

**PSRC**

**Feb 14, 2018**

**Agenda Item 3. File Number 49076**

**Review the Ordinance and Revise the Charge of the Public Safety Review Committee**

The President's Work Group on Police and Community Relations report was adopted by Council in May of 2017. One of the action items focused on the PSRC.

The Public Safety Review Committee (PSRC) is a City of Madison Committee established to provide advice to the Mayor and Common Council related to public safety. The PSRC has the authority to "review and make recommendations concerning departmental budgets; 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."

The President's Work Group discussed the important role the PSRC could play in ensuring that a permanent city committee regularly examines public safety issues, as well as police and community relations, and provides advice on these issues to the Mayor and the Common Council.

**Action Item 13:** The Common Council directs the Common Council Executive Committee to undertake a review of the role, membership and charges under ordinance(s) for the Public Safety Review Committee.

The OIR Report has offered several key recommendations that could help to inform the PSRC in its review of its mission and priorities.

The PSRC's responsibilities are described in MGO 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; 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 Priorities (1/25/2018)**

- Dane County District Attorney about his role
- Dane County Sheriff discussion about the jail
- Madison Fire Department Integrated Health Program
- Madison Police Department Traffic Enforcement Safety Team
- Madison Police Department Public Information Officer
- Human Trafficking in Madison
- Joint ALRC/PSRC meeting about alcohol issues
- Madison Police Department data collection
- Alder Rummel on recommendations from the CCOC subcommittee on Police and Community Relations regarding PSRC

The PSRC Priorities (1/25/2018 File 50277) seen in the text box to the right identify main concerns of the committee.

The OIR Report and Recommendations and the PSRC’s Priorities help to identify several areas of work that may provide guidance for the PSRC in its review of its role, membership and charges.

To add a level of specificity to this concept, we could explore what actions could the PSRC undertake that would advance the PSRC’s work and continue to improve and enhance policing in Madison?

**Possible PSRC actions that support key OIR Recommendations**

OIR Recommendation	PSRC Priority or Responsibility	Action
Convene Town Halls and Listening Sessions After Officer-Involved Shootings and Other Controversial Police Related Events	<p><b>Priority:</b> Madison Police Department Public Information Officer</p> <p><b>Authority:</b> Serve as liaison between the community and the city on public safety issues</p>	PSRC could work with MPD’s PIO to develop a proposal and implementation strategy for town halls and listening sessions as described in the OIR report and present that plan to Council and the public.
Evaluate demographic data regarding force, arrests, and citations to examine trends regarding racial disparities	<p><b>Priority:</b> Madison Police Department data collection</p> <p><b>Authority:</b> Review annually and make recommendations to the Common Council regarding the annual work plans and long-range goals of the departments.”</p>	PSRC could develop a process to provide an annual analysis of MPD demographic data trends through consultation with MPD and should produce a report for the Council and public.
Appoint an independent auditor to provide continual oversight of MPD	<p><b>Authority:</b> Review and make recommendations concerning departmental budgets; review service priorities and capital budget priorities of the Police (and Fire) Departments</p>	In anticipation of the creation of a possible auditor, the PSRC should identify areas of work where the PSRC and the auditor may collaborate on recommendations to the Council and public. For example: PSRC could begin an annual budgetary analysis, which would support the auditor’s function.

**Conclusion:** the President’s Work Group on Police and Community Relations recommended a review of the role, membership and charges under ordinance(s) for the Public Safety Review Committee.

This review could help clarify how the PSRC will utilize its authority to serve as a liaison as well as provide policy reviews and recommendations on budgets and priorities. The actions in this document may serve as examples of the work products that could result from such a review. The PSRC will determine which of these actions or others would be the outcomes of such a process.