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Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Christian A. Albouras; Patrick W. Heck; Brenda K. Konkel; Gideon W. Amoah; Matthew D. Mitnick; Mary T. Anglim; Allen M. Rickey; Barbara Harrington-McKinney and Charles Myadze

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Myadze made a motion to approve the June 10, 2020 minutes. Alder Heck seconded the minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. [60777](#) Creating Section 3.03(4) of the Madison General Ordinances entitled Police Auditor.

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2. [60778](#) Amending the 2020 Mayor's Office and Direct Appropriations Operating Budgets and creating of the position of Independent Police Auditor, in the Mayor's Office as a 1.0 FTE in CG21, Range 18, in response to the recommendations of the Madison Police Department Policy and Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Attachments: [60778 v1 By Title Only.pdf](#)
[REVISED Draft Police Auditor JD 060820 SRC \(2\)](#)
[FINAL Police Auditor Job Description 6 3 2020.pdf](#)
[Audit Letter to Alders 6](#)

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NEW BUSINESS

3. [61219](#) Updates from budget and protest policies workgroups

Mitnick, Chair of the Budget Subcommittee shared they are waiting to hear the police and finance presentations and then they intend to work on a draft report from the information received. The committee is also working on mechanisms to allow the public to be involved with the ability to provide comment through a specific e-mail address with a google document or some type of submittal form to collect and gather information. There will be updates shared with the PSRC prior to the budget recommendations submitted to the Council.

Myadze, Chair of the Protest Policy Subcommittee shared their group is working on questions to refer to the police department and is geared toward public concerns. The police departments Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) raised a lot of questions from the meeting. The Chief Police will attend the next subcommittee meeting.

The budget and policy subcommittee meetings are on July 15 and all committee members are welcome to join.

4. [61223](#) Data on police impact on jail population

Attachments: [konkel 6.15.2020 request reply.pdf](#)
[Copy of Arrests by Status March to June 2018-20.xlsx](#)

The attachments were discussed. Konkel shared police are conveying 15 to 17 percent less people to the jail. There is a 47 percent reduction of people in the jail. The questions posed was; what is occurring different that is making the numbers down and if it can be repeated on what is taking place? Captain Winter shared with COVID-19 there is a different response level. It was also mentioned the police department is always encouraged to use the least intrusive measures such as giving a citation instead of jail, however there are certain calls that require jail such as domestics. Myadze mentioned he noticed numbers at the Juvenile Reception Center was slightly down March-May. Anglim agreed on the numbers being down. Rickey mentioned in the Chief's recent blog some of the crimes are more serious even though not as many petty crimes and this may be the difference.

Konkel inquired if there is any further questions or interest to pursue further, there was no additional comment from the committee.

5. [61226](#) Mayor's request for us to review "8 can't wait"

Attachments: [Fwd Tonight's PSRC.msg](#)
[Blog - Chief's Office - Madison Police Department - City of Madison, Wisconsin](#)
[Memo from City Attorneys Office re 8 can't wait.docx](#)

Konkel shared there was a request from the Mayor's Office for the committee to look at the "8 can't wait" policies. It was asked if the committee wants to take on this agenda item now or create a workgroup for further discussion. It

was mentioned it may be possible for this agenda item to be reviewed with item number 61227 on the agenda. Alder McKinney felt it should be addressed now since the Mayor has asked the committee to take a closer look and that there should be some type of statement from the committee. Alder Heck felt the same sentiment as Alder McKinney. Alder Heck questioned if the 8 items intersect with the Ad hoc committees work and if the PSRC would just cross reference so there is not a duplication of work. Alder McKinney shared a lot of the information is data driven and the PSRC should determine the stance the committee is going to take and make a statement and if it overlaps with another committee the PSRC should make that statement. Mitnick shared he was reading the City Attorney's letter and it refers to the police department's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) which is something the policy workgroup is looking at and thought the 8 can't wait may be referred to the subcommittee to look at it further since it refers to SOPs. Myadze felt that race plays a factor and that it is not about the policies as they sound great on paper. Alder Albouras shared the 8 steps are what the city and agencies should be looking at and suggested that a lot of the ad hoc committee members are interested in being involved in processes and reforms. He thought the committee should invite Professor Findley, Co- Chair of the police department ad-hoc committee to provide a brief overview and share information that was captured from the OIR report and to look broader with some of the areas the civilian oversight/independent monitor that are broader than the 8 can't wait campaign as there are already policies the city is addressing. Alder Heck agreed and felt that by inviting someone who was involved in the Ad hoc committee could help the PSRC with cross referring and after we hear information PSRC could share what the committee endorses and the root cause analysis. Rickey shared how can you measure how things are accomplished and how is the data going to be driven? Will people come in and talk about it? Konkol shared there is one of the policies not being followed and community members are under pressure and we have more work to do although our work might not be in the policy, but in root causes instead. She shared we owe it to the community to look at and study and come to our own conclusions.

