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Meeting Minutes - Approved BODY-WORN CAMERA FEASIBILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, September 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Via virtual meeting

Note: Quorum of the Common Council may be present at this meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM. Luke Shieve arrived at 6:49 PM.

Present: 6 - Charles Myadze; Luke B. Schieve; Tom Brown; Keith A. Findley; Gregory W. Gelembiuk and Kim M. Jorgensen

Absent: 1 - Jacquelyn Hunt

Excused: 1 - Veronica Figueroa

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jorgensen, seconded by Myadze, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [62027](#) PUBLIC COMMENT (9/10/2020 meeting)

No registrants

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [61551](#) Discussion with community organizations regarding body-worn cameras

Judge Everett Mitchell from the Dane County Circuit Court presented considerations regarding body-worn cameras to the committee, providing perspective on their role in increased transparency, accountability, and discussed in-depth issues including surveillance, officer discretion, and the role of the Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor, as well as considerations for public defenders, prosecutors, and others in the criminal justice system. Committee members then engaged in an extensive question and answer period with the presenter.

Mike Gennaco from the OIR Group presented considerations regarding body-worn cameras, discussed the position of the OIR Group on body-worn cameras, lessons learned from auditing a variety of police departments around the country, emphasized the need for good policy, and offered some principles of good practice to mitigate pitfalls. Committee members then engaged in a question and answer period with the presenter.

Greg Markle, Executive Director of Operation Fresh Start, presented the results of a survey of approximately 52 of the young people Operation Fresh Start serves about their views on body-worn cameras and police interactions. The survey indicated that while the respondents had positive, neutral, and negative interactions with police, they overwhelmingly (80%) indicated that they did not trust the police and avoided calling them (over 80%). Regarding body-worn cameras, approximately 75% of the respondents indicated that the cameras would provide reliable information and 83% indicated that body-worn cameras would make them feel safer. Sixty-one percent of the respondents indicated that they would trust police more if they were wearing body-worn cameras. When asked if they would their tax dollars should go toward a body-worn camera program, 83% of the respondents indicated yes. Committee members then engaged in a question and answer period with the presenter.

3. [61547](#) Updates from Captain Brian Austin

MPD Captain Brian Austin provided updates on the status of the committee's requests. He provided preliminary information on the question of Internal Affairs complaints generated by fellow officers or supervisors. 2017: 198 total complaints, 145 external and 53 internal. 2018: 192 total complaints; 153 external, 39 internal. Captain Austin indicated that he could break these down to indicate how many of them were based on dash cam footage and could determine how many of the total complaints were sustained as well. He offered to arrange for the MPD IT supervisor to present to the committee on infrastructure and technological considerations for implementing body-worn cameras. Co-Chair Findley indicated that he would like to know more about the technical specifications of the various body-worn camera systems.

4. [62028](#) Discussion: Addressing media inquiries

The committee briefly discussed how to handle media inquiries. Kim Jorgensen suggested that members could refer inquiries to the co-chairs, or reach out to the co-chairs to get help answering media questions.

5. [61549](#) Discussion of Social Science and Legal Scholarship on Body-Worn Cameras

The committee did not have time to take this item up at this meeting. It is a standing item and will be on the future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Schieve, seconded by Gelembiuk, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM