

From: [Evelyn Gildrie-Voyles](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting April 20 item 45 Transferring Parking Enforcement Duties form Madison Police Department to the Parking Division.
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:49:20 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to support item 45, Transferring Parking Enforcement duties from MPD to the Parking Division. This is a logical step. I see little reason for the police department to be enforcing parking rules, issuing tickets, checking meters or doing any other duties related to parking laws. Please take this step to begin reimagining and refocusing public safety in Madison.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: [Erin Quigley](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Common Council Meeting - Agenda Item 45
Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021 5:57:23 PM

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Good evening,

I am writing to express my deep support of Agenda Item 45 - removing parking enforcement responsibilities from Madison Police Department

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From: [Elizabeth Falkos](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#); friendsofyannette@gmail.com; nikki4madison@gmail.com; julianafordistrict8@gmail.com; charles4district18@gmail.com; benfordformadison@gmail.com; jael@currieforcitycouncil.com; [Baldeh, Samba](#); regina.4.madison@gmail.com
Subject: Common Council, April 20, Item #45
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 9:04:04 PM

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Dear Mayor and Alders:

I am in support of keeping the Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO) under the Madison Police Department. The Parking Enforcement team is dedicated in the face of difficult and sometimes dangerous work. Taking away their access to the MPD computer system will take away their access to stolen vehicle information. In the wake of frequent episodes of dangerous driving and stolen cars (which are tied to weapon offenses and property crimes), we need the parking enforcement team to continue to work closely with the MPD and report stolen vehicles. They would not be able to do this under the Parking Division.

Taking the PEO out of the MPD will also incur costs to the city to issue new vehicles, equipment, and office space. Have these costs been thoroughly researched? I value the PEO and want to be careful with city resources. A decrease in income from their services would be a detriment to the city.

This proposal does not help to "reimage" public safety in any way. There is false information circulating that the Parking Enforcement Officers carry weapons and are police officers. This is untrue.

It's important that the new council carefully monitor income to the city and promote business and tourism. We need a safe and pleasant downtown with ample parking to make coming downtown for restaurants and events appealing.

Please leave the PEO under the MPD and move on to the many other important issues at hand.

Thank you,

Beth Falkos
District 19

From: [charlie rogers](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fw: peo's
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:42:22 AM

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To: 'tandemcharlie@yahoo.com' <tandemcharlie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 07:12:12 AM CDT
Subject: bill

Good Afternoon, I think it's important for the council to know that there has been no serious financial review done on the total cost of this proposal. When this was first proposed in 2010, dispatch was going to charge the city a minimum of \$120,000.00 a year for staffing two full time employees, and that's in 2010 dollars. Also there have been no cost reviews of the other programs and expenses that will be incurred if the move takes place. A few of these costs are, re-licensing NCIC, New World, CAD, and the AIMS system, not to mention finding a new vendor for our uniforms, and getting IT set up from the city. Lastly, I again will ask why is this being done? The PEO's in the Police Department are performing well, so why change it? Thanks for your time, Charlie Rogers

From: [Aileen Seymour](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fwd: Oppose move from PD to PU item #45
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:33:58 PM

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Dear City Alders,

Welcome to the new Alders and Thank you to the Veteran Alders that are continuing to work so hard.

I sent this to the Finance Committee on March 22, and wanted to make sure to share this email with All of the Alders.

Sincerely,

PEO Aileen Seymour

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Aileen Seymour <aileen-seymour@sbcglobal.net>
Date: March 22, 2021 at 4:30:09 PM CDT
To: financecommittee@cityofmadison.com
Cc: Aileen Seymour <aileen-seymour@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: **Oppose move from PD to PU**

Good Evening Finance Committee,

I have been a Parking Enforcement Officer here for 10 years.

I am a 25 year employee of Team Madison. I have performed a variety of duties, and feel that my interpersonal skills are my best asset. My many years of experience working with the community members of this ever changing City has given knowledge that I share with the community and my fellow City workers in the various departments.

I have severe concerns with the move to Parking Utility, from a financial aspect, efficiency aspect and community outreach aspect.

Parking Utility has paid for some positions for years now because we do meter enforcement as a part of our job. Last year, there was a budget to pass, without the money to do so- and PU took on salaries of all PEOs , with little warning and no data to show if a move would make any sense.

