

From: SHARON GRANT <sharon.grant@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2022 8:22 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote YES

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Please vote YES for police body cameras.

From: Pat Fish <patfi@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 8:12 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Body worn cameras

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Please vote yes to the trial of use of body worn cameras for mpd. The cameras help with accountability, trust and transparency for our police department. It is a possitive tool for our professional police department.

From: Bonnie Roe <bonnie.roe@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2022 7:43 AM

To: Rhodes-Conway, Satya V. <SRhodes-Conway@cityofmadison.com>; Bottari, Mary <MBottari@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Martin, Arvina <district11@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Barnes, Shon F <SBarnes@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Compelling Clip of Officer-Involved Shooting

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Dear Mayor and Alders,

I hope you are well.

I imagine you're receiving some letters regarding Matthew Braunginn's article about why he no longer supports body cameras on police officers. Most of it boils down to a lack of consistent studies showing a reduction in use-of-force incidents by police.

There are varying conclusions from studies on that issue, but here in Madison it's a moot point anyway. Our officers are highly trained according to best practices of de-escalation and they already absolutely minimize use-of-force, as you can see in the quarterly reports (the most recent one is attached and linked below). It's pretty difficult to realize a statistically significant drop in use-of-force when it was used in just 0.18% of calls across an entire year.

A huge reason why I support equipping our patrol officers with body-worn cameras is for building trust through transparency between the police and the community. The video linked below, regarding an officer-involved shooting that happened in February in Milwaukee, is less than 8-minutes long and worth every second. It shows how body cam footage aids the transparency of an investigation and the ability to communicate with the community. It gives eyes and ears to what happened. Imagine how critical footage like this would have helped in some of our historic high-profile incidents.

Please take the few minutes to watch this video. I believe our community is crying out for information and transparency like this after an officer-involved shooting or other critical event and we should have the same opportunity to see what transpired.

https://youtu.be/AKo_zvw4Ed0

Below are links to the most recent 4th Quarter Reports, showing a summary of officer use-of-force:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/chiefUpdate20214thQtr.pdf>

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/chiefUpdate20204thQtr.pdf>

Please vote YES on April 19th. It is time to move forward with our own body camera pilot.

Thank you,

Bonnie Roe

District 11

608-239-1748

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Use of Force Overview

Description	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Calls for Service	28,637	35,754	40,910	32,425	137,456
Citizen Contacts Where Force Was Used	55	47	71	78	251
% of CFS Where Force Was Used	0.19%	0.13%	0.17%	0.24%	0.18%
Force					
Decentralization/Takedown	49	40	56	54	199
Active Counter Measures	6	4	8	6	24
Taser Deployment	7	12	2	10	31
Hobble Restraints	4	4	7	10	25
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	0	1	16	13	30
Baton Strike	0	0	0	0	0
K9 Bite	1	2	1	4	8
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	1	0	0	2	3
Impact Munition	1	0	1	2	4
Specialty	0	0	0	0	0
Total	69	63	91	101	324
Firearm Discharged to Put Down a Sick or Suffering Animal	10	16	3	15	44

*Please refer to the MPD SOP on use of force data collection for the definition of recordable force and distinction between reportable and recordable use of force:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/sop/UseOfForceData.pdf>

Fourth quarter use of force data by MPD district and time of day:

District*	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
West	6	6	2	9	23	9.2%
Midtown	6	5	9	16	36	14.3%
South	6	5	7	4	22	8.8%
Central	8	6	27	15	56	22.3%
North	12	14	12	16	54	21.5%
East	16	11	14	17	58	23.1%
Out of County	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Within County - Assist	1	0	0	1	2	0.8%
Total	55	47	71	78	251	100.0%

Time of Day/Patrol Shift	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
1st Detail (7am – 3pm)	10	16	17	19	62	24.7%
3rd Detail (3pm – 11pm)	32	20	23	38	113	45.0%
5th Detail (11pm – 7am)	13	11	31	21	76	30.3%
Total	55	47	71	78	251	100.0%

From: Pat Fish <patfi@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:42 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Body worn cameras for our police

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Please vote yes to the pilot program for body worn cameras for mpd. We need our police to be prepared with up to date equipment in their pursuit of community safety! Thanks

From: Kathy <kaviets@charter.net>

Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 10:37 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Body-worn cameras

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Dear Mayor and Alders,

I am writing in support of equipping our police force with body-worn cameras.

