

September 18, 2018

Members of the Finance Committee,

Madison General Ordinances 33.22(4) describes the duties of the Public Safety Review Committee as follows:

(4) The work of the Public Safety Review Committee shall be advisory to the Mayor and the Common Council to assist them in the performance of their statutory duties regarding the police and fire departments. The role of the Public Safety Review Committee shall in no way interfere with the lawfully prescribed powers and duties of the Common Council, the Police and Fire Commission, the Mayor, or the Chiefs of the respective Police or Fire Departments. The Public Safety Review Committee may, in the performance of its duties:

(a) Review service priorities and capital budget priorities of the Police and Fire departments;

(b) Serve as liaison between the community and the City on public safety issues;

(c) Review annually and make recommendations to the Mayor and the Common Council regarding the annual work plans and long-range goals of the departments.

In an effort to fulfill our mission as described above and reiterated by the President's Committee in 2017, the Public Safety Review Committee (PSRC) undertook a review of the 2019 Capitol and Operating Budget requests from the Fire and Police Departments

At the PSRC meeting of August 8, Laura Larsen of the City Budget and Program Evaluation Office impressed upon us the importance of the City's projected 2019 budget shortfall. Therefore we thought it necessary to inquire further into budget requests that lacked strong supporting explanations.

In early September, we provided the Police and Fire Departments with items identified as needing more information. Their representatives appeared at our September 17 meeting and we are grateful for their cooperation. Their written responses on those topics are attached to this report.

On September 17 the PSRC voted unanimously to support the Capitol and Operating Budgets as submitted by the Madison Police and Fire Departments

with the exception of the following items we believed were not adequately justified. The results¹ of voting on those separate items are as follows:

Police Capitol

-Building Improvements –(Ayes - Myadze, Mustajab Abbas, Amoah, Petzold, Julian) (No-Anglim)

Fire Capital

-Building Access System – (Ayes – Myadze, Amoah) (No – Anglim, Petzold, Julian) (Abstain – Mustajab Abbas, McKinney)

-Communications Equipment Station Alerting System –(Ayes – Myadze, Mustajab Abbas) (No- Julian, Anglim) (Abstain – Petzold, Amoah)

-Burn Tower Construction - (Ayes – Mustabjab Abbas) (No – Julian, Petzold, Anglim) (Abstain – Amoah, Myadze)

Fire Operating

-Consultant (one-time) – (Ayes – Julian, Myadze, Mustajab Abbas, Amoah, Anglim) (Abstain – Petzold)

-Fire Protection Specialist/Plan Reviewer(new position)– (No – Petzold, Julian, Mustabjab Abbas) (Abstain – Myadze, Amoah, Anglim)

We hope that our recommendations are of assistance to you. Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully submitted,
Debra F Julian, Chair
Public Safety Review Committee

¹ The minutes of the September 17 are not yet approved. This is the unofficial tally.