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SUBSTITUTE 1

..Reference

040220, 070141, 091288

..Sponsor

MEMBER SYNOWICZ

..Title

Substitute resolution relating to the structure and procedures of the Milwaukee Youth Council and the terms of Council Members.

..Analysis

This resolution urges the Common Council to amend s. 320-45 of the Code of Ordinances, establishing the City Youth Council, to change the terms of members of from November 1 to October 31 of the following year to terms beginning September 1 and ending May 31 of the following year.

The resolution further urges the Common Council to provide that the Youth Council shall elect a President before adjournment of its first formal meeting.

The resolution also provides for the establishment of 4 standing committees to be the Education Committee, the Public Safety Committee, the Community Outreach Committee, and the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is comprised of the president, a vice president and the chair of each standing committee.

..Body

Whereas, The Youth Council is established under s. 320-45 of the Code of Ordinances by Common Council File Number 04022, passed July 7, 2004, to serve and advance the interests of city youth as a representative body in city government; and

Whereas, Section 320-45 was recreated by File Number 070141, passed May 20, 2008, as further amended by File Number 091288, passed June 15, 2010, for the purposes of improving the procedures for selection of members and the operation of the Youth Council; and

Whereas, The Youth Council finds that further changes in the terms of membership and procedures of the Youth Council are necessary and desirable to improve its operations and effectiveness; and

Whereas, The attendance rate of the City of Milwaukee Youth Council has decreased significantly during the 2012-2013 term; and

Whereas, The low attendance rate has hindered the ability of the Youth Council to conduct its business in an effective manner due to the lack of a quorum; and

Whereas, The Youth Council was unable to select a president for three months impeding the ability of the Youth Council to effectively and efficiently conduct business; and

Whereas, The low attendance and participation of the Youth Council members has resulted in failure of legislative proposals due to a single dissenting vote; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Youth Council of the City of Milwaukee that the Youth Council urges the Common Council to amend s. 320-45 of the Code of Ordinances to set the terms of the Youth Council to begin on September 1 and end on May 31; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Youth Council further urges the Common Council to require the election of the Youth Council president prior to the adjournment of its first formal meeting; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Youth Council establishes the Education Committee, Public Safety Committee, Community Outreach Committee and the Executive Committee as the four standing committees of the Youth Council; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Youth Council president, vice president, and the chair of each standing committee; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to each member of the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee.

..Requester

..Drafter
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