Madison is not the nice, safe city it used to be. Crime is increasing. The criminals are emboldened by our political climate.

Our "catch and release" justice system is shameful, as is the attitude toward MPD by some of our city's leaders.

Please give our officers this tool to help fight crime and safe our city!

Respectfully,

Kathy Viets

From: Gregory Gelembiuk <gwgelemb@wisc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 4:29 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Rhodes-Conway, Satya V. <SRhodes-Conway@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Regarding the bodycam pilot program resolution

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Dear Alders,

Please vote against the bodycam pilot program resolution (File #68625).

Data from municipalities across the U.S. shows that bodycams are used almost entirely for surveillance and prosecution of civilians, not police accountability. Studies have consistently found that bodycam programs increase prosecutorial charging rates, particularly for minor offenses. This impacts more heavily policed communities (BIPOC and other marginalized communities), which are filmed at higher rates, the hardest. Madison already has sky-high racial disparities in prosecution rates, and a bodycam program would likely exacerbate that.

Moreover, a bodycam program is expensive. Labor costs, for bodycam associated tasks (by all bodycam-wearing officers) and for training, are the largest elements of this and are often entirely unaccounted for by police departments advocating to deploy bodycams. Allocation of time to bodycam-specific workload leads to less time for routine policing tasks, resulting in downstream pressure to compensate by increasing patrol staffing. Data storage is also expensive. Overall, such a program is likely to cost Madison millions of dollars a year – something we can ill afford at a time of structural deficits with a strict levy limit. A bodycam program would mean that Madison would be allocating much more money to MPD, rather than social needs.

Bodycams are subject to manipulation by police officers and create perceptual distortions favoring police officers. There's a reason police want them – they're a tool to privilege the perspective of officers (under the objective reasonable standard of *Graham v. Connor*) and entrench the status quo. Police almost always judge bodycam video as clearing officers. Moreover, there is evidence that bodycam perspective increases the degree to which viewers believe excessive force against BIPOC bodies is justified.

In the future, MPD bodycam footage could be subpoenaed by ICE or other federal agencies, and mined with facial recognition software. The right of federal agencies to subpoena such records for immigration enforcement has been upheld by federal courts. This will especially be an issue when the xenophobic Republican Party again capture the Presidency.

Michelle Alexander, author of *"The New Jim Crow – Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness"*, is correct in stating "Police Body Cameras Are Not A Solution". Campaign Zero, the Black Lives Matter organization that promotes evidence-based solutions to police violence used to favor bodycams, but now, given evidence from research studies, warns cities AGAINST implementing new bodycam programs. The Movement for Black Lives, a coalition of more than 50 groups representing the interests of Black communities across the United States, has called for "an end to the mass surveillance of Black communities and an end to the use of technologies that criminalize and target our communities", specifically including body cameras.

Moreover, the resolution and substitute resolution contravene the recommendations of the Bodycam Committee. The Bodycam Committee report said bodycams should only be implemented if ten preconditions were first strictly met. In contrast, the original resolution completely ignored these requirements while the substitute resolution creates a toothless pretense of following the Bodycam Committee recommendations. The substitute resolution vacuously states that there only need be an "attempt to implement recommendations" - words which can be interpreted to mean anything. In practice, this will just be a green light to proceed regardless of whether the preconditions are met.

Moreover, while the Bodycam Committee report requires that for bodycam implementation to occur, the District Attorney's Office must first take multiple specific steps to prevent an increase in prosecutorial charging, particularly for lower-level offenses, the substitute resolution language entirely exempts this from being required (stating that even "an attempt to implement" is not needed if a provision is "outside the City's purview").

Then the substitute resolution authorizes the office of the City Attorney to determine compliance with these provisions, but the City Attorney's Office is deeply tied to the Police Department and the Mayor's Office. The lack of independence between city attorney offices and police departments has been widely written about as a serious problem in municipalities throughout the country. So the resolution creates a non-independent, non-transparent process with no means of public input as the mechanism for determining compliance with a requirement that's been watered down to the point of total meaninglessness.

The Bodycam Committee report explicitly states "If the City, MPD, and the DA's Office fail to fulfill these preconditions, then the Committee unanimously agrees that BWCs should not be implemented in

Madison", stating that these should be treated as "strict preconditions". The substitute resolution does the direct opposite of that.

