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Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

5:00 PM

Madison Police Department
211 South Carroll Street, Room GR-27
City-County Building - Central Community Room

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Paul E. Skidmore; Debra F. Julian; Sara J. Petzold; Mary T. Anglim;
Margaret Anderson and Barbara Harrington-McKinney
Absent: 3 - Ledell Zellers; Syed (John) Mustajab Abbas and Shonita A. Skinner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Skidmore made a motion to approve the July 12, 2017 PSRC minutes.
Anderson seconded the motion. Petzold sustained. The minutes were
unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

INTRODUCTION OF A NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Sara Petzold a new committee member introduced herself and the committee
members went around and made introductions.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

1. [47869](#) Establishing a Glass-Free Zone for the State Street area from 9:00 p.m. on
October 27, 2017 to 5:00 a.m. on October 28, 2017 and from 9:00 p.m. on
October 28, 2017 to 5:00 a.m. on October 29, 2017.

Attachments: [Map: State Street Area Glass Free Zone Oct 2017.pdf](#)

Alder Skidmore made a motion to move approval. Petzold seconded the
motion.

This Resolution was RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF
OFFICER

2. [48324](#) Body Camera Pilot Project for North District

Alder McKinney requested Body Worn Cameras be placed on the agenda to have a discussion amongst the committee with re-evaluating cameras. In 2015, Body- Worn cameras went before numerous community meetings with lots of discussion. There was money in the budget for \$50,000 to pilot the cameras in the North Police District. Body-worn cameras ended up being voted down by Council to focus and look at building trust between the police and the community. There were several different views expressed from committee members during the meeting.

*How do we know if it will work or not or what it could be without a pilot.

*Other Cities and Municipalities use them and what does their process look like. Would like to know what experience other communities that use them look like. (UW, Town of Madison, Milwaukee)

*A pilot could be used to determine what the process would look like with who gets the data, how and where it would be stored and what it is going to take for staff.

*Increases in documenting with more staff needed to manage, review, and redact material.

*Video doesn't always show everything and there could be varying interpretations.

*Need for control group with using two pilots in two districts comparing before and after cameras and then one district use camera and another not use cameras.

*What do we hope to gain out of using body cameras? Is it to catch police doing wrong or to see what others are doing?

Captain Ackeret mentioned that costs may have come down on the cameras but not on storage costs and there would need to be additional staff to process the data. Captain Ackeret will look into advised numbers from staff and bring back ideas to the September PSRC meeting. The committee discussed coming up with ideas or a plan that could work to potentially begin a pilot. Alder McKinney moved that a committee of the whole be formed with PSRC to further discuss the feasibility of body worn cameras. Alder Skidmore seconded the motion. Anglim requested to include goals and other alternative studies. There was a unanimous vote from the committee to go forward to have continued discussions on body worn cameras.

REPORTS

3. [46003](#) Report from the Madison Police Department

Captain Ackeret shared a budget memo outline from the Chief on the MPD 2018 Operating budget requests. He spoke about moving the police academy to help maintain an adequate amount of staffing with retirements/resignations as there has been a delay for about a five month period when patrol is short. By moving the academy start date the goal would be to allow the department to be able to fill those openings to maintain staffing. There was discussion on the 2016 staffing study that was shared from Assistant Police Chief Williams. As a request the committee asked that the 2017 City Finance Meeting dates are sent to members.

The Chief's blog can be accessed through the Madison Police website which details the number of significant police calls within a 24 hour period. Included

in these are significant mental health issues, overdoses, crime and crime data.

The last several of months there has been an increase in the number of shots fired. Year to date there has been a 65-66% increase. There have been several internal meetings on the operational response to the increase and over the next several weeks there will be additional officers in identified areas both to go after known violent offenders and to have an increased presence in the community.

As an update from the July PSRC meeting when city cameras were discussed the Mayor has added up to twelve city traffic cameras.

4. [48325](#) Report from the Madison Fire Department

There was no report from Fire.

5. [45624](#) Report from Alders on Committee

Alder McKinney shared there will be a community forum at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on August 15 beginning at 6pm with a program from 6:30-8:30pm. There will be speakers and discussion on a variety of items including violence, identifying areas and to also look at and identify challenges in communities.

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Anglim made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:45pm.