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Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

5:00 PM

Madison Police Department
Central Community Room - GR-22
City-County Building
211 South Carroll Street

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Paul E. Skidmore; Maurice S. Cheeks; Merrilee Pickett; Bruce P. Frey;
Dena M. Carreyn and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Absent: 1 - Ernest E. Horinek

Non Voting: 1 - Debra F. Julian

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dena Carreyn made a motion to approve the April 14, 2015 PSRC meeting minutes. Alder Skidmore seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

PSRC members welcomed Alder McKinney as a new member to the committee. Everyone went around the table and made introductions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. [38301](#) Report from the Madison Fire Department (Assistant Chief Langer)

Assistant Chief(AC) Langer shared the Madison Fire Department will take acquisition of Blooming Grove for all Fire and Emergency Medical Services on July 1, 2015. He shared over time there will be additional areas as annexation occurs that the department will also take acquisition; Towne of Burke, Blooming Grove, and Shorewood Hills. Merrilee Pickett inquired if there is a need to hire additional staff for the extra calls in which AC Langer replied at this time there is enough staff to cover calls, however going into the future this may change. For now, he said that the additional calls equivocates to an extra 75 calls with the additional acquisitions this number will be around 350 calls

for service added per year.

A class of 6 will begin the accelerated Fire Academy on July 6, 2015. A class of 12 new recruits will begin the academy on August 3, 2015.

On November 6th, 2015 there will be a graduation for the Fire Academy in which an invite will be extended to PSRC members.

2. [38302](#)

Report from the Madison Police Department (Captain Ackeret)

Captain Ackeret invited Captain Snyder who is the Captain of the Personnel and Training Team to attend the PSRC meeting to share information on the Madison Police Department training curriculum.

Captain Snyder reported the Police Academy graduation will take place on June 26th at the Training Center. An invite will be extended to the PSRC members.

Captain Snyder distributed two handouts; a breakdown on the topics with the number of hours the Madison Police Department (MPD) academy completes within the Wisconsin Department of Justice 520-hour curriculum and the other was on cultural competence that new recruit's and members of the department receive as continued education during in-services. Captain Snyder indicated that the MPD training meets or exceeds what the state requires sharing that there are extra areas that the academy goes over during training with the recruits. He shared that recently Chief Koval met with community leaders at United Way to revisit the Cultural Competence curriculum as the MPD evaluates and makes updates. Chief Koval was looking to have feedback provided on improvements that can be made to the curriculum. Alder McKinney inquired as to how long the cultural competence guidelines have been in place to which Captain Snyder replied that the information before everyone was used during the last police academy. The material that was used previously, for the last 7-10 years was mostly the same although it has been tweaked over the years with improvements being made. It was inquired as to how much continuing education do police officers need to have. Captain Snyder responded that they are required to have 24 hours by the State per year, although most MPD officers have 60-70 hours per year especially those that are on a specialized team or group. Information was requested on the MPD Citizen Academy and the letter that was shared to the United Way in which Captain Snyder indicated that he would e-mail it to PSRC members.

3. [38303](#)

Report from Alders

Alder Cheeks reported that the City approved an Ad hoc committee to study police policy in which a diverse group of people will serve on the committee. He said this is being worked out now through the end of June. He mentioned there is also an Ad hoc committee that will study body worn video that is in the works. Alder Cheeks shared that he was elected as leadership on the Council. He shared that prior to the officer involved shooting update he met with the Chief of Police and staff and was briefed on the tactical action plan sharing that MPD did a phenomenal job to keep the city safe and he also shared his kudos to the community on demonstrating in a safe way.

Alder Mckinney reported that there is an ordinance that came before the

Council on Sex Offenders living within a certain distance of schools. She shared that there would be a presentation on Thursday, June 11th and that PSRC was invited to attend. Emily Hardiman will send an e-mail to PSRC members with the information.

Alder Skidmore reported on the recent uptick of random shots fired that have been occurring at random locations throughout the city. He shared that he has had a lot of contact with Chief Koval regarding this. He shared that he was pleased on how the MPD handled it on the 8-9 individuals that were arrested.

Alder Skidmore then shared a report on border drops that have been occurring through the Dane County 911 Dispatch Center. Dena Carreyn inquired on what a border drop is in which AC Langer shared it is when the closest agency that can respond to the call is dispatched. He said that although it may be fast to have the closet agency respond it is often problematic when the agency does not have the necessary personnel, equipment, etc. needed for the call. Alder Skidmore then shared that the radio system has been pushed back for now two years and he is fearful of the attitude of the 911 Center.

NEW BUSINESS

4. [38109](#) Creating Section 23.07(11), renumbering Sections 23.07(11) and (12) to (12) and (13), amending Section 23.07(13) and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit the entering of a vehicle without the owner's consent and to create a bail deposit for violation thereof.

Alder Skidmore made a motion for discussion. Merrilee Pickett seconded the motion. Captain Ackeret shared that this ordinance is intended to close the loophole on an individual entering vehicles without the owner's consent. The ordinance would mirror the State Law. Alder Cheeks said that he would gladly sponsor this ordinance and likes the idea of having a local response verses putting the individual through the Court system and feels that it is a "good tool" for police officers to hold individuals accountable.

This ordinance was unanimously approved by the committee.

This Ordinance was RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER

5. [38432](#) Authorizing the Chief of Police to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections ("WDOC") for the use of WDOC owned secure transportation vehicles and other necessary equipment.

Captain Ackeret shared that the police department does not have enough vehicles for safe transfer during specialized events that is used for arrest processing purposes such as during Halloween and Mifflin Street Party. The State has a van in which they allow MPD to use during these events. The State is requesting a Memorandum of Understanding in place to cover insurance and other aspects of using the van.

Alder Skidmore made a motion to approve the ordinance. Dena Carreyn seconded the motion. The ordinance was unanimously approved by the committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. [38831](#) Alder Leadership on the Nuisance Ordinance (Merrilee Pickett)
- Merrilee Pickett shared during previous PSRC meetings there were discussions on the nuisance ordinance in which she inquired further on tightening up the ordinance on those landlords that don't screen tenants. At that time she mentioned to then Alder Strasser who had an interest and also to Assistant City Attorney (ACA) Zilavy who indicated she would look into it. She said that since Alder Strasser is now longer on the Council if there is another Alder that would have interest in this topic and to potentially work with ACA Zilavy. Alder McKinney indicated that she has interest in this topic and would work on finding out more information about it. Alder Cheeks shared that it might be worth to bring back to PSRC to support this item. Pickett will send the information that she has accumulated so far to Alder McKinney. Alder Skidmore recommended George Hank, Director of Building Inspection as a good contact to find out further information on this topic as well.
7. [38305](#) Advocating for a role with the PSRC in the Task Force to study police procedures (Merrilee Pickett)
- Merrilee Pickett shared that she wanted to know how others of the committee felt on advocating a role from the PSRC to request a role in the Task Force (TF) to study police procedures. Alder Cheeks felt that this was a good idea to suggest for the committee to be on the TF and that the PSRC may fit into the parameters as far as being an open meeting. Alder Skidmore shared that he has spoken to the Mayor on this and that the Mayor is aware of interest in having the PSRC body recommended. Pickett will speak to Assistant Attorney Allen on the proper way to go about drafting a letter on behalf of the PSRC committee to express interest to serve on the TF.
8. [38304](#) PSRC response to the increasing gun/gang violence in Madison (Merrilee Pickett)
- Merrilee Pickett said she requested this agenda item prior to the recent arrests on the increasing gang/gun violence and wanted to find out if there was something that PSRC could do. She said since the individuals have been arrested she was backing up some on this topic, although, she would like to see data if possible on a monthly basis on how this is going. Alder Skidmore shared that although MPD has a handle on the shootings, he would also like to be briefed on this topic from MPD from the Chief or Captain Wheeler. Dena Carreyn inquired if this is a gang issue solely or not? She mentioned using suppression/prevention before the gangs grow larger and take a hold on the city. Pickett shared the number of gangs is growing in the city and if there is something that can be done and mentioned the lack of media with reporting on this. Captain Ackeret shared there has been no gun calls since the end of May and that Chief Koval made it his number one priority in which he brought together the new Violent Crimes Unit (VCU), Gang Unit, and Criminal Intelligence to cease the fear in the community. He shared that all of the units collaborated to make arrests of specific individuals involved in the shootings. He shared this was gang related and that there were disputes between gang members who were retaliating between gangs. Alder Cheeks said that further discussion and report sharing at the next two PSRC meetings would be beneficial on historic gun trends and MPD's response as to where we are today

and the future response to combat gun/gang issues and ways that the PSRC can assist with MPD desires to be proactive. Pickett inquired on how many gunshot wounds/stabbing incidents hospitals respond to in which Captain Ackeret responded that it is mandatory for hospitals to report every stabbing and gunshot wound and that every stabbing and gun shots are reported to the media. Bruce Frey mentioned a website called crimereports.com that has very timely updates on what is occurring in the city.

9. [38319](#) Request for a PSRC member to serve as a citizen member on the Dane County Commission on Sensitive Crimes.

This agenda item was to request a PSRC member to serve as a citizen member on the Dane County Commission on Sensitive Crimes. Given that this item was a discussion item and not a business item action could not be taken on nominating a member from the PSRC to serve on the Commission. This item will once again be on the July PSRC meeting as a business item to take action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. [22805](#) Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Public Safety Review Committee

Alder Cheeks made a nomination for Merrilee Pickett to serve as the Chair of PSRC. Alder Skidmore seconded the motion. Merrilee Pickett respectively declined the nomination. Alder Cheeks nominated Dena Carreyn as the Chair of PSRC. Alder Skidmore seconded the motion. Merrilee Pickett who served as interim Chair inquired three times if there were any other nominations. Alder Skidmore moved that nominations are closed. Alder Cheeks seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously for Dena Carreyn to serve as the Chair.

Alder Skidmore made a nomination for Merrilee Pickett to serve as Vice Chair of the PSRC. Bruce Frey seconded the motion. Merrilee Pickett inquired three times if there are any other nominations. Alder Skidmore moved that nominations are closed. Dena Carreyn seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously for Merrilee Pickett to serve as Vice Chair of PSRC.

ADJOURNMENT