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August 13, 2004

Ms. Florence Dukes
Milwaukee Safety Commission
6680 N. Teutonia Avenue, Rm 151
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Dear Ms. Dukes:

Welcome to your new position as Milwaukee's Safety Director. I look forward to working with you to improve safety in the City of Milwaukee; and I also look for your assistance to reduce the number of locations in my district that appeared on the 2002 high frequency crash list. Over 25% the locations are in the 13th Aldermanic District.

We have publicized the problem on South 27 Street [10 locations] and have met with the director of the Bureau of Transportation Safety about an overtime grant funded enforcement project to involve Milwaukee, Greenfield, Franklin and Oak Creek police departments with Milwaukee PD serving as the contracting agency for the other departments. I've held two press events--one announcing the problem, and one announcing enforcement efforts from Milwaukee and Greenfield. I've been involved in the AAA effort that will have a press event announcing the engineering aspect of the solution on Monday, August 16th. I would hope to meet with Franklin and Oak Creek to get their involvement and also announce a need for red light running cameras as part of the solution.

I would like to meet with you about this effort and also the other locations in my district that appear on the list.

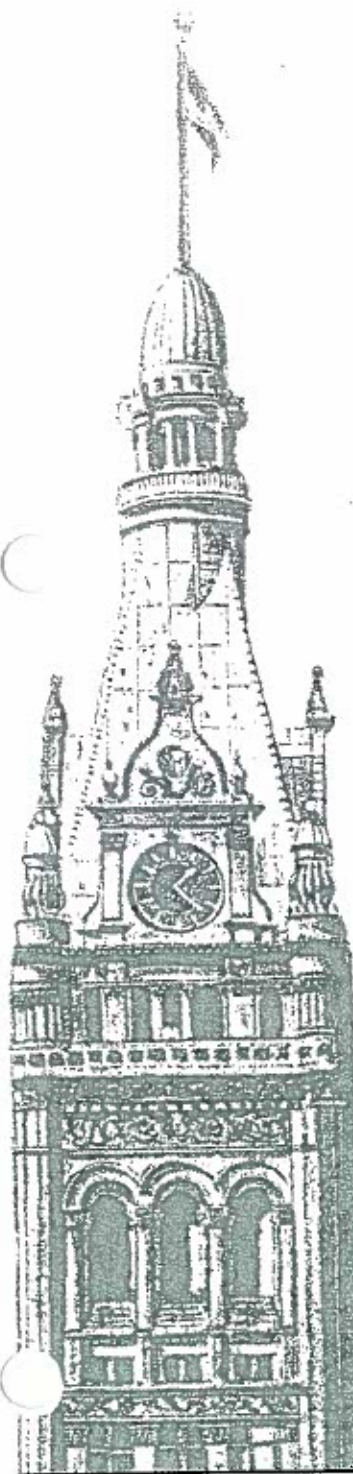
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At the Common Council meeting of July 7, 2004 the Common Council passed a ordinance which has just been published requiring the Milwaukee Safety Commission and it's support staff to provide the Council with an annual report of traffic crash information. I would ask that you submit a report for 2003 to the Common Council that includes:

- City of Milwaukee Crash Trends report
- injury severity report
- historical trend since 1922
- list of 2003 traffic fatalities and the location, type and causes
- interpretive narrative of the above reports and the status of the city traffic crash problem as well as efforts taken to deal with the problem

This report will enable the Council to assess the status of traffic safety in Milwaukee, and keep them advised of this vital effort. Please don't hesitate to call me on this matter.

Since the citywide statistics are usually available in May and the High Frequency Crash Report in late fall, the ordinance requests two separate reports in order to get this information as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,



Alderman Terry Witkowski

cc: Agnes Stearns
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Attachment 6-A

Common Council Ordinance 320-27

320-27. Safety Commission. 1. CREATION. There is created a safety commission consisting of 9 members appointed by the mayor for staggered 3-year terms and confirmed by the common council. Two-thirds of the members shall be residents of the city who hold no other public office or public employment. One-third of the members shall be representatives of private sector agencies and organizations providing public safety education and injury prevention training.

a. Three of the initial members shall be appointed for one year; 3 for 2 years; and 3 for 3 years. Subsequent members shall be appointed for terms of 3 years.

b. The members of the commission on February 18, 2005, shall continue to serve as members of the commission until February 28, 2005. The terms of all incumbent members of the commission on February 18, 2005, shall expire on February 28, 2005.

2. OFFICERS. The safety commission shall select from among its members a chair, vice-chair and secretary. It shall be the duty of the secretary to call meetings of the commission, to keep minutes of its meetings and accounts, and to advise city officials as to the work and recommendations of the commission.

3. POWERS AND DUTIES.

a. General. a-1. It shall be the duty of the safety commission to investigate, advise and report to the mayor, common council, police department and commissioner of public works and other city officials concerning the best methods of providing for the safety and convenience of the public in matters of safety and to give the greatest possible publicity as to safety precautions. The matters of safety under the review of the commission shall include, but not be limited to, motor vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, water, fire and firearm safety and accidental poisoning.

a-2. The commission is authorized to establish advisory committees to assist the commission in carrying out its duties.

b. Crossing Guards. The commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the police department relating to the establishment of standards for and the placement of school crossing guards pursuant to s. 312-23-1.

c. Coordination. The commission shall be responsible for the coordination of citywide cooperative public safety actions involving public and private agencies and organizations.

d. Report. Each year, and with the assistance of the police department and department of public works, the commission shall prepare and submit to the common council 3 reports:

d-1. A report on motor vehicle traffic accident trends. This report shall include, but not be limited to, comprehensive accident data, a narrative interpreting the data and a listing of the locations of all traffic fatalities.

d-2. A report containing data, including tables, charts or maps, highlighting locations with high accident frequencies in the previous calendar year.

d-3. A report summarizing the status of the matters the safety commission has the responsibility under par. a to review. The reports shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations on appropriate actions necessary or advisable to be taken by the various departments, boards, commissions or agencies or by the mayor and common council to reduce the rates of accident occurrences, and comparisons and analyses of citywide public safety actions over time to determine the extent of progress being made to reduce and eliminate the public safety matters.

320-29. Parking Fund. 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to permit the city to provide for better regulation of parking and traffic and to undertake the creation of parking improvements out of revenue derived from parking operations so that the general taxpayers of the city will be relieved of any burden to do so under the general tax levy.

2. SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS. All revenue derived by the city from parking operations shall be entered in the revenue accounts of a special revenue fund for parking. Expenditures, whether for operating or for capital purposes, shall be accounted for in this fund.

3. PARKING REVENUE. Revenue to be entered in the parking fund shall be as follows: