

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** January 22, 2008

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 5:01 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 5:17 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Michael McQuillen, Chairman  
Ed Coleman  
Robert Lutz  
Dane Mahern  
Barbara Malone  
Cherrish Pryor

ABSENT MEMBERS

Jackie Nytes

**AGENDA**

PROPOSAL NO. 7, 2008 - appoints Robert E. Cockrum to the Capital Improvement Board of Managers  
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

## MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE

The Municipal Corporations Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Chairman Michael McQuillen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with the following members present: Ed Coleman, Robert Lutz, Dane Mahern, Barbara Malone and Cherrish Pryor. Jackie Nytes was absent. Councillor Bob Cockrum was also in attendance.

Chairman McQuillen asked that each committee member introduce themselves and identify which district they represent. Councillors Coleman and Malone identified themselves as At-Large Councillors, serving the entire county. Councillor Lutz stated that he represents District 13 on the west side of Indianapolis, and Councillor Mahern said that he serves District 19, which is located on the near southwest side of downtown. Councillor Pryor stated that she was elected to represent District 7, which includes portions of Pike and Wayne Townships in the Lafayette Square area. Chairman McQuillen said that he serves the northeast District 12, which is primarily in Lawrence Township.

### PROPOSAL NO. 7, 2008 - appoints Robert E. Cockrum to the Capital Improvement Board of Managers

Chairman McQuillen asked Councillor Cockrum to share a little of his background and why he wishes to serve on this board. Councillor Cockrum stated that according to statute, one Council member is appointed to serve on the Capital Improvement Board (CIB) of Managers. He said that this position has historically been filled by the president or vice president of the Council. Former President Gray's appointment ended on December 31, 2007, and Councillor Cockrum has agreed to fill that opening. He said that the CIB oversees the sports arenas, such as Victory Field, Conseco Fieldhouse and the new Lucas Oil Stadium. He said that he is looking forward to getting more up-to-date information on the new stadium, specifically, as he has heard that they are having struggles with the operational funding. He said that the January meeting of the board was cancelled, and if his appointment is approved this evening and at the next full Council meeting, he will be able to attend the February meeting of the board. He stated that committee members have his resume and he is available for any questions.

Councillor Mahern said that he knows attendance records are especially important to Councillor Cockrum and he asked if he has the time to serve. Councillor Cockrum stated that in his 12 years on the Council, he has missed only three Council meetings. Two were due to family deaths out of state, and the third was due to an emergency surgery. He said that he has rarely missed a committee hearing in that time, and usually it was due to two committees being scheduled at the same time or a conflict with the Scarborough Peace Games planning team, for which he was responsible. He said that he is very committed to attending all scheduled meetings when he is appointed or elected to serve.

Councillor Malone asked what the rationale is behind the president or vice president having to fill this particular board appointment. Councillor Cockrum said that it does not have to be the president or vice president, but the CIB is a pretty important board, and it helps the Council leadership keep up with large developments that affect the City as a whole. Councillor Malone asked if the president then will keep this committee up-to-date on such

developments. Councillor Cockrum said that he will. Councillor Malone said that she understands this position is not allowed a vote. Councillor Cockrum said that he believes the Council appointment does have a vote.

Councillor Pryor asked if the CIB will play a part in the new hotel being built downtown. Councillor Cockrum said that he believes the hotel will connect to the convention center, and the CIB may have some input there, but it is not connected to any sporting arena, as far as he knows.

Councillor Lutz moved, seconded by Councillor Malone, to send Proposal No. 7, 2008 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman McQuillen said that it is his goal, as chairman of this committee, to facilitate the members getting out and meeting the people at the various municipal corporations, and seeing their facilities. In pursuit of this goal, he has made arrangements for the next committee hearing to be held at Wishard Hospital on February 26, 2008, where Matt Gutwein, president of Health and Hospital Corporation, who is present this evening, will be hosting the committee. He added that plans are being discussed to hold the March meeting at IndyGo.

Councillor Malone asked if there will be a change in appointments to these municipal corporation boards. Chairman McQuillen said that he had no plans to end terms early but was open to suggestions from fellow committee members. Councillor Malone asked if there is a list of these appointments. Chairman McQuillen said that he does have a list of municipal corporation appointments, and some will expire in March and will need to be filled at that time. He added that if committee members have recommendations to fill these positions, he would be glad to discuss them.

Councillor Pryor asked if the February meeting time could be changed to 5:30 p.m. in order to allow more time for committee members who work in or near the City-County Building to arrive at Wishard. Chairman McQuillen asked for consent from committee members, and consent was given. He asked Mr. Gutwein if a time change would be acceptable to him. Mr. Gutwein stated that 5:30 p.m. would be acceptable. Chairman McQuillen asked the clerk to make a note of the time change for the February 26, 2008 meeting so that the notice reflects such.

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michael McQuillen, Chairman