tisdahl noted that the Environment Board has done fundraising periodically and when they do it they do it very well and she didn't want to have that not be listed.

Ald. Tendam moved to amend the title of the Housing & Human Relations Commission to the Housing, Homelessness and Human Relations Commission. Ald. Holmes seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Holmes moved to approve ordinance 77-O-16 which is the creation of the Housing, Homelessness and Human Relations Commission. Ald. Tendam seconded. Motion passed.

Mayor Tisdahl moved to approve ordinance 78-O-16 that combines the functions of the Ladd Arboretum Committee into the current Environment Board with an amended to include the function of fundraising. Ald. Wilson seconded.

Ald. Fiske pointed out that she was talking to one of the Ladd Arboretum committee members and he was concerned about this merge. The Ladd Arboretum Committee folks are basically just focused on the Ladd Arboretum and felt they are doing a good job. Ms. Richardson pointed out that she was aware of their concerns and a lot of the issues are not with the ordinance itself but to make sure the Ladd Arboretum Committee is not forgotten and that is to be said for all the boards and committees.

Ald. Revelle added that the Ladd Arboretum Committee thinks of themselves as stewards of the Arboretum. She would be a little happier if she saw something in the basic ordinance that made a little bit more direct reference to the stewardship function of the Ladd Arboretum. She suggested maybe saying there will be a Ladd Arboretum steward group to some way acknowledge their role. City Manager Bobkiewicz said staff would certainly make those

adjustments and bring back for the committee to review and as well as the Ladd Arboretum Committee before going to Council.

Ald. Holmes said she envisions that the working groups would be like subcommittees on some big committee you might be on. Then you would go and work on the area of interest that you have that would help meet the goals of that. She asked if that is the plan. Ms. Richardson stated that is the reason why all of the ordinances, as they are being updated, to included subcommittee language which is something that was missing. Some boards and committees were doing it anyway but this way gives them that power to do it under the ordinance.

Motion passed.

Ald. Tendam moved to approve Ordinance 79-O-16 which combines the functions of the Housing & Community Development Act Committee and the Mental Health Board into a newly established Community Development and Human Services Committee. Ald. Holmes seconded.

After much discussion the motion failed. The committees will remain separate.

Ald. Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 80-O-16 which combines the functions of the Transportation and Parking Committee (parking only) into the Economic Development Committee. Ald. Braithwaite seconded.

Motion failed. Parking will stay with Transportation and Parking. Ald. Rainey promised to have a recommendation for the Transportation and Parking Committee by tomorrow.

Ald. Holmes moved to approve Ordinance 81-O-16 which combines the functions of the Parks & Recreation Board with the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Public Place Names into newly established Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Board. Ald. Tendam seconded. Motion passed.

Ms. Richardson noted that the Mental Health Board and Economic Development Committee ordinance or resolution will need to be update to reflect the current number of members as well as practices. She asked if that was something the committee would like to see a draft for review at the next meeting. Ald. Wynne replied yes and for any other committee that is out of sync.

Ald. Holmes moved approval of the proposed combination of the Design and Project Review Committee and Sign Review and Appeals Board. Ald. Tisdahl seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Wynne and the members of the Rules Committee thanked Ms. Richardson on doing a great job on this task.

**SCHEDULE, PROCESS AND SUBCOMMITTEE FOR CITY MANAGER EVALUATION:**

Ald. Wynne reported that they are slightly behind on this and suggested it be pushed back from the July date to a date and time when the entire Council and be date to a time when all of the council can be present.

Ald. Rainey moved to re-create the original committee of Ald. Holmes and Wynne and replace Ald. Grover with Ald. Revelle.

Ald. Holmes suggested since they have one meeting in August they could possibly check for a date in August. She asked Ms. Francellno to send the evaluation from last year out to the Council to get revisions and then people can make their comments and get them back to the subcommittee.

Ald. Rainey suggested doing the evaluation the first week or so in September. Get all the work done in August and do the evaluation in September.

Ald. Wynne said there was a suggestion of August 29<sup>th</sup>. She asked that Ms. Francellno take a poll to see if that date works or another date no later than Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 6:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Francellno

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