

MEMORANDUM

TO: Common Council Organizational Committee
Michael P. May, City Attorney
FROM: Heather Allen, Legislative Analyst
DATE: October 17, 2016
RE: Update from the Legislative Analyst

COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The CCOC Subcommittee on Police and Community Relations (PCR) has established the following objectives:

- Provide a forum for residents and members of the Council to discuss police and community goals, priorities and interactions. Build a deeper understanding of policing for elected officials and members of the public; and,
- Explore models and options from other communities related to policing and other police policies; and,
- Provide a forum for information sharing regarding police training, policies, data and trends including detailed presentations from the MPD related to policing; and,
- Make recommendations to the Council on short-term policy, procedure and training while waiting for the results of the Ad Hoc Review of Police Policies and Procedures.

The members of the Subcommittee include Alder Rummel (Chair), Alder Bidar (Vice-Chair), Alder Carter, Alder DeMarb and Alder Kemble. PCR held its first few meetings on September 14th, October 7th, and October 17th. The Subcommittee has developed a community engagement plan with several elements designed to increase community participation including:

1. a [website](#) and social media presence
2. meetings that are hosted at more easily accessible venues (libraries and community centers)
3. the option to suspend Roberts Rules to allow for more flexible dialogue
4. coordination with the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Procedures and Training

MORGRIDGE CENTER INTERNS

The UW Madison Morgridge Center Students working with Alders and City Staff are well underway now. Interns have been placed with Alder Bidar, Alder Cheeks, Alder Eskrich, Alder Wood and City Clerk Witzel-Behl.

The interns are students in Kathy Cramer's first year class Citizenship, Democracy and Difference. Kathy Cramer is the Director of the Morgridge Center for Public Service and the author of the 2016 book, *The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker*. Alders are encouraged to send a progress report for their student(s) to Kathy Cramer kathy.cramer@wisc.edu to ensure the student is meeting educational objectives.

RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (RESJI)

Beginning in September 2016, RESJI began to evaluate the use of the equity analysis tool. The goals of the evaluation are to 1) establish practices for when and how the tool can be used, 2) establish practices for when RESJI will support the tool and 3) improve communication. In particular the staff team laid out the steps necessary to request support from the RESJI team to support an equity analysis. Proposed scoping questions for each request for an equity analysis are likely to include:

1. Who made the request?
2. Why did the request arise?
3. What is the timeline for the request?
4. Has everyone involved reviewed the best practices?
5. Is the subject of the analysis in the early planning stages?
6. Does the subject involve less than three city departments?
7. Is the request from a City employee or elected official or member of the public?
8. Is the purpose of the analysis consistent with the RESJI mission and goals?
9. Is the tool usage required by policy or current City goals?

This evaluation regarding the RESJI tool use is underway in the RESJI Strategy Team which consists of high-level staff and Department Heads.

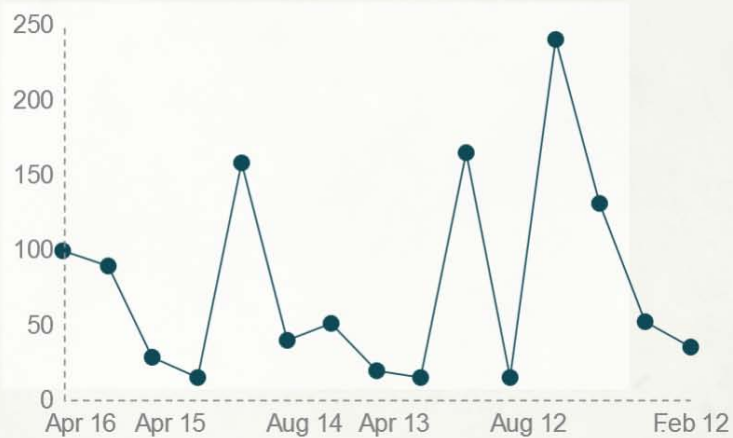
NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

On September 27, 2016 Alders Cheeks and Kemble together with City Clerk Maribeth Witzel-Behl, Deputy Mayor Enis Ragland and Center Director Jacob Tissue [celebrated National Voter Registration Day with a press event at Warner Park Community Recreation Center](#). The City Officials were joined by community members including Pat Butler a Northside elections inspector, Lisa Weise of the Northside Planning Council, Greg Jones, President of the Dane County NAACP, Andrea Kaminsky, Cathy Fullen of the League of Women Voters and Ingrid Rothe, Co-Chair of the of the Dane County Voter ID Coalition.

In June of 2016 the [Council passed a resolution](#) calling on all city agencies to offer voter registration. The speakers communicated to the public that they can now register to vote at all city agencies. The participants also explained that city residents can vote in all City of Madison libraries.

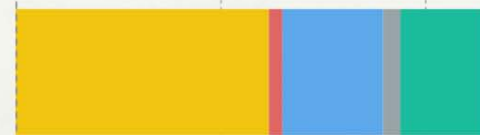
Register Today :: For a Smooth Election :: Any City Agency

1150 Voters unable to register on Election day since 2012



Make sure your vote counts. Register to vote today.

Too many City of Madison voters lost their chance to cast a ballot



Since 2012 1150 voters have lost their chance to cast a ballot because they were unable to register at the polls.

Register at any City of Madison agency to make voting on election day quick and easy!

Infographic: Flyer for Madison's National Voter Registration Day September 27, 2016

Data Source: City Clerk, City of Madison

IDLING IN CARS

Alders Wood, Eskrich and Zellers have renewed a conversation on city idling policies. I have looked at some of the health impacts of idling as informational materials for the public. Research shows that idling is a major source of vehicle pollution which can damage human lungs and that children are especially vulnerable. There are also significant economic costs from burned fuel and higher maintenance costs. I will be working to help develop a fact sheet related to issue, and participating on an equity analysis of the impacts of increased regulation.

YOUTH GUN VIOLENCE

The Executive Operating Budget includes:

“Funding to support portions of the 15 Point Plan to address racial disparities, violence prevention and recidivism in the City of Madison, offered by the Focused Interruption Coalition. Allocation of these funds will be based on recommendations provided by the Central Organizational Committee of the Common Council. Recommended uses of the plan [sic] must demonstrate measureable outcomes geared towards violence reduction. Organizations chosen to receive funds will be expected to provide evidence-based solutions that can be measured through an evaluation plan. The budget includes new funding for the plan (\$200,000): and \$200,000 of existing funds within the Community Development Division budget to be reallocated toward this initiative, including \$150,000 from the Emerging Opportunities Program. The total commitment for the initiative in 2017 is \$400,000.”¹

CCOC has a key role in this proposal and may find interest in discussing this at a future CCOC meeting.

CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF THE POLICE

Finally, I am finalizing research on civilian oversight panels, which preside over policing in a number of cities across the United States. In general, civilian oversight panels are established to increase transparency and/or accountability of municipal police departments. Approximately 150 civilian review boards are in operation today and some cities host more than one review board or panel. The City of Madison Police and Fire Commission fulfills some of the roles of civilian oversight. This paper examines what other cities are doing and how that compares to the City of Madison.

¹ Executive Operating Budget 2017. Community Development Division Operating Budget. Pg. 2