Furthermore, it's crucial to accurately assess the labor costs of a bodycam program, since these are the greatest expenses of a bodycam program. But the substitute resolution doesn't require that officer time spent on bodycam-related tasks be quantitatively tracked with worklogs (e.g. as Spokane did in its pilot, providing hard data) or that officer training time be quantitatively tracked. It merely specifies that these times "should be accounted for in the design and implementation" of the trial, and that the report should "describe...officer time and administrative staff time needed for body-cam related tasks and training" - uselessly vague language which again could be interpreted to mean almost anything (as opposed to requiring accurate, fully quantitative data).

In addition, rather than arranging for an independent third party to create the experimental design for the randomized controlled trial, to administer the trial, and to analyze the results (as was done, for example, for Milwaukee's bodycam pilot program, for which the Urban Institute was retained), the substitute resolution hands all these responsibilities to MPD, stating only that the resulting report should be evaluated by a third party chosen by the Council. This is pretty much the opposite of how a proper "rigorous, randomized controlled trial" would be conducted. There is no independence from MPD, which obviously would prefer particular outcomes. This is similar to allowing a pesticide manufacturer to conduct all the trials for harmful effects of its products. An entity merely "evaluating" the pesticide manufacturer's reports won't be able to tell where things were manipulated or fudged to generate a desired outcome, has no power to ensure that the most appropriate experimental design was used, has no power to ensure that the most appropriate statistical tests were used or that statistical tests were done correctly, etc. At best, such an evaluator is only left with the capacity to point out problems if they are egregious and not hidden.

PSRC recommended placing this resolution on file. EOC recommended against proceeding with a bodycam pilot program; but that if a pilot were done, it should follow the Bodycam Committee preconditions. The substitute resolution creates a pretense of concern with the Bodycam Committee recommendations while actually contravening them.

Please vote against the proposed resolution.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory Gelembiuk

From: jjokela@sbcglobal.net <jjokela@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 4:33 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Police body camera pilot

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Jill Jokela
Address: 5 Hallows Cir, Madison, WI 53704
Email: jjokela@sbcglobal.net

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

As a long time north side resident, I strongly urge you to vote to approve the police body camera pilot for the North District. The Common Council has been batting this issue around for years and it is way past time to move forward and make some progress on determining how, when, if to implement police body cameras in Madison. I sat in on one of the public meetings and have read quite a bit of research about the efficacy of body cameras and I am convinced that conducting a pilot is the right way to move forward. The North District welcomes the pilot and the majority of the north side community is supportive. I think it is very important for Madison to move forward on this issue, since many of the surrounding communities have already passed us by and have implemented body cameras. If you are an alder who does not support the pilot, I would like to hear from you as to your reasoning why given that the budget has already been allocated and the North District and north side community is supportive. Please approve the pilot. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Melissa Boyd <scottandmissyboyd@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 6:14 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Agenda #114 - Body Cameras

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Dear Alders,

Please vote YES so our Police Officers will be able to wear body cameras. This is way overdue. Madison should have been leading the way not lagging behind.

Thank you,

Melissa & Scott Boyd

From: Dorothy <dborchardt1@charter.net>

Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 12:12 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Tuesday, April 19th - Agenda #114

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Greetings,

I'm contacting you in support of the pilot for police worn body-cameras. It has been delayed for several years due to a very vocal minority that are opposed to the cameras. Listen to vast majority of your constituents. It is something that is long over due. The time has come to work together and do what is best for our community, stop all this nonsense, and show some leadership.

Thanks for your time and attention.

