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Meeting Minutes - Approved PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

5:00 PM

Madison Police Department
211 South Carroll Street
Room GR-22 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 -
Paul E. Skidmore; Michael S. Scott; Bret M. Gundlach; Chan M. Stroman
and Matthew J. Phair
- Absent:** 1 -
Bryon A. Eagon
- Excused:** 2 -
Christopher P. Klein and Tyrone W. Bell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Skidmore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 16, 2010. Bret Gundlach seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Justine Mueller a representative from the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) registered as a public speaker to share MDA's safety plan for the "fill the boot" campaign. Item number 19809.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

- [19398](#) Establishing a Glass-Free Zone for the State Street area from 9:30 pm on October 29, 2010 to 5:00 am on October 30, 2010 and from 9:30 pm on October 30, 2010 to 5:00 am on October 31, 2010.
A motion was made by Alder Skidmore, seconded by Chan Stroman, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the Downtown Coordinating Committee. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- [19809](#) Amending Section 12.325 of the Madison General Ordinances banning solicitation in the streets to create an exception for activities otherwise authorized under the ordinances.
A motion was made by Alder Skidmore for approval for the purpose of discussion, seconded by Chan Stroman.

Justine Mueller a representative from the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) shared the safety plan for the “fill the boot” campaign event. She said that MDA has already had similar “fill the boot” events in other cities such as Green Bay and Milwaukee which has shown positive in donations and they would like to host this same event in Madison to provide contribution to local clients in Dane County. To continue this safe event she said that MDA would provide to the firefighters a safety vest and there would be signs displayed prior to reaching the intersection. She said that Firefighters who assist in this event will be given and briefed on a detailed safety plan that MDA has in place. This event will run 3 consecutive days and there will be notification to the public for a month prior to the event by means of morning radio shows, local newspapers, and television.

The Committee unanimously voted to approve item number 19809.

This Ordinance was **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**

3. [19843](#) Authorizing Fire Fighters employed by the City of Madison to participate in the partnership between the International Association of Fire Fighters and the Muscular Dystrophy Association by soliciting for donations during the annual “Fill the Boot” campaign.

Alder Skidmore made a motion for approval for item number 19843. Matthew Phair seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously in favor.

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

4. [19893](#) Creating Section 24.01 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit the calling of “911” when no emergency exists and amending Sec. 1.08 to establish bail deposits for violations.

Alder Skidmore made a motion for approval for discussion purposes. Matthew Phair seconded the motion.

Captain Wahl from the Madison Police Department indicated that the origin of the revision to the fire ordinance (fire code) was brought to his attention by the City Attorney’s office who inquired if the police department would want something similar as the language now only applied to someone who called for a fire emergency and not a police emergency. The ordinance would provide officers the municipal option with either issuing a state or a municipal ordinance violation. This ordinance is designed for someone who intentionally calls the 911 Center and falsely reports facts that are made up and know that it is not occurring.

The committee voted unanimously in favor of item number 19893.

This Ordinance was **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**

DISCUSSION ITEM

5. [20192](#) Update from the Crime Prevention Gang Unit

Captain Wheeler shared with the group the background on how the Crime Prevention Gang Unit (CPGU) was initiated. He said that it was recognized that there were a growing number of gang members being identified within the City and that the Dane County Enhanced Gang Task Force report from 2007 recommended a comprehensive approach to combat the gang problems. The Mayor and the Police Chief backed up the start of what is called the CPGU. This unit is involved in the community with various crime prevention presentations and also serves as a gang unit. He said that the CPGU has been on the right track and has been successful in which the unit is involved in prevention, intervention, suppression, and re-entry in collaboration with the community. He shared some of the initiatives that the unit participates in such as knock and talks, home visits, presentations with community groups, and hosts a monthly county-wide gang meeting attended by various law enforcement agencies to share information. There is also a monthly gang activity report that is shared with law enforcement agencies and that the unit is starting to work with re-entry of violent gang members who are being released into the City. He said the unit continues to be busy with trainings, presentations, intelligence sharing and interaction with other agencies. Sergeant Amy Schwartz is the supervisor of the CPGU who resides at the Central District but that the unit officers are located at the various districts to be able to communicate within the district and have the availability to be out in the community. Alder Skidmore inquired if the unit is working with Safety Education on gangs in the Elementary and Middle Schools. Captain Wheeler indicated that there is a pilot program in the Middle Schools at this time. He mentioned that there is a free gang tattoo removal program through Bethel Lutheran Church. This program receives referrals from schools, corrections, social workers, and other law enforcement agencies. In exchange to have the tattoo removed the request is that one hundred hours of community service is completed. Also, the Streets Department is involved in the removal of gang graffiti. Captain Wheeler said that the unit is working on a six-month summary activity report.. The group requested that the report is shared with them once completed.

REPORTS

[20194](#) The Mayor's Police and Fire Department Operating Budget Proposals

Chris Klein from the Mayor's Office was not able to make today's meeting and therefore wasn't able to comment on the Mayor's executive budget. Captain Wahl from the Madison Police Department and Assistant Chief Keiken from the Fire Department shared an overview of the budget from each of their departments.

Captain Wahl briefed the group on the Police Departments Budget requests and said that the staffing for the Mayors executive budget included 4 upgrades to detectives. He said that this was not increased positions but promotions of current staff to detectives primarily for the purpose of forming a special investigative unit. He said during the 10/12 Board of Estimates meeting the Mayor pointed out that the time he completed his budget the Police Department was still in limbo and that the Police Department had not heard

from the COPS office on any grant positions. Since then he said that we have heard that the grant positions were not approved. The Mayor then requested that the Chief submit a secondary proposal to add positions with current cost perimeters. Captain Wahl said that four of the positions would go to detective spots and four would be assigned to patrol. He said from the annual patrol staffing analysis that was completed on detectives, patrol, and investigators suggests a need for at a minimum 34 bodies which he said that 8 bodies is very short of where the Police Department needs to be. He also shared information on the fleet replacement that is budgeted from the City Fleet services and that every year there is a certain allocation for vehicles that get worn out. He said right now the fleet stands at 212 vehicles and that there is a significant reduction in the replacement costs budgeted for next year. As an example he said in 2005 there was a replacement budget through fleet services which was \$673,000 and since then there have been 30 vehicles added to the fleet and next year's budget has \$154,000 in replacement money. He said that this would allow 7 vehicles to replace out of fleet that is 212. He said that the staff and the fleet services budget are the two big issues that bare on the Police Department.

Assistant Chief Keiken said that this year's Mayors budget includes staffing to maintain 78 positions throughout next year for the Fire Department which is in addition to the double company on the west side. He said that they have some funding for a promotional process and a matching portion of the safer grant which would be for 18 people who are needed to staff the double company. Further, he said that there is a twenty percent match for a FEMA grant that has been applied for fitness equipment to use in the station as well as for the hiring process and that there has been funding for a new hiring process that started on October 4th which is done every two years and that there has been authorization for a fall academy next year. He finished by sharing that there is one fire inspector left who is commissioned and that this position will be converted to a civilian position once the person retires.

COMMITTEE REPORT

6. [20193](#) Standing Committee Report: 911 Center

Alder Skidmore indicated that he was not at last 911 Center meeting and that he had nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matthew Phair, seconded by Alder Skidmore, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.