

Duties of the Public Safety Review Committee

Madison General Ordinance 33.22

(4) Duties . 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**¹ and capital budget priorities of the Police and Fire departments;
- (b) Serve as liaison between the community and the City on **public safety**² issues;
- (c) Review annually and **make recommendations to the Mayor and the Common Council**⁵ regarding the **annual work plans**³ and **long-range goals**⁴ of the departments.

[Legistar](#) description of PSRC, Description in President's Work Group Report:

Madison General Ordinance Sec. 33.22 - The board shall be advisory to the mayor and Common Council to assist them in the performance of their statutory duties. **The board may "review and make recommendations concerning departmental budgets**⁶; review service priorities and capital budget priorities of the Police and Fire Departments; serve as liaison between the community and the city on public safety issues; and review annually and make recommendations to the Common Council regarding the annual work plans and long-range goals of the departments."

PSRC COMMENTS

We seek clarification on the following phrases:

1. **"Service priorities"** – because this is in the same sentence with the "capital budget priorities" is this referring to the operating budget?
2. **"Public safety"** – is this limited to the functions of the police and fire department, or could it be considered broader and include public health, emergency preparedness and other issues?
3. **"annual work plans"** - What is this phrase referring to? Do the departments have "annual work plans" and if so, how do we access them? Does this relate to the Performance Excellence initiative? Or budget priorities? Or department head contract language? What happened to the strategic planning the Police Department was doing? Does the Fire Department have a work plan?
4. **"long range goals"** – Where do we find these for the police and fire departments?
5. **"recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council"** How would we make these annual recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council? Or should they be made to the police and fire departments? Does the Mayor and Common Council review these annual work plans and long range goals? Or is that just in the context of the budget?
6. **"review and make recommendations concerning departmental budgets"** Is this referring to department budget requests, or the entire budget process?