Konkel and Alder McKinney (volunteered to assist) will work together on gathering information on items; (MPD Response to the OIR Report, Ad Hoc committee recommendations, current status from the MPD and City Attorney's Office, etc.) These items will be given to Hardiman, support of the committee to attach to the August agenda. Professor Findley or Tom Brown of the Adhoc Committee will be invited to the August meeting. PSRC intends to work on the root cause to the policies that could be in play and determine whose role it is to address what issues and work on a response to the Mayor and the community. Alder McKinney made a motion to begin working on items and Anglim seconded the motion. There was unanimous consent from the committee.

Rickey asked to invite City Attorney Haas to the August meeting. Alder Albouras would like to have a resolution at the August meeting after sifting through more detailed information and report out to the community.

6. [61227](#) Our response to other community demands and initiatives (Breonna's law, 8 to abolition, NAACP and WSJ article)

Attachments: [searchWarrantservice.pdf](#)
[#8toAbolition.htm](#)
[NAACP letter.pdf](#)
[Wisconsin State Journal Article summarizing community demands.docx](#)
[Copy of Black Lives Matter Movement Demands WS 2 62420.xlsx](#)
[Copy of Black Lives Matter Movement Demands WK 3 62420.xlsx](#)
[Copy of Black Lives Matter Movement Demands WS 1 62420.xlsx](#)
[Daily Round Up 702.docx](#)

Konkel shared a plan was established for the 8 can't wait campaign. The committee was asked if there are any other committee members that want to look at or move these agenda items to number 7 which will be discussing what should be on the PSRC agendas. Konkel shared she feels the committee should be responding to some of the attached documents because it is within the PSRC purview. Anglim thought the documents are interesting although some self-duplicating. She felt the committee should digest all of the documents in some form. Alder McKinney agreed and felt if items come before the PSRC they should be looked at as to build trust in the community the committee needs to tackle areas that can sometimes be tough. Alder Heck inquired on how the committee wants to respond to the current times and feels there is a lot of information that comes to the committee and feels it is the responsibility of the committee to allow the community to provide a voice. He shared he doesn't think the committee has the capacity to come to current conclusions on the documents and that moving the committee forward there isn't time to get anything accomplished if the committee moves into great detailed analysis. He felt the committee could pick common themes and some items will rise to the top and there may not be the need to worry and analyze everything. Konkel offered a few suggestions regarding the attachments to move forward; create a subcommittee, two people could volunteer to work on items and bring back to the committee to report on, or have a separate meeting and go together through the documents as a group. Anglim and Amoah volunteered to work together and will report back to the committee. There was unanimous consent from the committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. [61228](#) Setting committee priorities. What role should the Public Safety Review Committee play in this moment? What are your priorities?

Konkel asked that each committee member share what their committee priorities are -

Rickey – Recently went on a ride-along with the police department and he intends to come up with ideas to incorporate the department/PSRC.

Albouras – Would like to continue to work on what aligns with the PSRC ordinance such as budgetary recommendations to the Mayor and Council and would like to be visible with the violence going on in our city and would like a comprehensive plan with things going on in our city (new campaign, different partnerships, or programs). Also, would like to make it a priority with some of the Ad hoc committee recommendations and see those are executed.

McKinney - Work on making recommendations to the council on budgetary considerations, speak for the black community and the community as a whole, feels the PSRC should be the committee that keeps people up at night to hear their concerns. Would like to be a listening forum/community voice and be involved in root causes, action, and what is real and what is now.

Heck – Feels the committee is going to keep busy in the near future while discussing items related to protests, repercussions, and demands from the community. There will be a lot of referrals filtering to the PSRC on resolutions and ordinance changes that Alders are working on. Would like to focus on root cause analysis and impacts on the black community and this needs to be thought about more with almost every agenda item that comes before the committee. Would like to spend time on our relationship and how the PSRC can work with the independent monitor and the oversight board. Would like to focus on the fire department as well, not just police and possibly mental health items possibly.