Dorothy Borchardt
1717 Elka Lane
Madison, WI 53704

From: Kristin Mathews <imkrzy4mm@att.net>

Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 9:59 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Body Worn Camera resolution

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Dear Alders,

Please vote against the bodycam pilot program resolution and substitute resolution (File #68625). The reasons that I do not support BWC's are as follows:

- **Data from municipalities across the U.S. shows that bodycams are used almost entirely for surveillance and prosecution of civilians, not police accountability.** Studies have consistently found that bodycam programs increase prosecutorial charging rates, particularly for minor offenses. This impacts more heavily policed communities (BIPOC and other marginalized communities), which are filmed at higher rates, the hardest. Madison already has sky-high racial disparities in prosecution rates, and a bodycam program would likely exacerbate that.
- Moreover, a bodycam program is expensive. Labor costs, for bodycam associated tasks (by all bodycam-wearing officers) and for training, are the largest elements of this and are often entirely unaccounted for by police departments advocating to deploy bodycams. Allocation of time to bodycam-specific workload leads to less time for routine policing tasks, resulting in downstream pressure to compensate by increasing patrol staffing. Overall, such a program is likely to cost Madison millions of dollars a year – something we can ill afford at a time of structural deficits with a strict levy limit. **A bodycam program would mean that Madison would be allocating much more money to MPD, rather than social needs.**
- **Bodycams are subject to manipulation by police officers and create perceptual distortions favoring police officers.** There's a reason police want them – they're a tool to privilege the perspective of officers (under the objective reasonable standard of *Graham v. Connor*) and entrench the status quo. Police almost always judge bodycam video as clearing officers. Moreover, there is evidence that bodycam perspective increases the degree to which viewers believe excessive force against BIPOC bodies is justified.
- In the future, **MPD bodycam footage could be subpoenaed by ICE or other federal agencies**, and mined with facial recognition software. The right of federal agencies to subpoena such records for immigration enforcement has been upheld by federal courts.
- Moreover, the resolution and substitute resolution contravene the recommendations of the Bodycam Committee. The Bodycam Committee report said **bodycams should only be implemented if ten preconditions were first strictly met.** In contrast, the original resolution completely ignores these requirements while the substitute resolution creates a toothless pretense of following the Bodycam Committee recommendations. The substitute

resolution vacuously states that there only need be an “attempt to implement recommendations” - words which can be interpreted to mean anything. In practice, this will just be a green light to proceed regardless of whether the preconditions are met. This is very disturbing.

- Moreover, while the Bodycam Committee report requires that for bodycam implementation to occur, the District Attorney’s Office must first take multiple specific steps to prevent an increase in prosecutorial charging, particularly for lower-level offenses, **the substitute resolution language entirely exempts this from being required** (stating that even “an attempt to implement” is not needed if a provision is “outside the City’s purview”).
- The **Bodycam Committee report explicitly states "If the City, MPD, and the DA’s Office fail to fulfill these preconditions, then the Committee unanimously agrees that BWCs should not be implemented in Madison"**, stating that these should be treated as "strict preconditions". The substitute resolution does the direct opposite of that.
- In addition, rather than arranging for an independent third party to create the experimental design for the randomized controlled trial, to administer the trial, and to analyze the results, the substitute resolution hands all these responsibilities to MPD, stating only that the resulting report should be evaluated by a third party chosen by the Council. **This is pretty much the opposite of how a proper “rigorous, randomized controlled trial” would be conducted.** There is no independence from MPD, which obviously would prefer particular outcomes.

Please vote against the proposed resolution. Thank you for your time.

Kristin Mathews-1133 Northland Dr Madison 53704

From: Sheila Martin <sheila0725@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 4:31 PM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Supporting Body Worn Cameras

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Dear Mayor and Alders,

On Tues 4/19/22 the City Council will be voting to determine whether to allow MPD to proceed with a pilot for body worn cameras. I strongly encourage you to vote in SUPPORT of this pilot. I know there is controversy over this topic, but I personally believe both the officers and others involved in any altercation deserve to have a recording of the events that transpire. It protects all involved, offers training opportunities and accountability.

Body worn cameras are best practice in the 21st century, and are utilized by virtually every other city of our size. Even the smaller community surrounding Madison have adopted this practice! 90% of Americans support use of Body Worn Cameras, with the highest percentage being among Black Americans.

They can save significant costs in cities by reducing unnecessary city settlements, cutting down on false complaints against officers and shorten trial times, which help to offset the cost of implementing and maintaining these programs.

I realize there is a lot of emotion out there both in support of and against use of cameras, and believe we must trial our own pilot to determine whether they are useful to our city. Given the events that continue to raise questions around the country, this seems an important next step toward making our city safer for all, citizens and officers.

