



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Final

PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

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Tuesday, April 10, 2007

5:00 PM

Room LL110 Madison Municipal Building

CALL TO ORDER

Since both the Chair and Vice-Chair were absent, the meeting was called to order by member Scott at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul E. Skidmore, Austin W. King, Tyrone W. Bell, Michael S. Scott and Amy R. Smith

Excused: Larry Pasha, Terry E. Moen and Adam G. Lichtenheld

PUBLIC COMMENT

Zeke Wiedefeld, a student researching textbook theft, spoke regarding item 05298 - the Sale of Secondhand Books. Some issues relating to this problem are where textbooks are kept (lockers?) and also how some businesses deal with the sale of secondhand textbooks. He visited the University and Underground bookstores - the two primary used textbooks sellers in the city. Owners of other bookstores are concerned that the ordinance (originally at least) applies to any and all books. At semester's end, this ordinance could hurt effected businesses because there are long lines of students wanting to sell their textbooks and it would take extra time to record required information. It seems that when textbooks are stolen, they are taken almost immediately to the bookstore in order to get quick cash. Both the police and the victim must act quickly to figure out and catch the thief. On other campuses, this is just starting to become a problem, but it is more easily controlled on smaller campuses. At UW-Madison, there is the added problem of textbooks being purchased via the Internet. Smith mentioned that it seemed like a rather minor procedure to just record the name of book and buyer. It was noted that at peak times (end of semesters), long lines do form however, so that the system would bog down. The University Bookstore does make the seller fill out a slip and then redeem it for cash. Bell went to 9 bookstores in the State Street area and all were opposed to this ordinance. (Note: these comments were all incorporated in the "Public Comment" section of meeting.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were some duplicate (repeated) areas of information in Minutes on pages 3, 4 and 5. Recorder will check Legistar to figure out what went wrong. Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Bell, seconded by King.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

04196

SUBSTITUTE - Creating Section 25.09 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish that certain premises may be declared Chronic Nuisance Premises.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Bell, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER Jennifer Zilavy of the City Attorney's Office had incorporated last month's suggestions in the Substitute Ordinance. A friendly amendment was made and approved to add SS 961.42 as part of this ordinance. Police staff felt that this ordinance would have minimal implementation - only for the few landlords who refuse to work with the police to correct problems. It has not been made to create an adversarial relationship with landlords - just as a tool to use with those few who refuse to cooperate with police. The motion passed by acclamation.

153. **05298**

Amending Section 9.24(2), creating new Section 9.24(6)(b)3. and renumbering current Section 9.24(6)(b)3. to 9.24(6)(b)4. of the Madison General Ordinances to establish regulations for the sale of secondhand books.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Skidmore, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER The Substitute (authored 2/6) was not in Legistar and therefore members did not have it. King went to the Council Office to get this and on motion by Skidmore, seconded by Bell it was unanimously approved to table item until King returned. Upon King's return item was introduced on unanimously approved motion by Skidmore, seconded by Smith. The Substitute Ordinance was distributed, King stated that the University Bookstore was already in compliance with this; Underground was mixed. A/C Davenport said the Police Department supports the ordinance in theory (conceptually) but does not have the staff to do the work (current 18 month backlog). It is hoped federal grant funding for an electronic pawn system can be obtained; this would be made easier if bookstores also used scanning for their record keeping. There are probably 50-100 stores engaged in the sale of secondhand items in the city and the police department receives a wide range of compliance. There are currently five Wisconsin counties looking at a regional system. Federal grant funds are usually tied to gangs, drugs or guns and it may be difficult to receive funding for an electronic pawn system. There is a strong link to drugs, though, since often property is stolen and sold to get cash for drugs. The motion passed by acclamation.

05831

Report of Police Chief dated February 27, 2007 re: Sensitive Crimes Interview Procedures.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Bell, to Reconsider Since Pasha (member of Dane County Sensitive Crimes Commission) was not present this will be taken up at a later meeting. A/C Davenport also noted that it was not the intent of the Police Department to actually make a presentation on this - the Report was sent and referred for approval/acceptance. Questions/answers would be entertained. The motion passed by acclamation.

Tactical Emergency Medical Services (Fire Dept)

Chief Keiken gave a presentation on this new unit. Currently 10 paramedics are being trained to work with police in emergency situations. The plan is to eventually have trained staff available on all shifts, but currently would need to utilize overtime to cover shifts. The Fire Department has never been part of the front entry in these types of situations but will now enter before an entire scene is totally secure. Police will still be in charge - is a police team with fire support. All members will wear tactical gear but fire personnel will not be armed (although they will be trained so that they are comfortable with weapons around). The initial cost is for 3 days of training (on overtime), some equipment (gotten through a grant by Physicians Plus) and some additional training and equipment to come from Fire's existing budget. Most of the equipment is already there. So it is a minimum for initial start up but will need money for overtime when these staff members are called in, especially since these tactical emergency situations are often long, drawn-out events. The program is still being developed (Police staff are Capt. McLay and Sgt. Paulson). Rehab and health/wellness issues are examples of things fire staff will monitor in these demanding calls.

Fire Department Report

There were no other items on which to report.

Standing Committee Reports

No reports were available.

Future Agenda Items

Members would like to get the Calls for Service statistics again: Crimes of opportunity in peripheral areas of City (Scott has a publication coming out soon on this topic); Camera use for red-light running (this is not ready yet); Traffic calming measures success; Electric vehicles; Transient hotels/motels ordinance

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by King, seconded by Skidmore, to Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. The motion passed by acclamation.