



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

City of Madison
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Tuesday, June 13, 2006

5:00 PM

Room LL110, Madison Municipal Building

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Larry Pasha, Tyrone W. Bell, Michael S. Scott, Terry E. Moen and Amy R. Smith

Absent: Ald. Austin W. King and Adam G. Lichtenheld

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ten registrants spoke before the Board in opposition to Item 03405.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes unanimously approved on motion by Skidmore, seconded by Smith.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

03405

Repealing and recreating Section 5.08 of the Madison General Ordinances to clarify Madison Police Department's response to private alarm systems and provide minimum user and operational requirements for private alarm users and alarm companies and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify bail deposit amounts.

Sponsors: David J. Cieslewicz and Paul E. Skidmore

A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Scott, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER After public comment, the Madison Police Department (Capt. Snyder, Officer J. Sweeney, Management Info Specialist DeMotto, Chief Wray) made presentations and/or gave comment along with written material on the Department's position supported by statistical information (in favor of the verified response ordinance). The only alarms this ordinance deals with are the motion-detection type and there would be no impact on those alarms activated by persons (fire, panic, etc.). For the period of January - May 2006, 100% of the residential alarms have been false and 99.64% of commercial alarms have been false. Not only is this a financial drain on the police department but it takes officers out of service to do work that may be of greater importance. Jim Keiken of the Fire Department reported that the City Attorney's Office (J. Zilavy) is working to update and rework existing ordinance language (5.08, 6 and 34) to have verbiage relating to false alarms pertinent to Fire fit in with regulations for building codes, fire inspections etc. Member comments included: the public is paying for a private service which is only benefiting a small percentage of residents, this is not a punitive measure but a good first step with fine tuning to continue, the issue is not about safety, security, etc. but about the need to reduce the large number of false alarms, a better and higher use of limited police resources is desired, etc. The motion passed by the following vote :

Absent: King and Lichtenheld

Aye: Skidmore, Bell, Scott, Moen and Smith

No: Pasha

Present: 6 - Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Larry Pasha, Tyrone W. Bell, Michael S. Scott, Terry E. Moen and Amy R. Smith

Absent: 2 - Ald. Austin W. King and Adam G. Lichtenheld

Preliminary Discussion on Robbery Data

Armed robbery data will be used as a "test" to see how the PSRB can use the statistics available from the police department, what data is actually available, where are the "holes" in the system, etc. This will be a future agenda item.

Fire Department Report

Due to time constraints, no Fire Department Report was made.

Standing Committee Reports

Due to time constraints, no Standing Committee Reports were made.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Scott, seconded by Pasha, meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.