Thank you,
Sheila Martin

From: Nicholas Davies <nbdavies@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 10:25 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: No on 68625 (Wasting money on an inconclusive BWC "pilot")

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Dear alders,

The proposed 90 day pilot program is a farce. I attended one of MPD's informational meetings on the BWC pilot program (though not a secretly-sponsored one), and I asked them directly:

What metrics are you going to measure at the end of the 90 day trial period, to determine whether the pilot was "successful" (whatever that means)?

If it's things like use of force statistics, is 90 days going to be long enough to accrue meaningful data?

MPD's answer was:

None of that is defined.

No idea what the standard would be for a "successful" pilot.

No idea what information they should be collecting along the way.

No idea whether 90 days could possibly be enough for any meaningful data.

The plan is that they'll spend money up front on a pilot program that's inconclusive by design.

At the end, deciding whether the pilot program was successful or not will be 100% political, with no pesky facts or stats intruding.

Having speedran the pilot program, they'll be able to move on as quickly as possible to hiring more people and spending more money on things the community sees little to no benefit from.

For this pilot program to have any integrity, it needs to define what would constitute a success or a failure. MPD needs to know ahead of time what data they need to be gathering. For instance, are we going to sentiment-survey people after their interactions with police? Are we going to collect these surveys for a control group as well? And then based on what we'll be measuring, we need to have some idea whether 90 days' worth of data is going to be statistically significant.

The result of the pilot--success or failure--is what we're being asked to spend \$55,000+ on, and in return we're being given absolutely no guarantee of getting it.

Thank you,

Nick Davies
3717 Richard St

From: spridec@hotmail.com <spridec@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 5:59 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] MPD Body Cameras

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Susan Caulum
Address: 710 Ottawa Trl, Madison, WI 53711
Email: spridec@hotmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

Please vote yes on Agenda Item #114. Madison needs to embrace this technology, join this century and limit liability. Thank you.

From: Lynn Brother <lynn.brother77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 8:15 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support Body Worn Cameras for MPD

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Good Morning,

Please vote in favor of body-worn cameras tomorrow.

Below are listed some of the reasons I believe body-worn cameras are the best solution to protect our city and or officers.

-Body cameras are a best practice for 21st century policing. The smaller communities all around us and most large cities have been equipping their officers with body-worn cameras for years.

-They are a tool of transparency and accountability on both sides of the camera and a huge aid in officer training and feedback.

-A body camera program costs money, but also provides a cost benefit to cities. They save cities money by shortening trial times, providing evidence to avoid unnecessary city settlements, and cutting down on false complaints against police officers.

-They provide evidence of what actually happened, and in some cases what led up to an altercation, when the bystander cell phones come out.

-They have been shown to help level the playing field in the courtroom and were instrumental in Derek Chauvin's conviction for the first-degree murder of George Floyd.

Best Regards,

Lynn Brother
Madison, WI

From: Nicholas Davies <nbdavies@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 9:45 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: No on 68625 (Wasting money on an inconclusive BWC "pilot")

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Hi all,

Sorry about the misinformation about the pilot duration (it is one year per the resolution text). I think maybe from discussion about what would or wouldn't be a good duration, the wrong one sank into memory.

There's pros and cons to different duration options--straddling year end does all but commit the city to continued spending in the next budget year--but the problem remains that what the Council should be getting out of this pilot program is the information to decide whether to implement BWCs more widely, and if MPD doesn't know what info to collect along the way, that will end up being entirely subjective / inconclusive.

Thanks, just wanted to clear that up!

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Thank you,

Nick Davies
3717 Richard St

From: Marilyn Mac <2marlmac@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 10:57 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject:

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Support #114

Body worn cameras. This holds everyone accountable. Our Police and citizens. All other counties and small towns have them. Why not Madison?

VOTE YES

From: Elizabeth Falkos <bdjfalkos@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 11:27 AM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Furman, Keith <district19@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Body Worn Cameras- Vote Tomorrow

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Dear Alders:

I urgently request you to vote YES on item 114 in support of the pilot for BWC for the MPD.

I am frustrated that this is up for a vote again after it was already passed then stalled. The pilot should have been completed by now and the MPD should have been trained and using this technology by now. As a city, we are very behind in giving the MPD the best technology to ensure appropriate care for all members of the community.

Our Police Chief Barnes supports the technology. He was hired for his research-based leadership and should be respected for his knowledge.

There are few other cities of our size who do not have this technology in place. It is the best way to provide for the accountability of police officers that the public is asking for.

