



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Final

PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

City of Madison
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Tuesday, February 13, 2007

5:00 PM

Room LL110 Madison Municipal Building

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Moen at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul E. Skidmore, Austin W. King, Larry Pasha, Tyrone W. Bell, Michael S. Scott and Terry E. Moen

Excused: Adam G. Lichtenheld and Amy R. Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Bell, seconded by King, 1/9/07 minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

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[04160](#)

2ND SUBSTITUTE - Repealing Sections 10.34 and 10.35 and recreating Section 10.34 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish standards for street names and addresses.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Bell, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER Ed Ruckriegel (Fire Dept) explained that the City adopted the International Fire Code in 2002, which prescribes the size of letters/numbers for addresses. This conflicted with our local code. This proposed change makes the local ordinance agree with the national standard. It only applies to new signs. The motion passed by acclamation.**

81. [05512](#) Creating Section 25.26 of the Madison General Ordinances to restrict the possession and use of paintball guns in the City of Madison, and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish bail amounts for this section.
- A motion was made by Pasha, seconded by Scott, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER** Item was tabled (King/Pasha - unanimous) until sponsor Judy Comptom could appear later in meeting. When it was considered, Ald Compton explained that paint guns (while considered a "toy") are actually dangerous and could be considered a weapon. Not only can their indiscriminate use result in bodily harm or death, but they are often used by the 13-25 year old group in vandalism. This type of behavior spikes during school breaks or at times such as the basketball tournament. Typically 10-20 houses will be hit before the targeted house; or several vehicles. Currently there is no law prohibiting the carrying of these "guns." The City Attorney is looking at the entire ordinance (BB guns, pellet guns, etc.) to be updated. A/C Davenport said the Police Dept supports this ordinance. Some of these paint guns are quite expensive - \$900 to \$1000 - and there are proper places with protective gear and clothing where they can be used. The motion passed by acclamation.

- [05600](#) Amending Section 9.13(6)(j)3. of the Madison General Ordinances to repeal the requirement that restaurant wait staff must carry and serve all food, beverage and alcohol beverages to patrons within a sidewalk café.
- A motion was made by King, seconded by Pasha, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER** Ald King explained that this ordinance would allow customers to cross the area between the inside bar of an establishment to seating in the outdoor cafe, carrying an alcoholic beverage and not require staff to deliver these beverages. A one-year experiment doing this has ended and there were no real problems noted. The Vending Oversight Committee says "no problems." This ordinance would repeal the sunset clause so that this section of the ordinance (requiring staff to deliver drinks) would be permanently removed. A/C Davenport stated that Police Chief Wray's concern was that the bar may not closely monitor possible underage drinking (provided by legal person bringing alcohol outside) if the ordinance is repealed. Would like one more year with sunset after that additional assessment. King explained that it would be a huge economic loss for these establishments to lose their sidewalk cafe so this has not been a problem (they are monitoring). The motion passed by acclamation.

Fire: Acquired Structure Training & Live Burns

Fire Division Chief Ron Schwenn gave a presentation on Acquired Structure Training and Live Burns - this is where the department uses existing buildings for training. Their training building is simply a 3 story metal "warehouse" tower with a small building attached and does not lend itself to the many and varied situations firefighters encounter in their daily job. These "acquired structures" are donated buildings they can practice on for such things as search and rescue, hose line advances, fighter fighter rescue, forced entry, pulling ceilings, breaching walls, ventilation (roof), etc. Most buildings are used for live fire training without actually destroying the building. These scenarios give invaluable training for their own safety and in acquiring the skills to work speedily. Actual buildings burned down are only 1 or maybe 2 per year although the department gets many offers. There are national standards (NFPA Standard 1403) which must be followed (a 20 point check list). This year the Department will have the opportunity to train with a real high rise building (Ogg Hall). Ninety-five percent of their training doesn't involve actually lighting a fire! Chief Keiken added that desired future agenda items include: Introduction and meeting new medical director and Presentation on TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Services)

Environmental Design/City Planning

A/C Davenport reported that Mark Ollinger (City Planning) wanted to talk with both Police and Fire before making a presentation for the PSRB. Moen clarified that a presentation is not actually what the PSRB wants. Their concern is about issues where police and fire are not at the table at the appropriate time to impact the outcome before it is too late. It was further discussed that emergency medical safety and crime are influenced by the layout/planning of a city. Fire and Police don't have any initial input in city's planning (e.g. width of streets, impact large new buildings have, traffic congestion, etc. are results). City planners don't acknowledge that public safety is a part of the planning process and this is vitally important. PSRB wants to see this safety function improved and wants to know how this can be done. Would like a map with city planning process and then see where/how Police and Fire fit in - how to get in on the front end. A public forum is desired for this item. This will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Police: Downtown Safety Initiative

Captain Schauf gave a presentation on this item. It was around Halloween last year when this subject came up but the Police Department was not able to dedicate time to it until the first of this year. The Initiative gives \$100,000 for downtown safety but a plan to use this was needed. A group comprised of UW students, business community, district alders, neighbors and City employees has been meeting and brainstorming. Several distinct areas have been identified: Projects (such as more lighting which would actually be a big capital expenditure); Operational issues with police and Community partnership opportunities. A draft of projects, costs and how to measure success in the project has been done and gone before the Board of Estimates and Common Council. "Community officers" are being utilized as a point of contact for community members and a liaison back to the department. The State Street Neighborhood Officer is also being asked to be more of a liaison with businesses and to increase activity on upper State Street nearer the Capitol. Problem analysis work is being done and is a crucial element to help with proactive front end problem solving. Two cameras will be purchased and mounted as needed in prime areas (like for last year's robbery area). Officers a block away can watch activity on lap top. These cameras will only be used situationally. It was not realized that members did not actually have a copy of the Downtown Safety Initiative - Captain Schauf will email it to Anita who will forward it to members.

Standing Committee Reports

Pasha reported that the Dane County Emergency Management Commission is working in conjunction with the Salvation Army on a project to get services to hard to reach population - both in the general population and in the community of persons of color. Skidmore added that future agenda items should include Ped/Motor Vehicle Commission issue of cameras at controlled intersections for photo red signal violations. This is in the exploratory stage now but will be coming before the PSRB. Pasha would like data on how the traffic calming methods in the city are working out (from Traffic Engineering - Dave Dryer). The Board would also like a presentation of what is happening in the City with Task Force.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Skidmore, to Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. The motion passed by acclamation.