This occurred pre-covid. Now, The City and the Utility are in financial Crisis. The Utility has shown that they are not able to absorb even more costs involved, including facilities for PEOs & for cars, the auto costs, more equipment costs, training costs and other costs that PD has been able to cover because they already have facilities needed. They already have a person that manages their vehicles, and the same person just takes on the PEO vehicles. They already fought to have Dane County 911 cover PEOs because they are in the PD. They already have so many things that do not cost them lots of money, but these things will cost a lot needed to start fresh in the PU.

The City is a great place to work for. The City has tried to respect and value

workers and allow them a living wage. Mayor Satya is not taking workers into account on this. We just received an email, just hours ago with very vague ideas, stating that this could be more cost effective (with no data to show this), that the City will look different (PEOs do not carry guns, we use our lights and hazards for SAFETY- so cars see us and do not hit us or our vehicles), to do things because other Cities do (I surely do not think it is OK to act like the enforcers or the community members that we see on PARKING WARS).

Please take into account that as of now PU is paying the salary portion, but will have massive additional costs if we move. We all feel that we are safer because we have access to more facilities and information that makes us aware of stolen vehicles, etc. We certainly do not want to make a change that puts the City into jeopardy because the PEOs have warned the City that SAFETY is an issue and we feel we will not receive the same safety measures if moved.

As an employee, I am concerned about layoffs, pay cuts, equipment cuts ,personal clothing allowance cuts.

I came back to the PD 10 years ago and made changes in my life to work from the bottom to attain what I have earned. Please look at data- which it seems is not there before making a decision to move the PEOs .

Respectfully-

PEO Aileen Seymour, City of Madison , Madison Police Dept

From: [Jayne Meyer](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Oppose the transfer of parking enforcement
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:18:06 PM

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Subject: Parking Enforcement Transfer-OPPOSE

Item 45 on the April 20, 2021 CC agenda - 64333
Transferring Parking Enforcement Duties from Madison Police Department to the Parking Division

*I ask you to **OPPOSE** the transfer of the 31 Parking Enforcement Officers to the Parking Division.*

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Let's make use of what we already have in place. Leave the Parking Enforcement Officers where they are...a place where they are can continue to serve the City effectively and efficiently with no additional expenses.

Thanks for your consideration of this issue.

Jayne Meyer
Madison

From: [valerie riedel](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Parking Enforcement Transfer
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 12:47:40 PM

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My name is Valerie Riedel. I am employed by the City of Madison Police Department as a Parking Enforcement Officer. I have been working in this job position for eleven and a half years. I oppose the proposed transfer of the Parking Enforcement Unit from the Police Department to the Parking Utility Division. I am writing to you to outline some of the services we provide and to explain some of the reasons we believe that this transfer should not happen.

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Clean Streets Clean Lakes Program Enforcement (Example: No Parking [8AM-Noon Mondays](#))

Many of our streets are regulated by this ordinance and more streets are added to this program every year. This is an important program that serves many purposes. It allows for effective cleaning of our streets which are enjoyed aesthetically by all.

More importantly, it is essential that our streets are cleaned, as the runoff from many of them drain directly into our lakes. By keeping vehicles off of the streets for just a few short hours on varying days, we allow street crews to remove salt, sand, leaves garbage, oil and other automotive fluids from them, preventing these contaminants from ending up in our lakes. The program also makes it possible for City plows to effectively remove snow and widen narrow streets. This is essential for providing parking and allows access to large vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances, garbage trucks and delivery vehicles. Other City agencies such as Forestry, Water Utility and City Engineering also rely on this program when planning essential project dates.

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The items listed are an example of the many things we are charged with enforcing on a daily basis. Though all of the ordinances we enforce serve an important purpose above and beyond the generation of revenue, it remains true that many individuals respond better when the violation of these ordinances comes with a monetary penalty. It is understandable that individuals may become disappointed or even angry when receiving a parking citation. However, some individuals become

unreasonable and can react violently toward the Parking Enforcement Officer issuing the citation. There have been many times when we have had to call on Police Officers to ensure our safety while on the job. I worry how our safety will be compromised if we are moved to the Parking Utility Division and are no longer directly connected to the Police Officers who will come quickly to our aid. I further worry that there will be more violence and harassment directed toward us when we no longer bear the Madison Police Department patch and the unspoken protection that it affords us. It is our belief that fewer people act out in an unreasonable way because of the uniform that we proudly wear.

