



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Monday, November 17, 2014

5:00 PM

Madison Police Department  
Central District Community Room  
211 South Carroll Street

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Merrilee Pickett; Ernest E. Horinek; Sara E. Eskrich and John Strasser

**Absent:** 4 - Paul E. Skidmore; Wayne S. Strong; Bruce P. Frey and Chan M. Stroman

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Strasser made a motion to approve the September 10th meeting minutes. Ernest Horinek seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

The committee welcomed new member Sara Eskrich to PSRC.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. [35384](#) Creating Section 25.31 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit the display, sale, use or possession of synthetic cannabinoids.

Attachments: [Body](#)

Horinek made a recommendation to approve item number 35384 for discussion. Alder Strasser seconded the motion.

Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Zilavy shared information on the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids. She shared that there is a State Statute in effect however a city ordinance would allow prosecution to those places that sell the synthetic cannabinoids with a penalty of up to \$2,500.

The committee voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation to create an

ordinance to ban synthetic cannabinoids.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [36232](#) Safety information for the public (M. Pickett)
- Pickett was interested in the best methods to receive “real time” crime data and alerts for the public in the community. Another area she mentioned is the understanding of terminology that is shared from public releases. There was discussion on receiving information and a suggestion from the committee was to subscribe to Nextdoor.com. Alder Strasser indicated that he would share information on Nextdoor.com as a future agenda item. There was also a request for a future agenda item on Madison Police Department’s open data policy.**

### REPORTS

3. [36222](#) Report from the Madison Police Department - Captain Ackeret
- Captain Ackeret from Madison Police shared that the requested five neighborhood officers were approved in the budget indicating that one officer that will be assigned to each district. He also mentioned that in 2015 there will be a pilot Burglary Crime Unit with a team of five detectives assigned to burglary patterns. In addition there will be a Violent Crimes Unit where there will be a reallocation of detectives that will be assigned a percentage of the time to be focused in that area. There will also be five full-time beat officers assigned as mental health liaisons that will assist on the preventative side in each district.**
- He shared data on when the Armored Rescue Vehicle has been used.**
4. [36223](#) Report from the Madison Fire Department - Assistant Chief Langner
- Assistant Chief Langer from the Madison Fire Department shared that the recruit class is in week five of the academy and that when the graduation approaches he will share an invite with PSRC to attend. He mentioned in 2015 there are fourteen anticipated retirements. Chief Davis he said is finishing a ten year strategic plan and once this is finalized by Council it will be shared with PSRC. Last, he mentioned that the department is looking at possibly using retired personnel for intervention with employees involved in critical incidents in addition to the City’s Employee Assistance Program.**
5. [36224](#) Report on the Dane County 911 Center Board Meeting - Alder Skidmore
- There was no report given Alder Skidmore’s absence.**
6. [36225](#) Report from Alders
- Alder Strasser shared information regarding the 2015 budget. Funds were approved to begin a pilot on body cameras with 2015 being used for the research, storage plans, and the development of policies. There were five neighborhood police officers approved and the plans to move forward on**

development were expedited for a new Fire and Police station over the next two years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Horniek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alder Cheeks seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.