

Observer: Sue Calder

Aldermen Present: Reid (chair), Kelley Braithwaite, Nieuwsma, Burns, Revelle, Biss,, Burns, and Fleming

Staff Present: Francellino, Gandurski and a city attorney.

Meeting Began: 6:03 pm

Meeting Ended: 7:31 pm

Public Comment: None

For Action

R2 City Council schedule of meetings Passed unanimously

R3. Revised Proposed Standing Committee Chair Schedule Nieuwsma moved to accept the revised schedule but noted that two schedules were attached. Dar's was the "redlined" version and Reid had submitted his version. He explained that with his version the chairmanships would be four months (rather than six) and there would be three each year. Biss noted that he would not ever chair Rules committee; Reid pointed out that he was the permanent chair of the Referrals Committee. Burns then moved to accept Reid's version, as there were still some overlaps in the redlined version. Fleming moved to change the headings on the columns to indicate the actual end of a term. Motion was accepted. The amended motion was adopted.

For Discussion

R4. Clarify the Authority of the Referrals Committee (RF). When asked, Nieuwsma stated that the recommendation now contains a phrase "with guidance regarding authority" that would give the committee a role to help prioritize proposed agenda items. Fleming recommended that "regular" items, such as "bills" could be an agenda item without having to go to the RF. Discussion on whether or not the chair can place an item on the agenda without approval by the RF. RF is using a spread sheet to make certain that items with importance or timing issues get placed on a committee agenda and that an agenda would not be too full. Staff recommendations agenda items should go to RF and stated that some items needed to be dealt with because of deadlines. Biss pointed out that the RF is a work in progress and the three members are working to develop guidelines. Will come back at next meeting.

R5. Conflict between City Council rules 5.6.2 and 5.6.5. This discussion was whether the Budget and Finance Committee is a special committee or an additional committee. A "special committee" is short-term but Reid thought Budget and Finance should be a regular committee. and if so, who appoints the chair - Rules or Council. It was determined that it was a regular committee similar to Economic Development with both council members and citizen members and that as such the Council should appoint the chair.

R6. Number of Votes Required to Remove the City Manager. Kelly moved that there only be 6 votes needed to remove the Manager; Reid supported that; and both stated that 6 was always used in the past. It was pointed out that during those times the mayor did not have a vote. Fleming stated that there should be the same number for hiring or firing. Revelle said that both actions are critical and need higher than a simple majority for approval. Braithwaite stated this

is critical and needs to be determined prior to initiating a search so applicants understand the rules before they consider moving (with family) to Evanston. Biss would support a simple majority but stated that a vote for an item “for discussion” be voted on, would lack transparency and be premature as the public would not know that this would be voted on. Will be brought back for discussion and possible introduction on the 18th.