

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, February 18, 2013
(Open Session)

Committee of the Whole met at City Hall on Monday, February 18, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the First Floor Hearing Room - East.

Present: Alderpersons Eric Sitkiewitz, Scott McMeans, Collin Braunel, Tyler Martell, Jim Brey, Dave Soeldner, Allan Schema, Christopher Able, Jill Hennessey, Jason Sladky and Mayor Justin Nickels.

Absent: None.

Also present: Interim Director of Public Infrastructure Greg Minikel, news media, Deputy City Clerk Deborah Neuser and Tony Burgarino.

Council President Jason Sladky called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Committee met to discuss current oversight responsibilities of Common Council Standing Committees, Section 3.010 of the Municipal Code. Alderperson Brey presented handout of proposed changes as a starting point for discussion.

Discussed were the duties of the oversight committee which is needed for each department. Departments need an oversight committee to report to as well as to approve staff issues. Alderperson Hennessey questioned why Inspection was under Public Property and Safety and felt more application to Public Utilities & Licensing. Also questioned were whether or not travel requests should be made through Personnel or the oversight committee.

Discussion then took place regarding ordinance (12-695) to amend Section 15.450 of the Municipal Code dealing with signage especially projecting signs, sandwich boards and murals in the downtown.

Sandwich boards are currently not allowed but City could allow with a Sidewalk Privilege Agreement with insurance similar to the flower pots in the downtown.

Discussion followed as to Mainly Manitowoc's role, if any, in the revision of the sign ordinance which was hoped to relinquish some duties from the Planning

Department. Concerns were that we do not currently have an agreement with Mainly Manitowoc, they are not an elected body and who would enforce the ordinance.

Some ideas that came out of the discussion were to have a separate agreement with Mainly Manitowoc authorizing them to do site work for murals in the downtown and scope of work regulations for project signs. Mainly Manitowoc could do the legwork and bring recommendations to CDA. Mainly Manitowoc would be the initial contact for businesses to get questions answered and facilitate the process with the City.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Aldersperson Jason Sladky, Chairperson
Committee of the Whole

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