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Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 15, 2009

5:00 PM City County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room
103A

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Bryon A. Eagon; Eli Judge; Tyrone W. Bell; Bret M. Gundlach; Chan M. Stroman and Joel Plant

Excused: 1 -

Michael S. Scott

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 8, 2009

A motion was made by Bell, seconded by Plant, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2009. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment – Communication via E-mail

Eli Judge read an e-mail that was sent by citizen, Rosemary Lee. She had 2 questions regarding item number 15867. The first question: Why are Government agencies and subdivisions exempt, she felt that government agencies are the hardest people to get in touch with and if this ordinance is designed to help Building Inspection, she said that it is imperative to have all government agencies and there subdivisions subject to this ordinance. Her second question: She felt that landlords having to pay 10.00 should be changed, as it is not reasonable when it is the City requiring the legislation.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this meeting.

ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

1. [15867](#) Creating Section 27.04(2)(l) of the Madison General Ordinances to require owners of multi-family dwellings to provide contact information of at least two people who can exercise control and care over the property; and amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) to create a bail deposit for violations.

Tyrone Bell made a motion for discussion purposes and Alder Eagon seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Joel Plant indicated that this ordinance is designed to make information easily

accessible to tenants and regulatory agencies; i.e. Building Inspection, Police, City Attorneys Office, and other respective agencies. He shared that the ordinance is not a substantial modification to the current law, but clarifies some of the mechanisms that are already in place and will create deposit amounts for violations. This ordinance would be used to access information with the property manager, owner or someone who has control or authority over the property.

Plant mentioned that the deadlines might be changed as it moves through the process, this is the first draft and that it may come back through the committee at some point if there were to be changes to the draft.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 1 -

Michael S. Scott

Ayes: 6 -

Bryon A. Eagon; Eli Judge; Tyrone W. Bell; Bret M. Gundlach; Chan M. Stroman and Joel Plant

Noes: 1 -

Paul E. Skidmore

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. [15823](#) Creating Section 9.25 of the Madison General Ordinances to require the licensing of landlords of chronic nuisance properties, creating Section 25.09(3)(a)10. to require notification to landlords of the requirements of Section 9.25, amending Section 1.08(3)(a) to establish a bond schedule for violations of Section 9.25, and amending Section 1.08(4) to give the Director of Building Inspection the power to enforce Section 9.25 by citation.

Attorney Zilavy requested that this item number is referred to the November PSRC meeting. Bell made a motion to refer to the November meeting, Eagon seconded the motion.

3. [15902](#) Enforcement of traffic violations reported by crossing guards

Alder Skidmore expressed concerns on the number of violations in comparison to the number of citations given in school zones. He indicated that this topic of discussion comes up frequently in the Pedestrian/Bike Motor Vehicle Committee where every 3 months they receive a report from Madison Police on violations that occur in school zones. Captain Bach from the Madison Police Department (MPD) distributed a packet on School Zone Safety and shared information with the group. He indicated that the Police Department takes a very comprehensive approach where they work with a number of community partners including: the school district, traffic engineering, safe community coalitions, neighborhood associations, and parents groups to make the school zones safer for the kids. There are approximately 45 schools in Madison, in which the CPT and TEST team have a calendar where they rotate patrol efforts at various schools on a daily basis. Through the Police Department, there are adult crossing guards who have the ability to observe vehicles committing traffic violations and are asked to fill out

a form with the violation and submit it to the parking enforcement supervisor. There is an owner liability statute that a citation can be issued only when a driver fails to stop for an adult crossing guard and when everything is in place as far as description with the vehicle to the license plate number. The rest of the violations are mailed warning letters because there is no statutory authority to cite the owner. Tyrone Bell asked what the Police Department could use to be able to enforce school zones effectively. Captain Bach responded that the use of speed boards, fixed speed signs, and high intensity lighting could be beneficial, however this takes money. Luis Yudice, Security Director for the Madison School District discussed school safety with children when going to and from school. He mentioned that there is a School Traffic Safety Committee that involves various schools, public health, police, Madison metro, engineering, and safe community coalitions, which meets on a monthly basis. They address traffic safety issues on short and long term improvements where they develop safe route brochures for various schools that parents can have access to on the schools website. He also mentioned that there have been plans developed through traffic engineering on reconstruction in front of schools zones for safety.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Reports

4. [16267](#) 911 Center subcommittee

Alder Skidmore indicated that there was no new information to share at this time.

FUTURE BUSINESS

It was mentioned that the Committee would like to see the after action report on both the Mifflin Street Spring Party as well as Halloween. Captain Schauf will be invited to the November, 2009 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Tyrone Bell made a motion to dismiss, Gundlach seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 5:51p.m.