

SPECIAL  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
Council Chambers – Municipal Building  
Tuesday, November 18, 2008

A special and open meeting of the City of New London Common Council was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called. Presiding: Mayor Henke

Members Present: Morack, Herminath, Romberg, Kopitzke, O'Connell, Tate, Barrington, Dean Way arrived 5:10 p.m. Excused: Herter

Others Present: Hager, Villiesse, Hoerth, Hunt, Zehms, Coppock, Johnson

The meeting was called to discuss the possibilities of restructuring the Council Committees and the reporting function of Staff to Committee. Also under consideration is the realignment of position or creation of new positions within City Departments.

Mayor Henke had previously presented a plan and had asked for additional ideas at the October 28<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting. Henke briefly summarized his prior ideas and asked for what ideas the Council had come up with. Dean then presented a modified version of this list splitting the Administrator and Economic Development Committees into Administration & Human Resources and a New London Development Committee.

Conversation then shifted to a discussion of citizen involvement on Committees. Members agreed that citizen members should vote and that should represent a minority membership on any committee.

The Parks & Recreation and Economic Development Committees were selected as the Committees, which would benefit most from citizen input.

It was suggested that:

- The Cable Commission be folded into the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- That the Public Facilities Committee duties be separated and assigned among existing committees.
- That the Plan Commission oversees the Building Inspector, Code Enforcement and extra territorial zoning.
- Citizen Members be appointed for a 2-year term.

-- If the Committee has Sub-Committees reporting to it, the Vice Chairman from that Committee should Chair the Sub-Committee.

-- That there should be a liaison between the Parks & Recreation Committee and the Library-Museum Board.

-- Similarly a liaison between Board of Public Works and the Utility Commission and between the Police & Fire Commission and the Finance & Personnel Committee.

-- That Sub-Committees meet prior to the Committees they report to.

Attached is a summary of the Committee realignment proposal.

Following the discussion on Council Committees members focused on changes in the Public Works Department. The job description for a Public Works secretarial position was distributed. It was thought that this position might be shared between Public Works and Parks & Recreation. It will be further discussed at the next Board of Public Works meeting, and as it is unfunded, with the Finance Committee meeting.

There being no further business, Barrington/Tate to adjourn. Council adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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James R. Villiesse  
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