



**City of Milwaukee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**ALD. ROBERT DONOVAN, CHAIR**  
**Ald. Robert Puente, Vice-Chair**  
**Ald. Michael McGee, Jr., Ald. Terry Witkowski, Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski**

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Thursday, February 1, 2007

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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**Meeting Convened: 1:38 P.M.**

*Alderman Robert Donovan, Chair of the Public Safety Committee explained that his purpose for scheduling the Special Public Safety Committee meeting is an effort to bring together representatives of MPS and the Public Safety Committee to explore meaningful ways to address the growing problems that exist in the Milwaukee Public Schools system.*

*According to Alderman Donovan, the problems facing MPS are monumental and will require the full commitment of both the public and private sector to orchestrate a turnaround.*

**Present** 5 - Donovan, Puente, McGee Jr., Witkowski, Zielinski

1. [061071](#) Substitute resolution approving Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements with the Milwaukee Board of School Directors for Police Services.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Zielinski

**Appearance:**

*Assistant Chief Joseph Whiten, Milwaukee Police Department.*

*Motion by Ald. McGee to adopt substitute 1 of Common Council File #061071 and refer the file to the City Attorney for amendments to the agreements to add language that would include community involvement and oversight, in addition to the continued fostering of community initiatives that were already in process prior to the February 1st meeting.*

**A motion was made by ALD. MCGEE JR. that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Donovan, Puente, McGee Jr., Witkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

2. [061249](#) Communication from Milwaukee Public Schools relating to its school safety and security strategies.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

**Topics Discussed:**

*-Recent Bradley Tech Issues (currently being reviewed to establish proactive approach).  
-Community involvement.*

- Current safety and security strategies by MPS.
- The use of cell phones in schools.
- The development of same sex schools.
- Hiring within the community.
- The use of Resource Officers.
- Current contingency plans to address disturbances.
- Citywide assists - Cancellation of citywide assists.
- Milwaukee Police Officer assignments to basketball games.
- Number of incidents occurring at MPS Basketball games.
- Attendance at MPS Basketball games.
- Alderman walk-along through MPS schools.
- Educating, teachers, students and other staff.
- Review of the uses of Block Grant Funds.
- Prevention and standards.
- Explosions, reasons for explosions, explosion to alternative schools.
- Pilot Program, special training to School Resource Officers (SRO's).
- The impact on education due to police presence in schools.
- Placement for at risk students.

*Appearances:*

*Superintendent William G. Andreopoulos, Milwaukee Public Schools.*

*Mr. Peter P. Pochowski, Director, School Safety and Security.*

*-Mr. Pochowski present Exhibit (1), Recent Security Measures in MPS and Exhibit (2), Recommendations of the Joint Committee to address the number of calls for police services originating at MPS.*

*Mr. Joseph Dannecker, Board of School Director, District #8.*

*Alderman James Bohl, 5th Aldermanic District.*

*Ms. Charlene Hardin, Board of School Director, District #4.*

*Mr. Harold Moore, Supervisor, Division of School Safety- Milwaukee Public Schools.*

*Dr. Aquine Jackson, Milwaukee Public Schools.*

*Assistant Chief Joseph Whiten, Milwaukee Police Department.*

*Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, 1st Aldermic District.*

*Mr. Wendall Harris, NAACP, Milwaukee Chapter.*

*Mr. John Balcerzek, Milwaukee Police Association.*

*Mr. Sid Hatch, Milwaukee Public Schools.*

*Mr. Mark Kauxhause, Principal, South Division High School*

*Mr. Brian Kelly, Citizen.*

*Ms. Bonds, Principal, Custer High School.*

*Mr. James Jones, Citizen.*

*Mr. James Howard Jr., Citizen.*

*Jason, ACLU.*

*Mr. Lamont Harris, Citizen -City Organizer.*

**A motion was made by ALD. PUENTE that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Donovan, Puente, McGee Jr., Witkowski and Zielinski

**No** 0

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:42 P.M.**

*Diana Morgan  
Staff Assistant*

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