Likewise, removing our access to certain law enforcement information provided to us by the software programs within the Police Department will compromise our safety. On many occasions we are called on to work with vehicles that are owned by wanted or dangerous subjects. We cannot know this without consulting the information provided by this software. It is my understanding that acquiring this software for our use within the Parking Utility Division will be quite costly. Is it reasonable to purchase duplicate software when we already have access to it where we are now? We also often provide service to members of the community in areas where known dangerous or violent subjects reside. It is imperative that we are able to connect to and call for help from Police Officers immediately if necessary.

As members of the Police Department, we receive daily emails and bulletins about dangerous areas and individuals to avoid. We are advised before we go out on the streets of the locations of recent shootings or other violent acts so that we may avoid these areas. We receive alert tones over our radios advising us of dangerous situations happening real time. From time to time we find ourselves in these very areas as these violent situations are occurring. Hearing the urgent information as it is happening allows us to move quickly to a safe area. Sometimes while in these situations we are also able to relay information to Police Officers about subjects of interest while they are happening near us. We have many times been instrumental in the apprehension of perpetrators since we have access to descriptions and locations of crimes recently committed near us.

Because of the daily "Stolen Auto" bulletins that are emailed to us as employees of the Police Department, and the access we have to Law Enforcement information, we frequently discover and report the location of stolen vehicles throughout the city. These vehicles are more quickly returned to their owners than if it were only our already very busy Police Officers who had access to this information.

Our job often includes towing and impounding vehicles for various reasons. Understandably, vehicle owners can become very angry and sometimes violent when faced with the realization that they are losing access to their vehicle. This affects their ability to get to school and work etc. It is a frustratingly inconvenient situation to be in. Worse though, are the situations when we find that we must impound a vehicle that is actually functioning as a home. These are volatile situations to be in and we often find it necessary to call on Police Officers to arrive quickly to help us remain safe. Having access to information about vehicle owners also helps us to know if we should arrive at the scene with an officer before starting to impound the vehicle.

What is the plan?

At the moment there seems to be no plan for this transfer. Where will we be housed?

We are currently strategically housed throughout the city within the six different Police Districts. This works well saving time driving to our various work assignments as well as making it possible to reach the locations of calls for service on many private properties. The current possible plan seems to be centralize us in one location. This would increase travel times, gas consumption and wear on our fleet of vehicles as well as cause the community members we serve to wait longer for our arrival. How much will it cost the city to construct or retrofit a structure to house us?

Does it make sense to spend this money when we already have a fully functioning and efficient place from which to operate?

Where will our fleet of vehicles be stored? We currently store our vehicles in a locked garage near the City County Building and in the surface lots at the Police Districts.

We have two vehicles that are fitted with camera systems which must be parked indoors to protect them and also to plug them in so that their batteries may charge overnight. Likewise we have an increasing number of electric vehicles that must have access to charging stations. How much will it cost the city to construct or obtain a parking structure suitable for our fleet of vehicles? Does it make sense to spend this money when we already have a fully functioning and efficient system with which to store our vehicles?

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There are many reasons why we believe that the transfer of our Parking Enforcement

Unit to the Parking Utility Division should not happen. Our safety is most important to us but the lack of any solid plan plays a big role as well. The logistics of this move and the cost of implementing it just don't seem to make good sense. It seems that we are in danger of becoming the collateral damage of our city's program of defunding the police. It is important to understand that we are not police officers. Furthermore, our operating costs are no longer coming from the very general fund that the citations we write help to maintain. It seems to us that we have already been effectively defunded. It is our hope that no further changes be made, and that we are left where we are to continue safely, efficiently and proudly doing what we have already been doing for so many years, within the Madison Police Department .

We are asking for your vote [on April 20, 2021](#) against the transfer of the Parking Enforcement Unit from the Madison Police Department to the Parking Utility Division .

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Thanks for your vote on this issue.

Janet Hirsch
Madison Resident

From: [Kathy McComb](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#)
Subject: Please DO NOT move Parking Enforcement Duties from MPD to Parking Division
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 7:22:08 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am emailing you to vote to OPPOSE Item #45 on your Common Council Agenda on Tuesday April 20, 2021. Please DO NOT move Parking Enforcement Duties from Madison Police Dept. To Parking Division.

Thank you.

