



**City of Madison**  
**Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD**

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Tuesday, April 12, 2005

5:00 PM

Room LL110 MMB

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## CALL TO ORDER

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM**

**Present:** Austin W. King, Tyrone W. Bell, Sarah B. Basford, Terry E. Moen and Adam G. Lichtenheld

**Excused:** Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Thomas A. Landgraf and Larry Pasha

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Austin W. King, Tyrone W. Bell, Sarah B. Basford, Terry E. Moen and Adam G. Lichtenheld

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Sue Armagost speaking as a citizen. She has been with the Madison Police Department since 1983 and is a sergeant in the East District. She has used tasers twice. The first time with a man sexually assaulting a female. He came at them with a knife, able to use taser successfully. The second was with a mentally ill 17-year-old threatening suicide. Used taser and person was not injured. In both cases two lives were saved because of taser. She discussed the other less-than-lethal tools that are in use such as the bean bag rounds and made an eloquent plea to continue the use of tasers in the Police Department.**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes unanimously approved on motion by Bell, seconded by King.**

**Present:** Austin W. King, Tyrone W. Bell, Sarah B. Basford, Terry E. Moen and Adam G. Lichtenheld

**Excused:** Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Thomas A. Landgraf and Larry Pasha

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## NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

### Madison Fire Department Report

A/Chief Kieken gave a complete update of the past year's activities. A formal annual report should be available next month. Operations, including special events: A/Chief Saxe will be retiring within a year; his successor will be Mike Dirienzo. Busy year with marathons, Ironman, Rhythm & Booms (few medical problems), Halloween (EMS calls up 10%, 137 incidents). Support & Logistics: A/Chief Burke will be retiring within a year. His successor will be Paul Bloom. Variety of grant dollars used for intercoms, vehicle exhaust systems in stations, thermal imaging camera. New Station 11 under construction on Nelson Rd; new ladder truck for Station 6; SCBA tow vehicle. Planning, Personnel & Training: A. Chief Jim Kieken - updating FLMA compliance, 4 firefighters in military and all have returned to job. 57 transfers and reassignments. Field Services: Div Chief Ernesto Martinez - building collapse task force, \$600,000 funding passport accountability program to keep track of people at incident, seat belt usage, city emergency response plan. Special Teams: Div Chief Marcia Holtz, hazmat team, 9 county region; decon trailer, terrorism task force, Safety Saturday, Lake Rescue Team - rescue boat dies - new boat being manufactured. Tech team; Health & Fitness Committee, now using Dean Health Care system, good occupational medicine, very happy with this assn including annual medicals using NFPA standards, vaccination for flu and for Hepatitis A for special teams; respirator use, assessment consistent with Com 30, fitness equipment in all stations, stress management, rehab of firefighters. Training & Safety: Div Chief Ron Schwenn - reviewing all standards, long range training schedule; coordinated partnership with Dane County Airport Fire Dept on response and training; the MATC fire academy has accreditation for officer candidate program; AED-CPR, Mono na Terrace and Parks Dept. Grants & Technology: Chief Gregg Knudtson - variety of grants, Nunn-Lugar, FEMA, communications, training simulators for back draft, updating SCBA for heads-up display of gauge. EMS & Fire Reporting systems. 7th ambulance in place, 4 new paramedics in spring with 4 more in fall, all trained now on pediatric ALS protocols; new automatic blood pressure monitoring equipment; 30,000 fire inspections; Safety Town Project; 1300 child seat inspections of which 90% found to be improperly installed. Safety Saturday on the Square; 4 fatal fires this past year. Run data for 2004; 22,292 calls for service of which 17,303 were for EMS calls. 2005 so far out pacing 2004. The hazmat bus died and will have to be repaired or replaced and Rescue 1 was involved in a crash, not at all the fault of the driver. Jim was thanked for his report.

### Disabled Parking Permit Enforcement

Capt Housley gave us the current state of law on handicapped parking: if you have plates or current tags you can park at meters free. Seeing much abuse of tags in last year. 178 violations with \$23,000 in fines. Only one civilian parking enforcement officer working in this area consistently. People using tags of dead relatives, spouse, family members etc. Ald. King suggested going to local news on this as well as a press release. Thought it would be effective .

**00572**

Requesting that the Madison Police Department cease the use and rescind the authorization to purchase Tasers until such time as their safety can be confirmed or alternative devices of proven safety and effectiveness can be utilized.

**Sponsors:** Andrew F. Heidt, Jean M. MacCubbin and Judy K. Olson

**A motion was made by King, seconded by Basford, to Place On File Discussion first to explain what this maneuver means, basically killing the resolution. The discussion was that this is now a moot point. The Police Dept had listened to the public comment and had changed its policy. King praised Chief Wray and the Dept for making these changes.**

**The motion passed by acclamation.**

**00876**

Amending Section 38.02 and creating Section 38.07(14) of the Madison General Ordinances to create a definition for keg and to regulate the sale of alcohol beverages sold in kegs in the City of Madison.

**Sponsors:** Paul E. Skidmore

**A motion was made by King, seconded by Basford, to Rerefer to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD This Ordinance came from an Alder, not the Police Dept. To be re-referred to next meeting. Capt. Schauf discussed the problem and what the ordinance was trying to do with the Dept supporting the concept but not all details as written. Bell stated this was massive over regulation and opposed this measure.**

**The motion passed by acclamation.**

#### Police & Fire Commission Rules Revision Project

**There was a brief discussion on this issue. Moen had attended the PFC meeting when the rules were discussed and gave a brief report.**

#### Mifflin Street Block Party Update

Capt Schauf spoke of all the planning that has been done since the after-action report for the 2004 event. They have adjusted staffing so that the event could be adequately staffed without excessive overtime costs. The event date has always been the first Saturday in May and that is what the Dept planned for. Recently it became clear that there was a glitch in the University calendar and the 7th of May was actually a study day for finals. The students were planning the party a week earlier on April 30th. The Dept spoke of surveys, door-to-door contacts etc. and felt that they had to prepare for two events. They wanted to limit the event on the 30th by not allowing live music and treating it like any other neighborhood event. For the 7th, the music would be shut down at 6 PM. King joined by Lichtenheld and Moen argued that the only date there would be a party was the 30th and that they had to plan for it. That to limit music on the 30th was provoking trouble. Moen said even if it cost more money to switch to the 30th, it would ultimately cost less than an out-of-control gathering. The police dept representatives restated their position: that the party was the 7th and whatever was on the 30th would be a lesser event. Bell asked about building inspections and the state of porches and was told all inspections had been done. The extra cost of the 30th event was estimated at \$85,000. King again stated that going after music on the April 30th event would compromise public safety and reinforce an underlying current of animosity against the police. Again the Dept was asked to consider the 30th as the day of the event.

#### Standing Committee Reports

Due to time constraints and the absence of key members, King moved and Basford seconded this item to be deferred to the next meeting on a unanimous vote.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by King and seconded by Lichtenheld; the vote was unanimous. Respectfully submitted by Terry Moen, May 1, 2005.