As a citizen and home owner who cares deeply about equity for all and crime prevention, I urge you to vote YES on this item.

Thank you, Beth Falkos

District 19 resident

From: Jayne Meyer <mshazmat@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:39 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: item 144 Body worn cameras

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Dear Alders:

Please support the body-worn camera pilot. I support them because body cameras are a best practice for 21st-century policing. Police departments all around us and indeed, all over the country have been equipping their officers with body-worn cameras for years.

They are a tool of transparency and accountability on both sides of the camera.

A body camera program, while it costs money also saves money by shortening trial times, providing evidence to avoid unnecessary city settlements, and cutting down on false complaints against police officers.

They can provide evidence of what actually happened, and in some cases what led up to an altercation, when the bystander cell phones finally come out.

I think it is more than worth it to do this pilot and see for ourselves the benefit.

Thank you for your consideration.
Jayne Meyer

From: Sarah Crandall <sarah8xx@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 4:15 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: body worn cameras

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After 8 years of dicking around and committee-ing this to death, it is time Madison adopted body worn cameras. I would have preferred the thoughtful approach suggested by the Camera Feasibility Committee, but inasmuch as you did not see fit to adopt their recommendations, it is time to leap in and get started and then figure out the details as you go.

To ever have genuine reform, which I think we all acknowledge is needed, there must be transparency and accountability on the part of both the police and the citizenry, which only video can provide.

Please vote YES on the pending proposal

Sarah Crandall
5240 Piccadilly Drive
Madison 53714

From: Mary Kelly <realtormarykelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 4:17 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Body Cams

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You better believe I want body cameras!!!
I want PROOF of what the officer says to me and I am a tax paying Dane county citizen!

Absolutely the citizens need these cameras!
Tired of living in a community sticking their head in the sand , and not allowed to call it an Ostrich!!!
Be Smart! Be Active! Stop defending criminals!
Sick of it!
Mary Kelly
53714

Thank you!
Work Smart and you won't have to work Hard!

From: Ssenstrom2@charter.net <Ssenstrom2@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 4:50 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] MPD body camera pilot

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Sondra Enstrom
Address: 6001 Danville Dr, Madison , WI 53719
Phone: 608-274-4798
Email: Ssenstrom2@charter.net

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

I'm in favor of body cameras for the MPD. The money has been allocated and research has been done. Enough is enough. GET THIS DONE!

From: Warren schmidt <outlook_16FCB6CF7DB74733@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 6:27 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Police Camara pilot study

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Alder

Pls vote yes for this pilot program

Almost all Police and I, for certain

Support body cameras

Lets do this and be progress

THANKS WARREN

Warren Schmidt elwolf@tds.net

608 438 7612 7410 North Pass

From: Alice Ropella <aliceropella@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 8:08 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: BWC

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Dear Alders and Mayor,

The time has come to listen to the people who gave you your jobs. The BWC pilot program is a necessity in this time of great unsettlement. The criminals are taking over. What you are saying by not moving forward is “hey criminals....come to Madison. Do whatever the hell you want and we’ll protect your criminal activity and screw whoever you hurt in the process”! We’ve paid millions of dollars out in situations where if there had been BWCs it never would have happened. This is me, you and all other taxpayers paying for this. Enough money that would have paid for many other needs. It’s time to put personal agendas aside and vote what the public wants and needs. The money was allocated for the program so stop pushing it off. So many communities have it with little issue. Madison is moving backward and guess who will take the blame? Not me. I’ve lived in this city for 49 years. Owned 2 houses. Paid my fair share of programs that don’t benefit me. I have drug dealers in close proximity to my home and drug deals and people doing those drugs in front of my house. If things don’t start getting better I plan on leaving this city as do some of my neighbors.....Please Support this program! Support our police! It’s time for change!!!

Sincerely,

Unhappy taxpayer

P.S. when it comes to spending MY money, you should ask ME. Put it on a ballot. You can be voted out just as you were voted in. God Bless America us

From: Rachel Niesen <rachmnies@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 9:01 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Oppose Item #114

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Dear Mayor and Alders,

My name is Rachel and I am a social worker here in Madison. I am writing to ask that you please vote to oppose the bodycam pilot program in tomorrow's common council meeting.