Kathy McComb
14 Winterset Circle
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Subject: Please Oppose Transferring PEOs to Parking Utility
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:55:36 PM

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Dear Alders and Mayor,

If as a community we want to “reimagine public safety” then why would you consider removing unarmed civilian employees from MPD and transferring them to a different city department which will make their jobs less effective and much less safe?

Parking Enforcement Officers already do a job police officers could be doing. Shouldn't we be supporting them instead of making their jobs more difficult, stressful and dangerous?

Please listen to what these well-trained, dedicated public servants are telling you and OPPOSE transferring them from the Madison Police Department to Parking Utility.

Thank you!

Wendy Reichel
Resident of District 10

From: [Madhavi Krishnan](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.](#)
Subject: Please support keeping our community safer: Support agenda item 45 on Tuesday
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:41:02 AM

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Dear Alders and Mayor,

I am writing to strongly urge you to support agenda item 45 on Tuesday to support moving parking enforcement out of Madison Police Department. It is time to do this much needed change, that is safer and cheaper for Madison. If you won't be supporting it, please share your reasons.

I would rather have a parking enforcements & traffic stop be just a traffic stop for violating traffic rules meant to keep us safe on the road, not a potential criminal investigation. I don't want parking enforcements & traffic stops to be life threatening situations for the police or the driver.

I am just a mom driving a mommy van taking kids around for classes, doing grocery shopping etc. I get very nervous when I see police stopping another car because I don't know when weapons are going to be drawn. Would I be hit by some stray bullet? Should I stop and record it? I can't imagine the unnecessary societal trauma on all of us because of this tension over a simple traffic stop. If someone has a broken tail light, and says they haven't fixed it because they can't afford it, maybe parking enforcement (trained on parking enforcement rather than using weapons) gives them a coupon to fix it. I bet it will cost fewer tax dollars than criminalizing them, paying for all the courts and judges and collection agencies that follow. That would keep me and my kids safe on the road than any punitive punishment or criminalizing traffic violations would.

I grew up where parking enforcement & traffic police, medical emergency and criminal investigation were performed by different groups of people. It felt safer. Hiring and training is more effective as the job roles are well defined. Current statistics show police training spends significantly more time on using weapons and self defense than on de-escalation, mediation and conflict management. While that can keep the community safe in a small number of instances, in my opinion, causes more harm in most situations. It is especially not useful or relevant for parking enforcements.

Please support agenda item 45. If you won't be supporting it, please share your reasons, so we can both make informed decisions to make progress on this issue.

Thanks,
Madhavi

From: [Bonnie Roe](#)
To: [Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.](#); [Bottari, Mary](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Please vote no on transferring parking enforcement duties
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:22:37 PM

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Dear Mayor and Alders,

When most of us see those parking jeeps or new hybrid parking cars, it's easy to think of them as people who just write tickets. But these Parking Enforcement Officers do so much more. They help keep our community safe by finding and locating stolen vehicles, alerting dispatch and officers to wanted suspects and missing persons. They assist the homeless and give tourists directions. They help business owners by clearing illegally-parked cars blocking their premises. They also help generate revenue for the city.

How much do we value the service they provide? How much do we value these city employees?

It's clear what the Parking Enforcement Officers themselves want. They want to remain employed and housed within the Madison Police Department. The reasons are many and varied, and those of you who have been alders before today have likely heard many of them. They have a good situation, being housed by the 6 different district stations of the police department, naturally and efficiently spread all over the city. Their vehicles are securely stored and they have the workspace they need in these secure buildings they currently have access to. They are conveniently embedded alongside the sergeants, neighborhood officers and others with whom they closely work. Briefings and debriefings are easy and seamless. The MPD badge and logo give their work a sense of authority and security. They are able to use software geared for law enforcement because they currently fall under law enforcement. They have access to Department of Justice software and tactical radio channels. This will all change if they are moved.

The infrastructure is not there for this move. The consolidated building they would work from is downtown. There is no good storage for their vehicles or even workspace or lockers for them. They will not be able to have immediate access to MPD stations because without the vetting and employment through MPD, that access cannot be granted.

They will lose their ability to perform certain law enforcement-related activities (like identification, stolen vehicles, wanted vehicles, missing persons, and fraud investigations). Moving these employees will add work to our already understaffed MPD officers and cost the city money.

Before voting, please read through the report linked below and make a simple pro/con list for this move, as many of us do before making a big decision. You might be surprised, like I

was, at what you find. There is no good reason for this move. I have yet to hear what the sponsors of this legislation like about it. The parking money is already out of MPD. There is no good reason to remove the duties.