Charles – Would like to focus on the budget and being a liaison within the community and city with public safety issues. Another area he mentioned is trying to restore, unify and build trust with the community with issues going on. He would like to be a voice on the committee to speak for the black community and felt discussions should center on discussion points with the African American community. Would like to be the voice for the public to make changes and look for different perspectives for trust, unity, and public safety.

Gideon- Would like to work on making the Public Safety Review Committee a safe place for those in the community on what is happening with the idea of listening sessions. He would like to work on the impact the PSRC can have when citizens have issues.

Mary – Shared the committee in the next 3 months will have a lot of short-term work to do. Thought the committee will have some involvement with the independent monitor and the oversight board. The two PSRC subcommittees reflect some of the unrest we have seen this summer for violence in the black/brown community. With COVID she has heard there are going to be housing vacancies and winter is coming. Would like the committee to keep trying to see the big picture and create a safe space for people to share fears and their suggestions. Also, would really like for the committee to try and deliver on the budget and public safety.

Matthew – Would like the committee to be used as a platform to hear from voices in the community and the community wants their voices to be heard. Homelessness and facing housing insecurity is important. Continue with the subcommittees and use what we hear from the community to make outreach efforts.

Brenda –The budget, hearing from the community, addressing issues going on in our community right now, the committee being a safe space to talk and hear from the community more, public safety/housing/ homelessness, and other community needs that are out there.

Myadze inquired if the role of the PSRC should be revisited again. It was shared this may set the committee back as the committee has a lot of work

ahead of them and this may be something that can be looked at down the road. There was a request for the long-range plans from the police department and it was shared from Captain Winters that the department is currently operating under an interim Chief and it is on hold until a new Chief is appointed. Konkel shared there is a running list of future agenda items and going forward the committee should work on incorporating a racial equity lens with every agenda item. There was a suggestion to invite Former Chief Wray to have discussions with the committee.

8. [61238](#) Discussion about PSRC meeting twice a month or additional subcommittees

Konkel inquired with the committee on meeting twice a month or adding another subcommittee to accomplish the committee workload. The response was there are already two subcommittee and workgroup of two. It was suggested that Support, Hardiman could send out a survey for a “maybe or on-hold” additional meeting date if there is a need after the August meeting. If there is input on the August agenda, committee members were asked to give input to Konkel or Myadze before the next meeting.

REPORTS

9. [61229](#) Fire Report

Attachments: [PSRC - June 2020.pdf](#)
[Copy of Covid-19 Surveillance with 2019 data.xlsx](#)

Assistant Fire Chief Price shared the standard fire report from fire is attached to the agenda and inquired if there are any questions? Amoah inquired about July 4th and if there were any major incidents that occurred. It was shared there were no major incidents. There was an interest in COVID-19 as that data shows fire calls have went up over the last couple of weeks. It was shared there has been a decrease with COVID related calls as he feels people are not calling 911 for their symptoms as it was from the beginning. It may be possible people are doing video appointments. It was asked what MVA LAW stands for and that is Motor Vehicle Accident and is a police code that is reported from the fire department.

10. [61232](#) Police Department Report

Captain Winter reported officers are working a lot of extra hours with protests response and work. The command post has been staffed for the last 41 consecutive days. There have been joint efforts with other agencies (Capitol PD, UWPD, and State Patrol). The department is looking at shifting from two operational periods to one. The Special Events Team (SET) has been on standby status and will only be called into duty if necessary for large events or traffic blockades. There were two homicides that occurred within 24 hours of each other, both shooters have been identified. There was an arrest made with the individual who attempted to set the City County Building on fire and the department is working with partner agencies who are assisting. In addition to everything going on COVID adds an additional layer with officers wearing personal protectant gear on/off duty. There is still a robust amount of telecommuter workers. The City County Building was expected to be open but with the recent COVID spike it has been delayed. No promotions to be

reported and the budget scenario is different than in previous years.

11. [61233](#)

Alder Report

Nothing further to report at this time.

12. [61234](#)

Chair/Co-Chair Report

Nothing further to report at this time .

13. [61235](#)

PSRC Topics of Interest/Future Agenda Items

Attachments: [PSRC Workplan-3.pdf](#)

Discussed in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Alder Albouras made a motion to adjourn Myadze seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.