



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Committee of the Whole

*Council President Alderman Dennis Wiser,
Alderman Ronald Hart, Alderman Michael Shields,
Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Sandy Weidner,
Alderman QA Shakoor II, Alderman Terry McCarthy,
Alderman James Morgenroth,
Alderman Melissa Lemke, Alderman Henry Perez,
Alderman Raymond DeHahn, Alderman Mary Land,
Alderman Steve Smetana, Alderman Jeff Coe*

Thursday, July 23, 2015

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

- PRESENT:** 10 - Jeff Coe, Michael Shields, Jim Kaplan, Sandy Weidner, Q.A. Shakoor II, President Dennis Wiser, Henry Perez, Steve Smetana, Mary Land and Melissa Lemke
- EXCUSED:** 4 - Alderman Raymond DeHahn, Terry McCarthy, James Morgenroth and Ronald Hart

Approval of Minutes for the June 10, 2015 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Kaplan, seconded by Alderman Shakoor II, to Approve the Minutes

[15-00657](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the President of the Council wishing to discuss filling the vacancy, interviewing candidates, and making a recommendation for the 2nd District alderman position.

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on 07-23-2015:

That at its next meeting the Common Council select a replacement Alderman for the 2nd District between candidates Tom Bercher and Mollie Jones.

Fiscal Note: N/A

President Wiser presented a list of questions and a proposed process (attached to Item 15-00657).

Ald Coe moved, seconded by Ald Shakoor, to approve the list of questions.

Ald Kaplan moved, seconded by Ald Coe, to amend the list of questions asked of the applicants to include the following:

- a) How do you feel about the greater good principle?*
- Ald Weidner made a friendly amendment to add the following:*
- b) What do you perceive the role of an alderman to be on the City Council?*
 - c) What do you see the role of the City Council to be within the City's framework?*
- Motion passed by unanimous Voice Vote.*

Ald Coe moved, seconded by Ald Shakoor, to approve the questions, as amended.

Motion passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

Ald Coe moved, seconded by Ald Shakoor, to approve the process outlined by the President. Motion passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

The six candidates were asked questions from a list of nine questions. Each candidate had the opportunity to answer each question and give a closing statement.

After a short recess, the committee proceeded with voting.

*Round 1 of ballot voting: Andrew Hay = 0; Pamala Handrow = 0; Mollie Jones = 3; Tom Bercher = 4; Jane Marie Schatzman = 1; Yasin Mahdi = 2
(Wiser voted for Bercher, Smetana voted for Schatzman, Kaplan voted for Bercher, Shields voted for Jones, Land voted for Jones, Perez voted for Mahdi, Coe voted for Bercher, Shakoor voted for Bercher, Lemke voted for Jones, Weidner voted for Mahdi)*

*Round 2 of ballot voting: Mollie Jones = 5; Tom Bercher = 5
(Smetana voted for Jones, Wiser voted for Bercher, Shields voted for Jones, Coe voted for Bercher, Land voted for Jones, Kaplan voted for Bercher, Shakoor voted for Jones, Lemke voted for Jones, Weidner voted for Bercher, Perez voted for Bercher)*

Ald Weidner moved, seconded by Ald Shields, to Suspend the Rules and to send the top three vote getters to City Council for selection. Motion failed by a unanimous Voice Vote.

Ald Shield moved, seconded by Ald Shakoor, to advance the names of the top two vote getters to City Council for selection. Motion passed 9-1, with Ald Perez voting against.

A motion was made that the top two vote getters be Recommended For Approval by the Common Council at the next meeting. The motion was APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Jeff Coe, Michael Shields, Jim Kaplan, Sandy Weidner, Q.A. Shakoor II, President Dennis Wiser, Steve Smetana, Mary Land and Melissa Lemke

NOES: 1 - Henry Perez

Adjournment