Listen to the employees, listen to their needs, listen to what makes sense for them and for our city. And then please vote no on transferring these duties.

Thank you,

Bonnie Roe
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From: [Alice Malacara](#)
To: [Bottari, Mary](#); [Saqqaf, Tariq](#); [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Proposal to remove PEOs from the MPD
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:50:10 AM

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I am a former PEO (1990-2013). I am aware of the plan to remove PEOs from the police department to the Parking Utility. I believe it to be a mistake for many reasons, but I want to stress the one that most concerns me, and I think should concern you.

In the nation's present climate, and discovery through the use of cellphone video, privileged Americans have become aware of a toxic culture that exists in many police departments. There is an "us vs them" mentality, or that of an occupying force against a civilian population, instead of a shared community outlook.

Presently Parking Enforcement Officers—civilians as they are called, (the terminology already reflects a distance between the police and the community they serve) work in all the Madison police districts. I used to work in the West District. Civilians working side by side in the districts with the police, participating in the briefings, sharing the day rooms, squad rooms, gyms and locker rooms, working with them on the streets, hearing the calls, seeing the calls, is hugely valuable to the City of Madison. Civilians act to dilute as it were, the most toxic brew of the closed world of the police vs the community. PEOs, civilians, by their presence, act as a weak, but still witnessing, "watchdog". Police work with the PEOs as colleagues, the parking experts. Police understand the value of having PEOs, without weapons, dealing with the heightened emotions of community members over parking issues. The plan does not eliminate police not dealing with parking at all, in fact, police will deal with more parking issues than before, which I don't believe is the intended effect.

Once colleague civilians are removed from the department, it allows the police to entrench, and if the culture is bad, brew toxicity. I'm not saying this is the situation at MPD, but maybe having civilian colleagues in the department is part of the reason it is not. I would seriously rethink removing civilian PEOs from within the Madison Police Department.

Sincerely,

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From: [Mary Pustejovsky](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Tuesday Agenda Item #45--parking enforcement
Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021 7:56:37 PM

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Distinguished Alders

I am writing in support of item 45 on Tuesday's meeting to transfer parking enforcement out of police. This is something that many many cities have done, without ill effects. Many cities have parking handled by public works, or transportation departments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Pustejovsky
Midvale Heights, Madison

From: [Nicholas Davies](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Yes on 64333: Parking department should enforce parking
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:16:52 PM

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Dear alders,

I urge you to pass item 64333, and move enforcement of parking rules from the police department. This is a widely beneficial transition, and halting/reversing it now would only cause further uncertainty.

(For returning Council members, you may have seen me make some of these points before, if my email in March went through. However, I can't be certain that it did. Legistar shows input against this item, but suspiciously omits my earlier registration and input in favor.)

Parking enforcement doesn't need to be performed by police.

Parking enforcement is a matter of permitting and fee-collecting. We have plenty of other city departments that issue permits and collect fees. These responsibilities don't require being armed, nor do they require police skills and training.

Parking enforcement isn't relevant to police duties.

We've heard over and over that police are stretched thin when it comes to responding to emergencies, especially with the pattern of gun incidents. We need police focused on what they're most essential for, and incorporating unrelated responsibilities into the police department is just an organizational bloat and distraction.

Parking enforcement is relevant to the department making parking rules.

Parking enforcers could have a more direct line of communication to gather data about where parking rules are working well, and where parking is underutilized.

There's still a pressing need to limit the scope, budget, and mandate of the police department.

Madison residents are still looking to city government to respond to last summer's police killings, and MPD's violent response to protests of those killings. Now our neighbors in Minneapolis are again under para-martial law, being extra-judicially assaulted and arrested, following another police murder of a Black man. This problem is not behind us in the least.

Yes, a Civilian Oversight Board has been created, but it hasn't yet been able to change how MPD polices us, or help victims of assault by our police department seek justice.

Yes, there was a Police Auditor position approved, but the position has yet to be filled.

Yes, the Council began considering a ban of chemical weapons used to inflame crowds into riots and inflict needless cruelty, but even after receiving a report that failed to justify continued use of these chemical weapons, the Council has yet to enact a ban.

Meanwhile MPD's budget continued to grow in a year when COVID imposed cuts on other city departments.

Thank you,
Nick Davies