The argument that is most often used in support of officer worn cameras states that body worn cameras reduce officer use of force. This argument used to be one that I supported until I learned of the countless studies that indicated that this is just not the case. Data from municipalities around the country shows that bodycams are used almost entirely for surveillance and prosecution of civilians. This reality most severely impacts already heavily policed communities (poor and BIPOC neighborhoods).

Additionally, when we are in a city that has an absolutely inadequate amount of affordable housing, residential substance use facilities that accept Medicaid, and a totally inadequate amount of emergency housing- we should not be talking about putting every single spare dime that this city has into supporting our community members actual needs.

Thank you for reading,

Rachel Niesen, LCSW, MSW

From: Nancy Battist <battistnancy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 9:07 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: I support Police body worn cameras

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Dear Alders,

I support Police body worn cameras and I hope you vote to support them too.

Body worn cameras are a must tool that all Police Departments need to have to strengthen accountability and to increase transparency to what has occurred during a police call.

They have the potential to improve community relations, lower the number of citizen complaints, defend officers against false accusations, and improve officer training and learning.

Please vote YES!

Sincerely,

Nancy Battist

1114 Amsterdam Ave.

Madison, WI

From: Nancy Battist <battistnancy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 9:36 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Agenda #68625 - BWCs - I support

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Dear Alders,

I would like my below email comments to be logged for the Common Council meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 as I will not be speaking at the meeting.

I am in my support for the Police to wear Body Worn Cameras. I hope you vote YES to do so as well.

RE:

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> Please vote YES!

> Sincerely,

> Nancy Battist

> 1114 Amsterdam Ave.

> Madison, WI

> Sent from my iPhone

> Nancy Battist

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From: P Wehrle <pcwehrle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 10:22 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote Against Body Cameras -- item 68625

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Dear Alders - Our police already have 1/3 of our city budget and this body camera experiment will add another \$25 million dollars in expense for a city that is struggling to fund its school district. Where does the financial mismanagement end?

The era of blank cheques and backroom deals with the police and their supporters needs to end. If the police want this - they need to find the money. Perhaps they can do what our schools do when they need to raise funds. Hold a bake sale.

But we should not give them another dime for trust they have not earned, or officers that don't even live in the city they serve. I'm tired of shelling out money for police that don't even live here - and paying the retirement for sex offender cops. The police have enough money for a PR specialist, they can find the money for boondoggle from someplace else.

Peter Lawrence-Wehrle
3310 Cross Street
Madison, WI 53711

From: Ssenstrom2@charter.net <Ssenstrom2@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 10:24 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] MPD body camera pilot

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Sondra Enstrom
Address: 6001 Danville Dr, Madison , WI 53719
Phone: 608-274-4798
Email: Ssenstrom2@charter.net

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

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From: jxd@athletics.wisc.edu <jxd@athletics.wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 6:30 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Police body cameras

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Jerry Darda
Address: 15 Sturbridge Circle, Madison, WI 53717
Phone: 608-219-1623
Email: jxd@athletics.wisc.edu

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

This is at least the 2nd time I'm contacting all of you to support chief Barnes and equip our police officers with body cameras-You're wasted 1/2 million dollars each year on a powerless police oversight committee, with the monitor set to earn what the police chief earns. Ask yourself what will this person do dailyanswernothing.

Alder Foster cut the BS about dollars your opposition is not about dollars its about anti police and pro criminal

Jerry & Bonnie Darda

From: brian48johnson@hotmail.com <brian48johnson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 9:14 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Police Body Cameras

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Brian Johnson
Address: 5505 Tolman Terrace, Madison, WI 53711-____
Email: brian48johnson@hotmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Please vote for police body camera funding so the facts instead of emotions can guide us.

I don't understand how you can be OK with spending a half million dollars annually on a "Citizen's Police Oversight Board" which to date, has delivered nothing of substance but you resist spending a fraction of that money on a body camera program which can easily be used to help hold both the police and citizens accountable for their actions and identify opportunities for improvement on all sides.

What has happened to common sense? Please remember that you represent all of Madison - not just activist groups.

Thanks for your consideration

From: jhirsch@chorus.net <jhirsch@chorus.net>

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 10:00 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Support Body Worn Camera Pilot

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Mayor and Alders:

I ask that you **SUPPORT Item #114 Body Worn Camera Pilot** on the April 19th agenda.

