

**August 2, 2013**

**Task Force Members**

Kelly Allen – Present  
Marilyn Coffey – Present  
Pastor Michael Cole – Present  
Jim Marshall – Present  
Jack Schrauth – Present  
Tom Shaw – Present  
Bill Wadsworth – Present

**Also Present**

Special Assistant to the City Council - Danny Langloss, Jr.

Call To Order by Marilyn Coffey

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of 7/24/2013 Minutes: motion by Bill Wadsworth to approve seconded by Kelly Allen. Unanimously approved.

Approval of 7/29/2013 Minutes: motion by Tom Shaw to approve seconded by Jim Marshall. Unanimously approved.

**Review of last Monday's Public Meeting:**

There was an overwhelming vote for change at the Public Meeting on Monday, July, 29, 2013.

**Deliberations:**

Round Table Discussion:

**Jack Schrauth**

Recommendation: Council - Manager Form assuming that it is an overlay on the Commission Form of government

Comment: Commission Form of Government offers a two-week "place on file" safeguard where the public can view ordinances, resolutions, and contracts before being approved. Is this an option under the Council-Manager form of government?

**Jim Marshall**

Recommendation: Commissioner with City Administrator

Comment: I'm concerned that the current plan to bring an "intern administrator" will slow down the progress that we are making, especially if our recommendation is to change our current form of government. It's 20 months of waiting to see what happens

**Marilyn Coffey**

Recommendation: Council-Manager Form

Comment: Disagree with Jim in regards to the City Administrator slowing down progress within the city. I fully support Council-Manager form of government. I look at the job description that Danny has created and think "why do we need Commissioners (the position)?"

I think that the citizens deserve a vote. What greater choice than to let the citizens choose which form of government they would like to represent the community.

I feel we are getting bogged down in the legality of the form.

Bill Wadsworth

Recommendation: Council-Manager is the way to go.

Comment: This form provides safety and stability for the City.

Michael Cole

Recommendation: Council-Manager Form

Comment: I am looking to the future. What will best support our city 10 to 20 years in the future?

Kelly Allen

Recommendation: Council-Manager Form

Comment: The position of council member under the Council-Manager form of government seems to be less time-demanding than the Commission form. This will hopefully bring new blood to the council.

Tom Shaw

Recommendation: Council-Manager Form

Comment: The best scenario is to retain the good things that the Commission form brings with the stability of the Council-Manager form.

Discussion by GTF regarding what the form of government would look like with the Council-Manager form overlaying the Commission form.

All agree that the professional hired should be given the power through state statute rather than by ordinance. However, there are questions about what is retained through the law with the Commission form of government and what is changed.

Q: How will the ballot proposition read?

All agreed that abandoning the Commission form of government is not an option. If the recommended government on the ballot were not to be approved, the city would default to their form that was active before the Commission form.

Rob would rather see Council-Manager overlay over Commission Form of Government.

Tom Shaw

Comment: ILCMA has sample ballot proposition. Tom will email Mr. Phillips and request sample ballot propositions.

Jim Marshall

Comment: Not opposed to CM overlay. I do want a little more clarity - what with the Commission form will be retained and what will be dismissed. I like the idea of small numbers. I would like to be able to see two council members elected at one election and two elected at the next election.

Marilyn Coffey

Q: Jim are you able to support Council-Manager?

A: Yes, if Rob can give direction to the questions about the Council-Manager overlay.

Questions for City Attorney Rob Lesage:

If the Council-Manager Form of Government is over laid on the Commission Form:

What is retained with the Commission Form?

What is changed with the Commission Form?

How many council members will be elected?

If an ordinance, resolution, or contract were being passed, would it still have to be placed on file before action is taken?

Would the council members still be called Commissioners?

What does the ballot question look like for the Council Manager overlay if this option were to go to referendum?

**Public Comment: No Public Comment**

**Next Meeting:**

Meet August 7th with Rob Lesage at 9am at the Public Safety Building

**Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn by Kelly Allen seconded by Jack Schrauth. Unanimously approved.