



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required to accept this report.

Title

Accepting the report and recommendations from the Community Policing and Body Camera Ad Hoc Committee.

Body

WHEREAS, the Community Policing and Body Camera Ad Hoc Committee first convened on June 30, 2015, and held three additional meeting thereafter (July, 30, 2015, August 25, 2015 and September 2, 2015); and,

WHEREAS, this committee aimed to make recommendations to the Common Council on 1) how to continue to ensure positive relationships and trust between the Madison Police Department (MPD) and our citizens and 2) the framework for a pilot study for the use of body cameras including but not limited to policies and practices and their impact on citizens and City agencies and the fiscal implications; and,

WHEREAS, the community feedback led this committee to the following:

- The committee recognized the need for more research on this topic.
- Throughout this process the committee studied several materials related to body worn cameras, including the study that Madison Police Department conducted.
- The YWCA staff gave the committee a brief presentation on the YWCA findings up to July 30, 2015.
- Jacquie Boggess from the Center for Family Policy and Practice gave a full presentation to the committee on the community engagement sessions regarding Body Cameras.
- A copy of the report was handed out, and a PowerPoint presentation was given on the themes that were found throughout the community and city focus groups; and,

WHEREAS, based on the findings, the committee came to the conclusion that the issue of trust and the community's relationship with the police needed to be addressed first, prior to implementation of police body cameras; and,

WHEREAS, after a careful review of findings the committee voted on September 2, 2015 to recommend that the city implement the use of body worn cameras by the Madison Police Department; the motion failed (Noes - 4; Ayes - 2; Abstained - 2):

Lucia Nuñez - No
Richard Beadles - No
Veronica Lazo - No
Maria Teresa Dary - No
Tom Brown - Yes
Antony Cooper - Yes
Laura Laurenzi - Abstained
Kristen Roman - Abstained

WHEREAS, the Chair and the Co-Chair also recommended that the Community Policing and Body Camera Ad Hoc Committee merge with the City of Madison Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policies, Procedures, Training

and Culture in order to make final recommendations to the Common Council on the development of more positive relationships and trust between MPD and our citizens,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council accepts this final report and recommendations from the Community Policing and Body Camera Ad Hoc Committee.

Committee Members:

Veronica Lazo, UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence

Tom Brown, Urban League of Greater Madison

Rich Beadles, Information Technology

Laura Laurenzi, Madison Fire Department

Lucia Nuñez, Department of Civil Rights

Anthony Cooper, Nehemiah

Kristen Roman, Madison Police Department

Maria-Teresa Dary - LGBTQ Rep

Percy Brown, EOC

Nancy Saiz, Community Development Division - Staff to Committee