The Council has spent too much time, energy and resources on this issue. Let's move forward with the pilot program. It will provide a good indication of the expected pros and cons of the program.

Thank you.

Janet Hirsch

District 9

From: ssenstrom2@charter.net <ssenstrom2@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 10:59 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] MPD Body cam

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Steve Enstrom
Address: 6001 Danville Dr, Madison, WI 53719
Phone: 608-274-4798
Email: ssenstrom2@charter.net

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Wow! 8 years of study and still can't make a decision when 85% of other police departments have body cams. Madison has a history of doing what other cities do. Yet not this. Stop kowtowing to the naysayers! The evidence is there. Get this done!
Vote "YES" to the body cam pilot!

From: reporting@cityofmadison.com <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 11:27 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Police Body Cameras

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Richard Thies
Address: 4715 Sheboygan Ave. Apt. #322, Madison, WI 53705

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

Please vote to have all police wear body cameras. Thank you! Sincerely, Richard Thies

From: Alexandra Wilburn <wilburnalexandra@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 11:41 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Don't Start body cams like this ya'll

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Alders,

Please do not do the pilot program for the body cameras on the north side. this is an incorrect way to get this technology.

I went to the axon body worn camera thing, and sat at the same table with the chief and one of his assistant chiefs named Brian. Where I engaged politely in the event and read all information given to me.

debuting this technology on the north side is inappropriate.

What was the purpose of the body worn camera committee if you don't listen to the recommendations? please listen to those recommendations.

Also the Axon body cameras are cloud based technology, so when we do get the cameras, we do need to have footage that is not able to be altered by anyone and if it was there'd be a trackable way to see who did it.

Best,

Alexandra

From: Bonnie ackerman <bonnieackerman@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 12:12 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support Body Cameras

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I'm embarrassed for The City of Madison when I tell others that our police do not have body cameras and that the City Council is opposed to even trying them. How back woods is Madison,? is their comment. Madison is considered a high tech area for business but has a City Council that has archaic ideas regarding police equipment.

Body cameras keep the police and the public safer.

Please support body cameras for our police.

Thank you
Cecilia Ackerman
17 Oak Creek Trl
Madison 53717

From: Kailea SAPLAN <saplan@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 12:51 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Item 114, body-worn cameras

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Dear all Alders,

My name is Kailea and I live in District 13 where I'm represented by Alder Tag Evers. I'm reaching out to express my concern about the pilot study for the body-cams for MPD. As I understand it, the Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee included 10 pre-conditions that must be met before implementing body-cams and none of those pre-conditions have been met. Though a pilot study may be one of the conditions, I think it's irresponsible to move forward with implementing the study before any of the rest of the conditions are met and before alerting the community about how they will be first met.

I would also, personally, like more information and transparency about the pilot study before it's accepted. Perhaps you all have access to it; but with so much money, time, and attention going to this pilot, I think it's very important that the council and community know how the pilot will be conducted. How exactly does MPD plan to evaluate the effectiveness of body-cams? What research questions will they ask and how will they design a study to answer those questions? How similar will the pilot be to current research on body-cams, many of which suggest body-cams do more harm than good when it comes to police accountability and protecting civilians from use of force?

Finally, I'm concerned about how funding for the pilot study and body-cams (if proven effective) will impact the budget for the rest of the city's needs. Our budget needs to support public goods like free resources provided by the library. Our budget needs to invest in area of Madison that have been largely under-resourced. After reviewing the draft for the new bus routes, I was dismayed to see that the south side is once again being under-resourced with just one route on Park St. offered in the original draft and two offered in the form of potential amendments. The amendment options are not sufficient. We need more access to public transportation that not only connects the south side to the north, east, and west, but which also supports economic growth and development within the southside. I'm concerned that community members will be asked to pick between paltry options for public transportation and other services when MPD continues to pull in the largest budget of all other city departments and using it for things like body-cams whose effectiveness is highly contentious.

Please, **do not** accept the implementation of the pilot study tonight until there has been more of an effort to meet the 10 pre-conditions, and until there is more transparency about the pilot study. With the 83k already approved in the budget, nothing is risked by asking MPD to first build trust with the community by being more open about their processes and intentions.

Thank you for your time,

Kailea S.
she/they
University of Wisconsin, Madison