



# CITY OF WAUWATOSA

## LEGISLATION, LICENSING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES • JULY 29, 2014

Regular Meeting

Committee Room #2

6:30 PM

7725 West North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

### LLC COMMITTEE ITEMS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Craig Wilson	Alderman	Present	
Jeffrey Roznowski	Alderman	Present	
Gregory Walz-Chojnacki	Alderman	Present	
Matthew Stippich	Alderman	Present	
Jason Kofroth	Alderman	Present	
Michael Walsh	Alderman	Present	

1. Referred from the Committee of the Whole, the review of the Common Council committee structure

Ald. Wilson asked council members in the gallery for their input on the committee structure.

Comments included:

- Council may be trying to fix something when it is unknown what is wrong
- Suggestion made for a four committee structure with one long meeting each month
- Felt that discussions on agenda items were diluted in the Supercommittee structure and that larger agendas put a subconscious idea to not have lengthy discussion and things were getting short-changed
- 90-day trial not long enough
- Restructuring suggestion came from recommendations in the Horton Report
- Concerned that making a sudden change without much consideration would look foolish to constituents
- Constituents having to wait for extended time for their item to be discussed
- Larger structure with eight aldermen is not as beneficial as the smaller committee discussion
- Larger structure is deemed less personal and doesn't the want public to feel that way
- Appreciated the fact that the smaller committee would be taking a hard look at how to improve the committee structure
- The Budget Committee structure should be held as a Budget Committee of the Whole, so all council members should attend due to the challenging budget issues

The Chair asked the City Attorney and City Administrator if a four-committee cycle would be problematic for running city business. It was suggested that budget and financial issues could be problematic with this timeline. It was also noted that there could be issues with the August recess and the Christmas holiday schedule with the four-committee structure.

Ald. Wilson suggested that the Legislation, Licensing and Communications (LLC) committee may want to convene during the August recess to continue the restructuring conversation.

The committee briefly discussed different options. The four-committee group was discussed and it was felt that a more focused discussion could be held on individual topics with this structure. Budget and Finance, Community Development, Traffic and Safety were mentioned for committee groups along with one other. Some questioned whether or not the fourth committee should be a marketing and communication committee, or what the fourth committee should be.

Ald. Stippich noted that there is no committee definition on the books and questioned if there should? He suggested the make-up of the four committee group structure could be gleaned from the Strategic Plan.

Ald. Walz-Chojnacki suggested that a lot of the committee work was being done by staff. He liked the idea of the four-committee structure which allowed for full representation from every district. He suggested that some committees could meet on an Ad Hoc basis more frequently if necessary.

Ald. Roznowski felt that the Supercommittee structure trial should be extended. The new structure should be given deliberate discussions and not rushed into. He agreed that the budget process would be well served as a Committee of the Whole each fall. He felt that any bargaining issues could be handled through a Committee of the Whole meeting.

It was felt that representation from every district on each committee was necessary.

Moved by Ald. Wilson, seconded by Ald. Roznowski  
to hold a future LLC meeting in the month of August,  
with a recommendation that the Common Council authorize  
them to meet at least one time in the month of August. Ayes: 5 Noes: 1 (Walsh)

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Carla A. Ledesma, CMC, City Clerk